

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th September 2024 at Doug's Shed Splatthayes

Those Present

John Slater – Chair (JS)
Geoff Wright (GW)
Jane Halse (JH)
Nicola Janus- Harris (NJH)
Cllr Philip Twiss – Devon County Council (PT)
Ian Tucker - Clerk (IT)

There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from East Devon councillor Alasdair Bruce (AB) and Parish Councillors Helen Howard (HH) and Jo Knight (JK)

2. Agreeing the Minutes of the Meeting Held 17th July 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th July 2024 were agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

3. Matters arising (not on agenda)

Phil had informed the Council of action on an advisory sign for the A373 junction. This was discussed under item 11 on the agenda (Roads).

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Public questions

There were no public questions.

6. Finance and Governance

Balance at bank £3234.51 (current) and £12622.15 (savings) at 3rd September 2024

- a) The final precept remittance of £2762.50 for this financial year has been received.

Ian will speak with Jo about moving some funds into the savings account.

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7. Councillor Philip Twiss – Report

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

In addition, Phil reported that the new Neighbourhood Highways Officer starts on 16th September and a priority will be establishing a joint meeting with representatives from Buckerell, Gittisham and Awliscombe Parish Councils.

Phil also mentioned the new Highways contract being readied for implementation in 2027, and some of the problems that arise in such a complex contract. He is determined that there should be a new way of working and improved efficiency.

8. Councillor Alasdair Bruce – Report

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

9. War Memorial Re-surfacing

Work on resurfacing the area around the War Memorial is due to take place on Wednesday 18th September, and John will let the village know by email and Whatsapp. We need to ensure that no vehicles are parked on that area that day . Also access to water is needed and Ian will contact the Joyces, and also ask about the plant over the front wall. Peter Gent, the village handyman is to ensure the area is weed free before work commences.

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10. Planning

- a) Local Plan – John updated the meeting on the Local Plan and it's focus on housing provision. Buckerell is not affected by proposed housing allocations .
- b) 24/0534/FUL – Sunningdale. It was noted that the part retrospective planning application for the raised platform as well as a proposed garage had been refused planning permission. John also noted that that the delegated officers report indicated that enforcement action is authorised. He will draft a submission to the planning enforcement team requesting that the enforcement notice, which will not require the removal of the storage building partly constructed should

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nevertheless be subject to restrictions to require that it is not used for any trade or business use and that the external walls should be rendered and painted before the building is first used.

11. Roads Report

a) It was **AGREED** that no further action needs be taken regarding the 30mph repeater signs.

b) Hedgerows on road to Fenny Bridges – Highways had deemed these as not unsafe and would not be taking any action. It was **AGREED** that Ian will let Phil know in writing of our dissatisfaction with this, and Jane will speak to the landowner. IT
JH

c) Dog waste bin – It was noted that the Assistant Director Streetscene had replied to a Parish Council repeated request that the District Council should empty the village dog bin, stating that there is currently no capacity to extend the current collection rounds to accommodate Buckerell's only dog waste bin. The Parish Council was extremely frustrated that our village was being prevented from receiving this service. It was **AGREED** that Ian would seek to escalate this issue within EDDC and also ask if the red dog waste bin was replaced by a black litter bin would be collected, which had been suggested in Mr hancock's response. Ian will also contact Alasdair Bruce to garner his support as our District Councillor, to press for changes in the District Council's position. IT

d) Road and ditch work - It was **AGREED** that Geoff will organise a contractor for up to 2 days to work on roads and ditches in the Parish at the end of October. GW

e) Crosshill field drainage – following discussion it was **AGREED** that the necessary work to try to improve the drainage which causes surface water to flow across the road to Weston would reluctantly be carried out at Parish expense, with the permission of the landowner by the contractor at d) above. IT

f) DCC Highways Officer – Phil is pursuing a joint meeting as mentioned in his report at Item 7.

In addition Phil has been in discussion with Highways over the provision of an advisory sign at the A373 Hembury junction to warn HGVs not to use that approach. This is currently progressing, and Phil has agreed to fund the sign out of his locality budget which hopefully will be erected by the County Council as Highway Authority. PT

12. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and Drains

Nicola reported that at some point the footpath FP15 on the last field before the River Otter had been ploughed over and was only now re-appearing. In addition, the public footpath up to Buckerell Knapp had been planted over with maize again thereby obstructing the path. Jane offered to speak to the landowner about this.

JH

13. Village Whatsapp Group

The Buckerell Whatsapp group has now been established by Jo for important communications about the village. It was noted that the app can be used to inform the village about the work on the War Memorial surround and the restrictions on parking that will be necessary.

14. Remembrance Sunday 10th November

This is a civic ceremony that takes place at 10.45am on Sunday 10th November. John asked that all Parish Councillors attend if possible.

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Ian will locate the order of service.

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15. Clerk's Annual Appraisal

John and Helen will arrange a date for Ian's annual appraisal to take place.

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16. Matters for next meeting

- a) Dog waste bin
- b) War Memorial resurfacing

17. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th November (7pm Dougs Shed)