



Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of MEETING NO. 232 OF BUCKLAND AND CHIPPING PARISH COUNCIL.

**Held on Monday 9th January 2011 at 8.00pm
At the Crown Inn Buntingford**

Present: Councillors: J Noades (Chairman) D Hall, Mrs T Harrington, J Jones, J Kenyon and Mrs M Ling,
Also in attendance: Mr D Smith Parish Clerk and 1 Member of the Public

- 1.232 To receive apologies for absence. There were none.
- 2.232 To receive Members Declarations of Interest. Cllr Jones should receive a payment.
- 3.232 To approve the minutes of Parish Council meeting 230 7th November 2011 and authorise the Chairman to sign them. Proposed Cllr Jones seconded Cllr Kenyon **agreed**.
- 4.232 Chairman's report. Agreed to take 15.232 prior to discussion on the budget 10.232. Chairman reported on the meeting with the highways engineer in Chipping. The BT box on the pavement between Chipping and Buckland has already been replaced. The clerk had obtained quotations for replacing the safety glass in the bus shelter. Proposed by Cllr Hall seconded by Cllr Harrington that the clerk should purchase two panes. **Agreed**. Cllr Hall would fit.
- 5.232 To invite Members of the Public to address the meeting. It was reported that the wooden sign pointing to the church on Barkway Lane had rotted. **Agreed** that Cllr Hall ask Ken Sell regarding repair.
- 6.232 Accounts for Payment. Payments were **agreed** to the clerk for salary, Inland Revenue PAYE and to Cllr Jones regarding the trimming of trees around the Chipping bus shelter. Cllr Jones said he did send out an e-mail pointing out that he was commissioning this work. Cllr Noades said maybe we should amend standing orders to allow the clerk limited spending powers in consultation with the chairman.
- 7.232 To Discuss East Herts New Home Bonus Monies. Cllr Jones explained that this was money directly from the government paid by the District Council for new homes built in the parish. Proposed by Cllr Hall's seconded by Cllr Kenyon that we should receive the money. **Agreed**.
- 8.232 To Discuss the installation of Flower Beds at the entrances to the villages. The clerk reported it was as yet unclear if the Council would need a licence to install these flowerbeds. Cllr Noades said that He would not be able to agree to installation without written permission from Highways. Cllr Hall said we had only £700 in grants. A discussion took place about the maintenance of the flowerbeds. Cllr Jones pointed out that the current quote was for eight flowerbeds. The clerk to obtain quotes for four. Cllr Hall proposed that we continue to investigate within the confines of the grant plus a budget figure of £300. Seconded by Cllr Noades. Carried with one abstention.
- 9.232 To Discuss the Council's printer. It was proposed by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Noades that the Council purchase an HP OfficeJet printer at a cost of approximately £85. **Agreed**

10.232 To Agree the budget 2012/2013. A discussion took place as to how the new homes bonus should be treated. The principle of maintaining a constant precept was generally agreed. The possibility of holding a village event to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was discussed. Proposed by Cllr Kenyon seconded by Cllr Noades that the precept be set at £4132 for the year 2000 1213 with £332 being put in an events reserve. **Agreed**

11.232 To discuss the Speed-watch Campaign. The clerk had discussed with Sgt Wallace who had informed him that Speedwatch campaign normally took place on roads with a 30 mile an hour limit. However he was continuing to investigate the situation. Cllr Kenyon reported that as a member of the public he had been touch with the Metropolitan Police regarding their use of the A10 for training purposes. He had been offered a meeting with the responsible officer. He would inform councillors when this was to take place.

12.232 To discuss issues relating to the Newsletter. It was felt that the usual high standard the news letter had been produced in December thanks to Cllr Ling. Deadline for the next issue would be the 20th February

13.232 To discuss issues relating to Herts Highways. Cllr Noades reported that Ian Bishop, highways engineer, had said the problems identified in the walk around would be dealt with in the next financial year. Cllr Kenyon asked that the clerk obtained copies of the plans for Chipping Barns. If the existing entrance was not in accordance with the plans then planning enforcement should be informed. The poor sewerage situation in Chipping was reported and discussed. The clerk to write to our District and County Councillors with a copy to the MP urging that proper remedial action was taken to stop raw sewerage entering houses.

14.232 To consider planning applications received, progress reports & decisions. The granting of the appeal for The Homestead was noted. The Council had not commented on the retrospective application for multiple occupancy at the Mission Hall.

15.232 This item was discussed prior to agenda item 8.232 To Discuss progress on the creation of a Parish Plan. Cllr Harrington reported that there were now six on the group. They now had a constitution. They had set themselves a time limit of one year to produce a plan. There was currently no funding from the district. Their costs would be the paper questionnaires and final production of the parish plan. This plan will be distributed to every house in the village and to all relevant agencies and would therefore need to be of a high quality. They're expected to present the plan to the parish Council in November 2012 for its adoption and approval. In response to a question Cllr Harrington said the spend would be in the next financial year. Cllr Hall asked how the group would engage with the population. Councillors Harrington and Jones agreed there would be a need to knock on doors. Cllr Hall felt the Council should agree to spend on specific quotes for work to be done. Cllr Kenyon pointed out that we need to confirm the budget tonight. He proposed that we include £1000 for the production of the parish plan. Expenditure to be agreed when it became necessary. Seconded by Cllr Noades. Agreed with one abstention. Cllr Ling said that Cllr Harrington was to be congratulated for driving this task forward.

16.232 To discuss Village Events. A successful children's party was reported on. Cllr Harrington felt it would be a good idea to have an event to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was reported that the Village Association was considering buying souvenirs.

17.232 To note correspondence received. Dates for councillor training were announced.

18.232 To receive matters for report and or referral to next agenda. The recently uncovered milestone in Chipping to be on the next meeting's agenda.

19.232 To agree date of next meeting. 5th March 2012. **Agreed**. The clerk asked that the date for the September meeting be one week later than usual i.e. September 11. The meeting closed 10:20 PM