

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th September 2023 at Doug's Shed Splatthayes

Those Present

John Slater – Chair (JS)
Helen Howard - Vice Chair (HH)
Jo Knight (JK)
Cllr Alasdair Bruce, Councillor EDDC (AB)

There was 1 member of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Philip Twiss – Devon County Council (PT), Geoff Wright (GW) and Ian Tucker - Clerk (IT)

2. Agreeing the Minutes of the Meeting Held 12th July 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th July 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

Cllr Alastair Bruce was asked to enquire with EDDC whether it would be possible for Buckerell to have a red dog waste bin provided. **AB**

b) Festival of the Hills

It was noted that the event had passed and that the music was clearly heard in the village and the Saturday midnight curfew was apparently breached although no complaints had been received by the Parish Council. Some drivers had tried to access the site from Cabbage Lane! Next years event is due to be held in May 2024.

c) Mandolin Winds

Work on the replacement wall had been completed and it was unanimously agreed that the new wall enhanced the appearance of this key junction in the village, reinforcing the importance of the stone walls to the character of Buckerell.

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest necessary.

5. Public questions

Ms Janus - Harris asked whether the proposals for the enhancement of the area around the War Memorial would result in the loss of car parking. It was confirmed that the scheme being considered retained the existing parking spaces.

6. Finance and Governance

Balance at bank £7483.74 at 1st September 2023

- a) It was agreed that Jo would be appointed the councillor to oversee the Parish Council finances. JK
- b) It was agreed that the banking should be transferred to Unity Trust bank IT
- c) It was agreed that a reserve account would be opened and that £3000 be deposited into an interest earning account IT
- d) The Parish Council had received the precept balance from EDDC of £1585.00.

The following payments were **APPROVED** unanimously -

Peter Gent – Village maintenance	£187.64	IT
Doug Cowan – Venue Hire September 2023	£30	

7. Councillor Philip Twiss – Report

In his absence, the report from Phil had been previously circulated to Parish Councillors and will be placed on the Parish Council website. In addition, he reported that the advertisements publicising the Traffic Regulation Order required to extend the 30mph zone would shortly be advertised, although he did not have a date.

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. He also reported that EDDC Coastal Protection Officer was following up issues of the monitors of sewerage discharges may have been unnecessarily been not calibrated properly, being placed too often in "maintenance mode". He

also had raised issues that local rivers were not being properly monitored by the Environment Agency.

9. Planning

a) Sunningdale – update

The necessary submissions relating to conditions set out were still awaited by EDDC planning. The Planning Enforcement Officer was now pursuing all the outstanding issues with the planning agents. This matter is on-going and will continue to be monitored.

b) Gym at Deer Park Units – update

It was noted that the gym use had now relocated to Honiton but it was assumed that the planning enforcement appeal would still follow its course.

c) 23/1700/FUL– Willowbrook Farm

It was noted that the Parish Council had sent in representations supporting the application.

10. War Memorial enhancements

Helen had requested three firms to submit quotations and two responses had been received to date with one still being awaited. It appears that the likely costs are currently beyond the resources held by the Parish Council.

All councillors remained committed to the enhancement and it was agreed that the Parish Council should investigate grants and other sources of funding. Alastair was asked to enquire from EDDC whether any Community Infrastructure Levy funding was available.

It was not known whether Ian had contacted Broadhembury regarding their EV charging facilities. IT

11. Roads Report

a) The Goyle

It was noted that the Village Handyman had replaced the broken rails at The Goyle.

b) The Village Pump

The new casing to the Village Pump had displayed signs of splitting and Ian had sought advice from the specialist who had carried out the works. The matter would be monitored.

IT

12. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and Drains

No report

13. Clerks Annual Appraisal

Helen and John reported that they had conducted Ian's annual appraisal which had been written up and distributed to all councillors. The meeting agreed the amended job description for the role of Parish Clerk that Ian had drafted. A discussion took place on whether to change Ian's position on the incremental pay scale and the outcome would be passed on to him on his return from annual leave.

JS

14. Recruitment of new Parish Councillor

The need for the recruitment of new councillors again was discussed and Nicola Janus- Harris, who was attending the meeting as a resident, kindly agreed to have her name put forward as a new councillor. It was agreed that Ian would be asked to contact her with the necessary documentation related to her appointment, with declaration of interest etc and the matter would be discussed at the next meeting to which she would be invited.

IT

It was agreed that we would still wish to recruit an extra parish councillor to ensure meetings remain quorate.

15. Matters for next meeting

- a) Appointment of new Parish Councillor
- b) War Memorial enhancement

16. Date of next Meeting

8th November 2023 – Dougs Shed 7pm