

## BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at  
Doug's Shed Splatthayes

### **Those Present**

John Slater – Chair (JS)  
Helen Howard - Vice Chair (HH)  
Geoff Wright (GW)  
Jo Knight (JK)  
Cllr Philip Twiss – Devon County Council (PT)  
Ian Tucker - Clerk (IT)

There were 5 members of the public present.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Alasdair Bruce, Councillor EDDC (AB).

### **2. Agreeing the Minutes of the Meeting Held 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were unanimously agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

### **3. Matters arising (not on agenda)**

#### a) Waste bins at War Memorial and at telephone box

A resident had noted that these bins were used for double bagged dog waste as promoted by EDDC but became smelly in hot weather with a 3 week collection cycle. Unfortunately EDDC have stopped allocating new dog bins (which are emptied 3 times a week) and has no resources to extend existing collection rounds. There does not seem to be a way forward on this. Jo agreed to have a look at moving the bin by the Lych Gate across the road by the noticeboard for a trial period. (*Post meeting note: It turns out that there is insufficient room in the verge by the noticeboard to locate the bin.*)

JK

#### b) Bank Mandate

It was **AGREED** unanimously to amend the HSBC bank mandate to remove Clare Slater as a signatory and add John Slater.

IT

#### c) Delegated authority between meetings

The protocol; for dealing with matters arising between meetings was

**AGREED** unanimously. Councillors will be emailed for agreement (or otherwise) to proposals and these actions would be recorded in the minutes of the next Parish Council meeting. ALL

d) Letter from the King

A letter had been received from King Charles in response to a letter of sympathy sent from Buckerell Parish Council following the death of his mother, the Queen. The Clerk will arrange for it to be copied out on the village email and for the original to be placed in the Church. IT

#### **4. Declarations of interest**

The one declaration of pecuniary interest was by John in connection with the reimbursement to his wife for the plants at the War Memorial (Item 6).

#### **5. Public questions**

Mr Bowen asked about making Buckerell planning applications more available to residents. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will arrange for any future applications to be shared to the village on the email system. IT

#### **6. Finance and Governance**

Balance at bank £6284.43 at 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

The following payments were **APPROVED** unanimously -

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| Peter Gent – Village maintenance (Previously approved) | £107.50 |
| Ian Tucker – Clerk's pay Quarter April to June 2023    | £161.24 |
| Doug Cowan – Venue Hire July 2023                      | £30     |
| Clare Slater – War Memorial Planters                   | £71.95  |

IT

#### **7. Councillor Philip Twiss – Report**

The report from Phil had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors and will be placed on the Parish Council website. He emphasised the usefulness of the Trading Standards office in dealing with dangerous goods. IT

#### **8. Councillor Alasdair Bruce – Report**

The report from Alasdair had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors and will be placed on the Parish Council website. IT

## **9. Planning**

a) Sunningdale – update

The necessary submissions relating to conditions set out were still awaited by EDDC planning. It was noted that this matter is on-going and will continue to be monitored.

b) Gym at Deer Park Units – update

It was noted that this is with the Planning Inspectorate.

c) 23/1316/FUL and 23/1317/LBC – Combehayes Farm

John had visited the site which cannot be seen from road or path. He was happy to recommend supporting the architecturally sound application, and this was **AGREED** unanimously.

IT

d) East Devon Local Plan – update

JS

John reported that he had attended an EDDC webinar and he continues to monitor progress on the plan.

## **10. War Memorial enhancements**

John thanked everybody who had turned out for the site visit to discuss options. It seems clear that there needs to be differentiation between parking and access. Quotes will be obtained for resurfacing to identify these areas. Phil said that he might be able to use some of his locality budget to help with the proposed scheme.

JS  
HH  
GW

John emphasised that the defined area formerly known as the “Village Green” belongs to the Parish Council, and there is no private parking allocation.

There was a discussion about EV charging points, and the Clerk will contact Broadhembury PC who have already explored and implemented EV charging.

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## **11. Festival On The Hills**

The applicant had responded to objections from Buckerell and Gittisham Parish Councils by changing live music hours to finish at midnight. Both Councils had then withdrawn their original objections.

## **12. Roads Report**

- a) Request for blue “No HGV” sign at A373 Buckerell Cross

The Clerk had contacted Highways and received a reply stating that no new signs were being installed, nor were any existing signs being maintained. Phil had followed this up with enquiries of senior Council officers but with no progress.

Mr Bowen explained the nature of the problem again, with large articulated lorries damaging property at the junction by his house. There had been a further incident on the 18<sup>th</sup> July.

Following discussion John stated that although the Parish Council had every sympathy with residents, there is little more that we as a Parish Council can do. We have sought assistance from Devon County Council to put up a sign to dissuade unsuitable vehicles and had received a negative response. The real problem is with the geometry of the actual corner in question.

Phil stated that Mr Bowen could write to him with questions and copy in the Parish Council to keep them informed.

- b) Mandolin Winds – update

Work on the collapsed bank is currently underway.

- c) 30 mph limit extension

Phil reported that this has been fully approved and is still happening. Timescale is unknown, however.

## **13. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and Drains**

Clare Slater has indicated that she is happy to continue to look after the planters at the War Memorial. Jo and Helen both offered to help out whenever required. The Clerk will express thanks to Clare on behalf of the Parish Council.

IT

## **14. E-mail system**

There was a discussion about using a more corporate email system with dedicated Parish Council email addresses, rather than relying on Councillor's private email addresses. John explained the security reasons for thinking about this, as well as the more professional image that it would give the Parish Council.

It was agreed that there was a very low risk to our small organisation of using personal emails and therefore we would continue as we are.

## **15. Village Maintenance**

The Clerk will ask Peter Gent to replace the broken wooden barrier at The Goyle on the roadway near to Sunningdale. IT

## **15. Matters for next meeting**

- a) War Memorial enhancement

## **17. Date of next Meeting**

13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Dougs Shed 7pm