



Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting NO. 220 OF BUCKLAND AND CHIPPING PARISH COUNCIL. Held on Monday 5th July 2010 at 8.00pm in St Andrews Church Buckland

Present: Councillors: D. Hall, J. Kenyon (Chairman), Mrs M. Ling: Mrs B. Little: John Noades

Also in attendance: Mr D Smith Parish Clerk and 5 Members of the Public

220.1. To receive apologies for absence. Cllr Jones absent on business

220.2. To receive Members Declarations of Interest. There were none.

220.3. The clerk explained that he had not numbered in the Annual Meeting and therefore this meeting needed to approve the minutes of 218 and 219. This meeting actually being meeting 220. With these changes it was proposed by Cllr Noades seconded by Cllr Ling that the Chairman **sign** as a true record.

220.4 Chairman's Report. The Chairman had nothing to report which would not be covered by the agenda.

220.5 Accounts for Payment. There were accounts the clerk salary: expenses relating to the printer. Payments to D Bowen for grass cutting and the installing of the picnic tables. There was a payments to cover the expenses of the summer event. These were **agreed**.

220.6 To discuss issues relating to the newsletter. Cllr Ling had wondered If the name of the News letter should include ' Parish Council' it was agreed to discuss this further at our next meeting. The clerk to **ascertain** whether this would be the correct procedure given that the parish council fund the magazine.

220.7 To discuss issues relating to Herts Highways. A letter had been **received** regarding the village signs stating that they were on the backlog of requests.

220.8 To consider planning applications received, progress reports & decisions. The approval of the planning request at 1 Chipping Barns was **noted**. An appeal had been lodged regarding the refusal of planning permission for the extension to Barkway Golf Club. The clerk had contacted the planning officer who suggested that we submit our original objection notwithstanding that the refusal and the appeal were on agricultural grounds rather than traffic. **Agreed**.

220.9 To receive an update on the Bus Shelters in Buckland and Chipping. We had received a letter acknowledging our commitment to a southbound bus shelter in Chipping. We have also received a letter from our local MP. Contacts with Herts highways to obtain an update during the last week had proved unsuccessful. The clerk to **write again**.

220.10 To discuss the maintainance of Street Furniture. Chairman reported that Doug Bowen had indicated the maintenance of the wooden furniture was outside his area. Clerk instructed to **contact** the joiner who advertised our newsletter. Failing that the clerk to find an other suitable worker.

220.11 To discuss issues relating to the Parish Web Site. In the absence of Cllr Jones comments were made that the website was looking very professional. More development was underway.

220.12 To discuss possible By-Laws for Common Land in the Parish. The clerk reported Cllr Jones view that the work involved and the complexity of the process would actually

result in very little. The clerk commented that if we actually had bylaws for all of the common land in the parish enforcing those bylaws would be almost impossible. Cllr Hall thought that as we were custodians of the land and not the owners we were doing a very good job without bylaws. He thought we had as much as we need. Cllr Little asked what would happen if we had a reputation of the ducks incident. Council Hall recognised Cllr Littles concerns but commented bylaws wouldn't have made a difference. Proposed by Council Hall seconded by Cllr Noades that we do not proceed with bylaws for our common land. **Agreed.**

220.13 To Discuss the Summer and Halloween Events in the Parish. It was agreed that the summer event had been a success. Attendance may be suffered because of a clash with Buntingford Carnival. The Council unanimously voted to thank the organisers. Cheques would be sent to the two charities. The same group of villagers wish to organise a Halloween event. The Council were in agreement. This was scheduled for October 31 at 6.30. Proposed by Cllr Hall seconded by Cllr Noades that the Council fund this event to the sum of £75. **Agreed**

220.14 To Discuss Footpath Problems. Cllr Ling reported the continuing problems on the bridleway By Dearleap. Cllr Ling also raise the subject of tree preservation orders in the villages. The clerk to **report** these problems to Countryside Access Officer and take suitable action on his report. The clerk also to check the subject of tree preservation orders. Cllr Little reported that there were again incidents of dog fouling. Another note to be put in the newsletter.

220.15 To Discuss House Numbering and Street Name in Chipping. The Chairman reported contacts he had had with Herts. The electoral roll would show that the houses in Buckland and Chipping which currently did not have numbers would have the address of "House Name, Chipping, Herts, Postcode." Cllr Ling reported that she had problems reporting faults online when online databases required a street name. Chairman reported that he used Chipping as a street name as well as the village name.

220.16 To note correspondence received. (Information only) The clerk reported correspondence from East Herts regarding the existence of plans for a Parish Plan. The clerk to **circulate** background information on producing a Parish Plan.

220.17 To receive matters for report and or referral to next agenda. (Information only) Cllr Hall ask that VA signs be agendaed.

220.18 To invite Members of the Public to address the meeting. The issue of the speed limit on the Barkway road was again raised. The clerk said he would **write** to Herts Highways pointing out a village sign would warn traffic coming from Barkway of the need to slow down.

220.19 To resolve under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public be excluded from the meeting for item No.20 on the agenda because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of possible commercial conflict. **Agreed.**

220.20 Confidential Matters. After discussion the Council decided with a vote of 4 to 1 to note the situation and take no further action.

220.21 To agree date of next meeting. This was agreed as September 7. At 8 PM at St Andrews Church. Please note the change of day. The deadline for material for the newsletter would be August 25.

There be no further business the meeting closed at 9.20.