

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15th March 2023 at
Doug's Shed Splatthayes

Those Present

Clare Slater – Chair (CS)

Helen Howard - Vice Chair (HH)

Geoff Wright (GW)

Jo Knight (JK)

Cllr Philip Twiss – Devon County Council (PT)

Cllr Alasdair Bruce - East Devon District Council (AB)

Ian Tucker - Clerk (IT)

There was 1 member of the public present.

1. Apologies

No apologies had been received.

2. Agreeing the Minutes of the Meeting Held 18th January 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th January 2023 were agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

3. Matters arising (not on agenda)

- a) Clare noted that she had been invited to a presentation by the new owners of Hembury Hill Fort, Historic England, on Friday 17th March.
- b) A letter had been received from TRIP requesting a donation. This has been deferred to the May meeting for a decision. **IT**
- c) The request for a grit bin at the foot of the hill by Avenhayes was made on the DCC interactive map after the last meeting. No response received as yet. **IT**
- d) The plaque for the commemorative oak in the churchyard has been received and put in place.
- e) Following a request, Peter Gent had been asked to delay strimming the roadside verge adjacent to Cabbage Lane until later in the year to protect the daffodils.
- f) The wall between the Old Rectory and the Church needs repair, and to ensure safety the Parish Council bench will be moved into the **IT**

churchyard.

- g) The Clerk has spoken with the BCA treasurer about reinstating Parish Council contributions towards production costs which stopped during the pandemic. The conversation is on-going at present. IT
- h) Some concerns had been raised by villagers about the noise of cars being tuned on a rolling road in a unit along Curscombe Lane. It was agreed that an email should go out to the village with detail of who to contact at EDDC when noise in the village is an issue. IT

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Public questions

The Parish Council had received requests to consider the matter of the broken palisade fencing along the roadside at Mandolin Winds. Whilst this is properly a matter for Highways and the land owner it was agreed that Geoff would visit to ascertain the current position with regard to repairs. GW

6. Finance and Governance

Balance at bank £7839.84 at 21st February 2023.

- a) Payments approved unanimously -

Ian Tucker – leaving gift for handyman	£29.40
Noticeboard backing material	£202.25
Ian Tucker – adhesive for noticeboard	£6
Doug Cowan – Hire of venue	£30
VETS Year 4 – Community Heartbeat Trust	£120

7. Councillor Philip Twiss – Report

SEND and AP

H M Government published its SEND (Special educational needs and

disabilities) and AP (alternative Provision) improvement plan last week, confirming extra investment in training for teachers, and additional specialist school places for those with greatest needs. Thirty three new special free schools (are to be built under the new plan, including one in East Devon, provisionally located in or close to Cranbrook. A further 49 special free schools across the country are already in the pipeline. Free schools are funded by the government but are not run by the local authority. They have more control over how they do things. They're 'all-ability' schools, so cannot use academic selection processes like a grammar school. There will also be expanded training for staff, ranging from up to 5,000 early years special educational needs co-ordinators, to 400 educational psychologists, covering a range of educational needs. This is welcome news as Devon has seen a surge in demand for SEND and AP places, and despite a very large chunk of the total Devon CC budget going on Children's and Adults services (around 80% of the total) it is still not enough, where the SEND budget for 2022/23 will finish up approximately £40m over spent. We continue to be in discussion with the Department for Education on further support from them via a mechanism called the education 'safety valve', as this position is clearly not sustainable in the longer term.

30 mph signs update

Having gone through the laborious process and hoop jumping concerning extending the 30mph road signs from edge of the village towards Hembury Fort, I can finally see daylight at the end of the tunnel. They will be relocated to close to the old village hall as we have discussed on many occasions. I have 'ring fenced' £2000 from my DCC Locality Budget to pay for the work, which is briefly described in the extract of an E Mail between me and Chris Rook, the relevant officer at DCC Highways. I made the point to him that it's not the volume of cars that particularly matters; it only takes one vehicle travelling at excess speed to do damage and harm!' From: Christopher Rook Sent: 28 February 2023 16:54 To: Councillor Stuart Hughes; Councillor Phil Twiss; Tom Vaughan Cc: Mike Brown Subject: RE: Buckerell speed limit extension Dear Councillor Twiss, We worked with the Neighbourhood Team to gather speed data prior to Christmas, whilst data was limited (it was gathered using handheld due to no suitable location to erect a 24/7 radar capture device) we saw no indication of vehicles travelling in excess of 30mph. The scheme is now programmed for the coming financial year and the team are completing a locality budget form for 23/24 to secure funds to proceed. Best regards, Chris Holiday

Activities and Food Programme 2023 - update

The funding round for the Holiday Activities and Food Programme for 2023 is nearing completion where DCC will have 62 Providers delivering holiday activities and food across Devon for our benefit related Free School Meal children. A range of activities will be available for Primary and Secondary age ranges. As in previous years the relevant information on the providers will be published on the DCC web site, although it's not live just yet, but

should be imminently. The offer is 4 days at Easter, 16 days in the summer and 4 days at Christmas. A day is defined as 4 hours, including a nutritious meal. There is a change this year in that DCC is introducing a code for parents to be able to book a place. We will be writing to each parent with a unique code which they will need to share with the HAF provider to book a place. This is a requirement for the Department for Education and we will be asking local schools to let parents know that the HAF site is live. It isn't possible to have the scheme in every school but DCC are trying to offer a spread across the County. Places are fully funded and there is an 'extended' criteria for those children who fall outside of Benefit related free school meals who would like to participate. The web link with further information is <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/family-support/haf-programme/>

Food waste

Shockingly too much food is still needlessly going to waste. New figures reveal that over a quarter of what we put in our 'black bin' waste in Devon is food, much of it is in its original packaging, unopened. The new figures follow a study of the contents of our black rubbish bins and coincide with the recent Food Waste Action Week 2023, which took place from the 6th to 13th of March. Although we have a food waste collection, around 28 per cent of the contents of our 'black bin' is food, which is such a waste of food and money. This amounts annually to 37,000 tonnes of food across Devon. Most of this food could have been eaten with a bit of planning and by taking some simple steps. In Devon an astonishing 79 per cent of food waste is avoidable while 44 per cent was still in its packaging. The study also found large amounts of plastic and paper were being put into black bins, despite that 41 per cent of it in Devon could have been recycled if it had been put into the correct kerbside collection bin. Food Action Week encouraged people to make some simple changes which could save them time and money. Through their "Win. Don't Bin" campaign 'WRAP' <https://wrap.org.uk/about-us> is offering handy tips and recipe ideas, including checking the fridge before shopping, keeping track of fridge contents, using food before it reaches the use by date, using leftovers, checking the fridge temperature and making a weekly meal plan. In support of this, through the Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee (DASWC), Devon County council is working with Torbay Council and our district partners to deliver a range of initiatives to reduce food waste and ensure any wasted food is put it in the right bin for collection.

8. Councillor Alasdair Bruce – Report

Alasdair reported on his communications with the Planning Team at EDDC. He also reported that the Strategic Plan is being restarted over what was seen as a flawed consultation exercise. He pointed out that developers still see Feniton as a prime site, and the negative impact this would have on neighbouring communities such as Buckerell in terms of traffic volume.

9. Nomination Papers

Nomination papers were collected so that they can be delivered to EDDC. Any further papers need to be with Ian by 27th March, or returned to Blackdown House by 4th April.

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10. Planning

- a) 23/0406/FUL Summerhayes Farm – The Council has no objection to this application.
- b) 23/0239/FUL Deer Park Country House – The Council has no objection to this application.
- c) 23/0343/FUL Treaslake Owl Cottage – The Council has no objection to this application.
- d) 22/0343/FUL Sunningdale – It was noted that this is now with the Planning Committee.

11. Roads Report

- a) Dog fouling – Helen had acted swiftly on reports of fouling on the road and verge adjacent to Knabben, and put up signage to remind dog owners of their responsibilities.
- b) Estimates for resurfacing around War Memorial. Following discussion it was agreed that Helen would speak to Stephen at the Old Rectory to explore options. Two quotes had been obtained in the region of £6-7000 which is a high amount for what is essentially a small car park.

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12. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and Drains

- a) Jo had contacted the land owner about the overgrown hedges along Tape Lane. He is not able carry out this work and so a working party of councillors will tackle the task on Saturday 22nd April at 10am.

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13. The Pump Project

This is underway, and Tim Bucknall will shortly be commencing the work.

14. Coronation

- a) It was agreed that the Parish Council would make a donation of £300 to the BCA towards the cost of the hog to be roast as this is a community event.

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b) A suggestion had been received that the Parish Council gift coronation commemorative mugs to the under 16's in the village. This was agreed and Clare will speak to Penny Mear to get some idea of numbers, etc.

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15. Matters for next meeting

- a) Charitable donations will be discussed at the next meeting

16. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday 17th May and will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Council Meeting.