



Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

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DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 233 OF BUCKLAND AND CHIPPING PARISH COUNCIL.

**Held on Monday March 5th 2012 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, 1 Member of the Public and Sgt Duncan Wallace.

- 1.233 To receive apologies for absence. Cllr Hall
- 2.233 To receive Members Declarations of Interest. There were none.
- 3.233 To approve the minutes of Parish Council meeting 232 9th March 2012 and authorise the Chairman to sign them. Proposed by Cllr Kenyon seconded by Cllr Jones agreed.
- 4.233 Chairman's report. The chairman had nothing to report that would not be covered by the agenda.
- 5.233 To invite Members of the Public to address the meeting. There were none.
- 6.233 To receive a Police Report. Sgt Wallace reported that he now had responsibility for the whole of East Herts rural. There had been four crimes in our parishes since he last reported. Speed checks had been done three times in the villages and would continue. Speed watch was not available on roads with a 40 miles an hour speed limit. Cllr Kenyon reported on the meeting he had as a member of the public with the responsible officer from the Metropolitan police regarding training of drivers through our villages.
- 7.233 Accounts for Payment. Salary and PAYE for the clerk. The new printer and a set of inks. Agreed.
- 8.233 To Discuss the installation of Flower Beds at the entrances to the villages. After discussion it was agreed that the clerk obtained quotations from two more contractors. Particular concerns were raised about the maintenance costs.
- 9.233 To Discuss and Review the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. The clerk pointed out that under financial regulations he had authority to spend up to £200. Any such spending to be reported to the councillors immediately. Agreed.
- 10.233 To Review the effectiveness of the Internal Audit. The question of who was a "competent" person to do the internal audit was discussed. Proposed by Cllr Kenyon seconded by Cllr Jones "That the internal audit was effective". Agreed.
- 11.233 To discuss the Speed-watch Campaign. Already discussed under police report.
- 12.233 To discuss issues relating to the Newsletter. Cllr Kenyon thought that it had been a good issue. Cllr Harrington asked if it was the fact that distribution used to be paid for. This was true. The subject of paid distribution to be on the agenda for our next meeting. Cllr Kenyon said that the Metropolitan police had agreed to produce copy for the newsletter. Cllr Ling requested that all news be reported to her.
- 13.233 To discuss issues relating to Herts Highways. It was unclear whether the work on the footpaths to the North of Chipping was completed. The clerk to investigate. Cllr Harrington felt there was still mobility issue on the footpath between the two villages. The clerk reported on progress with Hertfordshire highways regarding the entrance to Chipping Barns.
- 14.233 To discuss the milestone at the north entrance to Chipping. The e-mails from the Milestone Society were discussed. The clerk produced an up-to-date photograph of the milestone. Proposed by

Cllr Ling seconded by Cllr Kenyon that councillors dig out around the milestone to fully understand the condition of the remaining parts.

- 15.233 To consider planning applications received, progress reports & decisions. Cllr Harrington asked if the Council would have a site meeting if a large planning application were received. It was agreed this would be good practice.
- 16.233 To Discuss progress on the creation of a Parish Plan. Cllr Harrington reported that the committee had held a further meeting and the minutes had been distributed to all councillors. Jill Jones had reported on the subject of Neighbourhood Plans. However it was felt that information gathering was still important and decisions about printing and distribution will be taken later.
- 17.233 To discuss Village Events. A discussion about a proposed barn dance in Buckland and television relay of events in London took place. Proposed by Cllr Kenyon seconded by Cllr Noades that a sum of up to £300 be available if a jubilee event takes place. An amendment by Cllr Jones that no fixed figure be agreed was not seconded. The proposal was agreed by four votes with one abstention. There was the possibility of a grant from East Herts District Council.
- 18.233 To note correspondence received. Cllr Kenyon reported on correspondence with Oliver Heald MP regarding the drains in Chipping. Remedial work had been carried out. Cllr Kenyon would monitor the situation.
Cllr Jones asked permission to borrow the tables from St Andrews for an event in Buntingford on the Jubilee weekend. Agreed.
Cllr Harrington asked if she could go on a Localism Training course for new councillors. It was agreed the clerk should ask HAPTC for a deal for smaller councils.
The clerk to discuss with the landlord of the Crown our use of the backroom.
- 19.233 To receive matters for report and or referral to next agenda. Distribution of the newsletter.
- 20.233 To agree the date for the next parish Council meeting. May 14th 2012. This will also be the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council and the Annual Parish Meeting.
The meeting closed at 9:58 PM.