

## BUCKERELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
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 were no members of the public present.

### **1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

### **2. Agreeing the Minutes of the Meeting Held 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were agreed as a correct record of that meeting.

### **3. Matters arising (not on agenda)**

The drains at Buckerell Cross in the centre of the village had been reported to Tom Cox (Neighbourhood Highways Officer) who had attended. He reported that the drains were working properly at this time and that he would keep an eye on them.

### **4. Declarations of interest**

Ian declared an interest in the planning application for East Barn and Long Barn at item 9 (c) as he lived on the Deer Park Farm estate.

### **5. Public questions**

There were no public questions.

## **6. Finance and Governance**

Balance at bank £2043.34 (Current a/c) and £2733.06 (Savings a/c) at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

a) The following payments were **approved unanimously** -

Ian Tucker (Quarter ended December 2024)	£143.86	IT
Doug Cown (Venue Hire January 2025)	£30.00	
Ryan Knight (Renewal of website domain for 3 years. Previously approved by email)	£46.76	

b) It was **PROPOSED** by Helen and **SECONDED** by Jane that the precept request for 2025-26 should be **£5525**. This figure had been arrived at after councillors had considered the Parish Council's budgetary needs for the coming financial year. IT

## **7. Councillor Philip Twiss – Report**

The report from Councillor Twiss had been previously shared with Parish Councillors and will be added to the Parish Council website.

In addition Phil reported that the blue "No lorries" advisory sign at Hembury Fort hill had now been approved and paid for out of his locality budget. Contractors will be finishing the work once the weather improves. Phil was thanked for all his help with this project.

## **8. Councillor Alasdair Bruce – Report**

The report from Councillor Bruce had been previously shared with Parish Councillors and will be added to the Parish Council website.

Alasdair also mentioned communication difficulties with EDDC planning. John advised checking their enforcement policy for how they prioritised planning enforcement complaints.

## **9. Planning**

a) Sunningdale – still awaiting a decision on the latest application  
b) Treaslake (Badgers Cottage) – application approved with conditions.  
c) East Barn / Long Barn (Deer Park Farm). Applicants were seeking a certificate of lawfulness. Councillors noted the evidence provided and IT

did not wish to add anything but would leave it to the district Council to check its council tax and electoral register records.

## **10. Roads Report**

a) Tom Cox (NHO) had provided very useful template letters to go to landowners in connection with hedges and ditches. It was discussed and **AGREED** that these should be used when necessary to remind landowners of their obligations.

b) Phil had made provision from his locality budget for the white lines at Buckerell Cross in the middle of the village to be renewed. The proposed work is in hand and will take place without any need for a contribution from the Parish. Phil was thanked for his help with this.

c) The “Bend” road sign between the Martha Mockford units and Ancroft has been knocked over by a hedge trimmer. Jane offered to take a photograph and report it to DCC. JH

d) Tom Cox (NHO) had reported no evidence of a spring appearing on Avenhayes hill, but councillors are certain that it is there. Ian will contact Tom again and suggest a site meeting with Geoff. IT

e) The contract for sweeping roads and clearing ditches in the village had been delayed by wet weather. It will be much more effective once roads are drier. GW

## **11. Trees, Footpaths, Hedgerows and Drains**

a) Jane had discussed the footpath across the Bushy Knapp with the landowners. It should not be a problem in future as they had promised either not to plant along the line of the footpath or provide a well signposted alternative route .

## **12. Village Matters**

a) The poor condition of the Parish noticeboard was discussed, and it was noted that Russell Powell had submitted a quote. It was agreed to accept his proposal but with the possible substitution of hardwood for softwood posts. Ian will ask for a revised quote and then share this with councillors via email for agreement once received. IT

b) EDDC had commenced their weekly collections from the dog waste bin on 8<sup>th</sup> January and will be submitting their invoice in due course (£4 per collection).

c) The new free Signpost magazine is now being left for collection in the church and the telephone box.

d) Helen had obtained details of basic life support training. After discussion it was **AGREED** that this Helen would liaise with Doug to find a date in March or April for a training event to take place in the shed. The training would cover topics such as CPR, choking, anaphylaxis, etc. and would last between 1-1½ hrs. The Parish Council will fund up to £100 for the session and will also ask for donations on the day. Ian will send out a village email asking for expressions of interest in the training including an update on the discontinuance of the VETS telephone arrangement.

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### **15. Matters for next meeting**

- a) Life support training
- b) Road clearing contract

### **16. Date of next Meeting**

12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – 7pm Dougs Shed.