

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th November 2023
at Doug's Shed Splatthayes

Those Present

John Slater – Chair (JS)
Helen Howard - Vice Chair (HH)
Geoff Wright (GW)
Nicola Janus-Harris (NJ)
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

None

2. Agreeing the Minutes of the Meeting Held 13th September 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2023 were agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

3. Matters arising (not on agenda)

- a) It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would contact his counterpart at Gittisham Parish Council to reference their application to the locality budget held by Cllr Twiss for a red dog waste bin. **IT**
- b) Phil reported that the extension of the 30 mph speed limit is still being delayed. John will ask a question regarding what has been an unreasonable delay at the forthcoming DCC webinar. **JS**
- c) The small split in the wood of the restored village pump is being monitored. If it worsens the contractor will fill it. **IT**

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Public questions

A resident had asked about who is responsible for cleaning debris from the road after hedge cutting.

As it was felt that this is primarily a road sweeping issue Alasdair will make enquiries to EDDC about when roads around Buckerell are swept. AB

There was a discussion about the possibility of the Parish Council working with farmers to keep roads and ditches clear of debris. This will be followed up when the time comes to prepare the Buckerell budget for the precept next year. IT

The clerk will email Awliscombe and Weston Parish Council regarding residential hedge cutting in their parish effecting the roadway. IT

6. Finance and Governance

Balance at bank £4243.60 (Current a/c) and £3000 (Instant Access a/c) at the Unity Trust Bank 1st November 2023.

a) Payments **approved** unanimously -

Ian Tucker – Clerks Pay (Quarter July – Sept 2023)	£151.24
Doug Cowan – Venue Hire	£30
Peter Gent – Village Maintenance	£95.50

b) The move from HSBC to the Unity Trust Bank was noted.
c) The terms of the latest pay agreement for Clerks was noted. This is backdated to April 2023.

7. Councillor Philip Twiss – Report

The report from Councillor Twiss had been copied to Parish Councillors and will be posted on the Parish Council website. In addition, Phil pointed out an interactive map provided by South West Water on their website. This allows anyone to see if any storm overflows have temporarily affected bathing water. IT

8. Councillor Alasdair Bruce – Report

The report from Alasdair had been previously copied to Parish Councillors and will be posted on the Parish Council website. Alasdair additionally noted IT

that with sewage storm discharges there is no actual data on the amounts being discharged. Neither is there any data on capacity for new builds of housing.

10. Planning

a) Sunningdale: John had chased Planning enforcement at EDDC regarding Sunningdale, and been informed that a site visit was imminent.

b) 23/2296/FUL Sowton Farm: The plans were discussed and it was **AGREED** that the Parish Council had no objections, but would ask that the new cladding matched the existing cladding material. The clerk will submit these comments. IT

11. Roads Report

a) Geoff pointed out that the grit bins are empty. The clerk will report this on the DCC website. IT

b) Helen noted that the road surface at Cabbage Lane is now degrading and causing difficulty. The clerk will report it on the DCC website. IT

c) John will speak to the resident concerned about the licence for parking. JS

11. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and Drains

Nicola asked about the footpath stile adjacent to Treaslake and the limited access for dogs. This point has been raised before, and there is no legal obligation for the landowner to allow access for dogs at a stile.

12. Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday

The clerk was asked to send an email to the village about the service around the War Memorial on the 12th November, and to print 40 copies of the service for use at the gathering. IT

John will do the welcome, and find readers for the list of names. Ian will open and close with the prayers. JS
IT

13. Parish Online – Website Hosting

Ian had enquired about the cost, which at £280 (ex VAT) is expensive compared to our current outlay of about £60 pa. It was noted that this arrangement could be useful in the event of the next clerk to the Council not being comfortable with maintaining a website.

14. Matters for next meeting

- a) Agreeing the precept budget (To be discussed prior to the meeting) JS
- b) Licence for parking
- c) War Memorial project

16. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting is on 17th January 2024 Dougs Shed 7pm