

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th January 2024
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)
Ian Tucker - Clerk (IT)

There were 3 members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Cllr Alasdair Bruce - East Devon District Council (AB)

2. Agreeing the Minutes of the Meeting Held 8th November 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2024 were unanimously agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

3. Matters arising (not on agenda)

- a) Dog bin: After discussion the clerk was asked to source a suitable dog bin and apply to the locality budget held by Councillor Twiss for funding for the purchase and installation. This to be done immediately. IT
- b) The invitation to attend the re-opening of the Honiton police office was noted, but nobody is in a position to attend. The clerk will respond to the invitation. IT
- c) The clerk was asked to email a reminder about hedge cutting along the road to Fenny Bridges. The farmer in question had responded very speedily to such a reminder last year. IT

4. Declarations of interest

John declared an interest in the payment for flowers to be approved (Item 6a) and Nicola declared an interest in item 10 on the agenda as a user of the parking area at the War Memorial.

5. Public questions

There was a question from Orchards Management Committee on the subject of whether holiday lets, Airbnb, etc. would need to be notified to Planning as a change of use. John set out the current position, which is that planning permission is not currently required, but there is a possibility that this may change in future. Any dispute regarding covenants on properties is a matter for civil law, and not a planning matter.

6. Finance and Governance

Balance at bank £3202.39 (Current a/c) and £6018.76 (Deposit a/c) at 9th January 2024.

a) Payments **approved** unanimously (Proposed by Helen) -

Doug Cowan – hire of venue January 2024	£30
Ian Tucker – Clerks pay quarter ending December 2023	£173.40
Clare Slater – Planters at War Memorial	£71.36£

b) It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the precept to be set for 2024-25 would be £5525. **Proposed** by Jo and **Seconded** by Helen.

c) The receipt of £2617.50 from EDDC in respect of Community Infrastructure Levy was noted.

7. Councillor Philip Twiss – Report

The report from Phil had previously been circulated to councillors and will be posted on the Parish Council website. He highlighted the escalation in costs being experienced by DCC, but predicted a balanced budget. It is the intention of DCC to address the major issue of potholes on the roads.

Phil also remarked on his satisfaction that the extension of the 30mph speed limit on the road between Buckerell and Hembury Fort is nearing a conclusion with the publication of the necessary advert. (See item 10a).

8. Councillor Alasdair Bruce – Report

The report from Alasdair had previously been circulated to councillors and will be posted on the Parish Council website.

9. Planning

- a) Sunningdale – Planning had confirmed that they were currently waiting on a revised planning application.
- b) 24/0024/FUL – Land North of Tape Lane – Agricultural building. After discussion it was **AGREED** that the Parish Council has no objections in principle, but wishes to ensure that only one building is erected as the applicants had previously received approval for a building in a different location in the field. Councillors also wanted some thought given to visibility and drainage in construction. John will let the clerk have a note of what needs to go in the consultee comments on the planning portal. JS

10. Roads Report

- a) The latest development on the proposed change to the 30mph speed restriction was noted. DCC are currently advertising the proposed Traffic Regulation Order which can be found at <https://devon.cc/tro> and any objections need to be received by 31st January 2024. The clerk was asked to submit supporting comments from the Parish Council. IT
- b) There was a discussion about the draft licence being prepared for one resident who parks on the War Memorial site. Nicola raised the question of fairness for other residents who used the parking area. It was recognised that this is a difficult issue, but there does not seem to be a better way of dealing with a historical error. Jo will finalise the licence. JK
- c) The grit bins around the village had all been reported and filled by Highways. The clerk was asked to contact Mike Brown at Highways about a new grit bin to be sited at the bottom of the hill at Avenhayes. This is an area with constant surface water and debris from the run off down the hill. IT

11. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and Drains

- a) Helen reported three landslips in Cabbage Lane. As landowner Geoff will ensure that these are repaired. GW

12. War Memorial Project

Following discussion about the high cost of the project it was **AGREED** that the Parish Council will explore other options such as a cheaper scheme or patching existing tarmac. John and Helen will consider such options and present them at the next meeting of the Parish Council. JS
HH

Ian noted that a declaration of interest had been registered with a County

led scheme to install EV charging points at suitable locations.

15. Matters for next meeting

a) Options for War Memorial surround and costs.	JS
b) Road sweeper options going forward	HH
c) Follow up whether request for road sweeping in Buckerell has been actioned.	GW
	AB

16. Date of next Meeting

Wednesday 20th March 2024 7pm Dougs Shed