

## Buckerell District Report

Those of you that felt inclined to watch Wednesday's annual full council at Blackdown House, would have been forgiven into thinking they had mistakenly switched to the comedy channel. After the formalities we settled down to sort out seat allocations in the various committees, some more important than others. Imagine then the bemusement when we discovered that a whole raft of cllrs had mysteriously been left off the lists, some of which had been thrown together minutes before the meeting! Bear in mind that this meeting is live streaming from the chamber. Chaos then ensued as various cllrs tried to suggest options to get out of this mess, until we agreed to leave the committees as they are and come back at the next meeting to ratify them. In all my years as a cllr I have rarely seen such a muck up ( I was tempted to use another word) of a meeting. I mention it here to try and convey just how much of a mess EDDC is in at present. However, we now have a new Chief Exec so hopefully she will begin to pull things together.

The ravage of potholes continue to plague our lanes despite the fact that more money is/has been promised. What is clear to many of us is the complete disconnect between what the officers are being told by the contractors and officers telling cllrs. I continue to report incidents where I find them and, to be fair, sometimes action to repair a given hole can be rapid. However, I still see too many abuses of our rate payers money. Like the time when a contractor was flattening a tarmac filled hole with his boot, most of which stuck to said boot! The hole was left half filled and soon to be emptied by the next shower.

I've had a few emails regarding issues near the Buckerell Cross junction. I have reported these to planning and officers are due to attend the site to see what's going on. On which subject, we appear to be no near a decision on the major planning applications currently hanging over the village. I continue to press the officer concerned and the head of planning. It's not clear what the hold up is, but may have an update by the time of the Parish meeting.

I have asked for clarification regarding the current status of the Sunningdale development, but to date I have had no response. I remain concerned about the changes that have gone beyond the original approval.

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