

BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 19th November 2024
at Doug's Shed Splatthayes

Those Present

Helen Howard - Vice Chair (HH) – (Chair for the meeting in John's absence)
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

Apologies had been received from John Slater (Chair) and Jane Halse (Councillor).

2. Agreeing the Minutes of the Meeting Held 11th September 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2024 were **agreed** as a correct record of that meeting.

3. Matters arising (not on agenda)

The meeting offered their respects on the news of the sad death of Sandra Money who had previously served on the Parish Council.

4. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Public questions

Mr Bowen raised concerns about the drains backing up on the corner opposite his house. He had spoken to Councillor Twiss on the subject. Ian will let Tom Cox (Neighbourhood Highways Officer) know.

6. Finance and Governance

Balance at bank £2476.91 (Current a/c) and £2709.64 (Savings a/c) at 4th November 2024

a) Payments **approved unanimously** -

Kennford (Previously approved by email)	£10525.20
Peter Gent – maintenance (previously approved by email)	£209.00
Clare Slater - Autumn planting at War Memorial	£82.95
Ian Tucker (Clerk's salary quarter ending September 2024)	£141.62

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 he was looking into contributing from his locality budget half of any cost that might be incurred should the Parish be able to pay for new white lining at the main junction in Buckerell. Whether or not the Parish can pay for such works is being actively explored.

Helen asked about funding for potholes as the online problem report for Cabbage Lane seemed to have disappeared. Phil suggested that it be reported again, and the reference sent to him to monitor.

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8. Councillor Alasdair Bruce – Report

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

In addition, he noted the development at Buckerell Cross Fenny Bridges, although this is just outside the Buckerell parish boundary.

9.Planning

- a) 24/2111/FUL Sunningdale – the meeting agreed that John's views needed to be taken into account before any comments were added to the record. The clerk will take this forward.
- b) 24/1765/LBC – councillors **AGREED** to support this application, and the clerk will add consultee comments to the record.
- c) Combehayes appeal – it was noted that the appeal against the refused planning application had been dismissed.

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10. Roads Report

a) A very useful face to face meeting with Tom Cox (Neighbourhood Highways Officer) had taken place in October. Several issues had been raised and the positive response from Tom had been circulated to councillors. In particular Tom was pursuing the possibility of the Parish paying for white lining at the junction in the centre of the village. Geoff remarked on the appearance of a new spring on the hill down to Avenhayes which needs to be reported to Tom. IT

b) East Devon District Council have now responded to our request to add the emptying of the dog waste bin to one of their collection rounds. There would be a charge for this which councillors **AGREED** to pay, although they asked that it be confirmed that all parishes are paying for collection. The charge would be pro rata for 2024, and then £4 per collection in 2025. IT

c) There was a discussion about dog fouling around the village. This seems to be a growing nuisance but there is little that can be done other than encouraging dog owners to act responsibly.

d) The project to re-tarmac the land around the War Memorial had been completed successfully.

e) The poor condition of the Parish Council noticeboard at the War memorial was noted and it was **AGREED** to obtain a quote for maintenance and repair. IT

11. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and Drains

a) The hire of a contractor for road and ditch work will take place at some point in December once all hedge trimming has been completed. GW

12. Parish Magazine

Ian reported that the clerk from Feniton parish had been in touch to say that consideration is being given to making the magazine free for residents of Feniton, Escot and Buckerell. She will keep us apprised of the outcome of discussions.

13. Clerk's Annual Review

Helen reported on the annual review for the Clerk which had been conducted by her and John. Ian was thanked for his work, but it was noted that he should be making a quarterly claim for printing and broadband use.

It was **AGREED** unanimously that he should remain on Spine Point 10 of the NJC scale but should receive the annual cost of living increase to take his hourly pay from £12.28ph to £13.91ph.

14. Matters for next meeting

- a) Thought needs to be given by all to the venue for Parish Council meetings should Dougs Shed not be available going forward.

16. Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 22nd January 2025**. At present the venue will be Doug's Shed, but be aware that this may change.