



Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

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DRAFT Minutes of MEETING NO. 226 OF BUCKLAND AND CHIPPING PARISH COUNCIL.

Held on Monday 16th of May 2011 following the Annual Meeting at Saint Andrew Church Buckland

Present: Councillors: J Noades (Chairman) J Jones, J. Kenyon and Mrs M Ling,
Also in attendance: Mr D Smith Parish Clerk and 10 Members of the Public

1. To receive apologies for absence. Apologies were received from County Councillor Jane Pitman.
2. To receive Members Declarations of Interest. There were none.
3. To approve the minutes of Parish Council meeting 224 March 14 2011 and authorise the Chairman to sign them. Minute number 224.6. after discussion it was decided that the donors name should remain anonymous. 224.16 Spelling corrected. Standing orders were suspended. 224.6 Daniel Hall said that significant action had been taken by himself and members of the public. The chairman pointed out that we were discussing the minutes not opening the debate. Mrs Little said the minutes were inaccurate. They had caused distress to residents as the planning application had been turned down in 2008. Cllr Jones said it was unfortunate the site in question was outside our parish. Cllr Noades said the clerk had written to Therfield. Standing orders were resumed. Proposed by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Kenyon that with the above correction the minutes be signed. Agreed. The chairman duly signed.
4. Chairman's Report. The chairman having only just taken office had nothing to report.
5. To Discuss and approve the Co-option of 2 Parish Councillors. Proposed by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Ling that Daniel Hall and Teresa Harrington be co-opted as parish councillors. Agreed.
6. To approve the Clerk's Contract of Employment. Agreed to circulate and discuss at the next meeting.
7. Accounts for Payment. It was agreed that the Council's insurance should be placed with Came and Company. Proposed by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Kenyon that the payments be approved.
8. To Approve the Annual Accounts. Proposed by Cllr Kenyon seconded by Cllr Jones that the annual accounts be approved. Carried
9. To Approve the Annual Governance Statement. Proposed by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Kenyon that it be approved. Carried
10. To discuss issues relating to the Newsletter. Standing Orders were suspended. Mrs Little said that it was a good newsletter. She was pleased to see that her and other members of the public work has been recognised regarding the waste transfer

application. Cllr Hall felt that the item should not have appeared in the newsletter. Standing orders were resumed.

11. To discuss issues relating to Herts Highways. The clerk instructed to write to Highways regarding the gravel spilling out from the entry to Chipping Barns. To ask if a permanent repair could be made to the banks of public footpaths at the north end of Chipping. To ask about dropped curbs in Chipping. There will be a section 2 agenda item at our next meeting.
12. To discuss the placing of village signs. Cllr Jones reported he had met with Raj Goutam of Herts Highways. The village signs were not suitable for planting boxes as it was a main A road. The clerk to ask for written confirmation that flower planting would be acceptable. Cllr Harrington felt that speed was still an issue. It was agreed to ask for a report and invite the police to our next meeting. Standing orders were suspended. Mrs Little said there had been a Buckland sign on the Barkway road. Standing orders were resumed.
13. To consider planning applications received, progress reports & decisions. A planning application for the Homestead in Chipping had been received. It was suggested that this was in keeping with the village. Agreed there were no objections.
14. To discuss issues relating to the Parish Web Site. Cllr Jones had nothing to report. He asked for more content.
15. To discuss Village Events. It was proposed by Cllr Kenyon seconded by Cllr. Ling that Councillors Hall and Harrington be the Parish Council nominees on the Village Association Committee. Agreed.
16. To invite Members of the Public to address the meeting. Chairman Noades said members of the public have 2 min for their subject. Mrs Kenyon said that she believed there was £150 in the Buckland and Chipping Conservation Society. Mrs Little asked if the Council had written to other parish councils regarding planning applications. She was told that they had. District councillor Bull congratulated the councillors for the improvements which he saw in Buckland and Chipping
17. To note correspondence received. Cllr Harrington to accept the invitation to the Buntingford Town Council Annual Event.
18. To receive matters for report and or referral to next agenda. Cllr Hall asked that the distribution of minutes be agendaed.
To agree date of next meeting. July 4, 2011.

The meeting ended at 9.15PM