



# *Buckland & Chipping Parish Council*

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## **MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING No. 241 Buckland and Chipping Parish Council Held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at The Crown, Buntingford**

**Present:** Cllr J Noades (chair)  
Cllr D Hall  
Cllr T Harrington  
Cllr J Jones  
Cllr J Kenyon  
Cllr M Ling

**Members of Public : J Jones**

**Clerk: Caroline Jones**

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the parish council meeting no. 241, meeting commenced at 8pm.

**1.241 To receive apologies for absence – none**

**Action**

**2.241 Disclosure of Members' Interests** with regards to items on the agenda - none received.

**3.241 Agree Precept 2013-14**

The budget was reviewed to question how the New Homes Bonus should be listed and check through expenditure / income.

Buntingford Town Council Clerk, Jill Jones explained how the new Council Tax credit of £299 affected any decision on the Precept. The Precept can be reduced due to the tax base grant, by either the whole amount or a proportion. For example, Band D tax payers 2012-13 paid £33.63 per property. There are less tax band D payers this year meaning the amount to be paid will increase, thus a payment to offset this is being paid by East Herts DC. Buntingford Town Council decided to take half the grant off the precept. If Buckland and Chipping set their precept at £4030 for 2013-14 the amount payable for Band D would be £35.46 per property. If 50% of the grant is offset against the precept, £34.14 Band D would be paid per property.

The Chairman proposed to set the precept figure at £3880 (£4030 less £150) leaving £149.55 of the tax bonus to use in the next financial year; 2014-15. Cllr Hall seconded the proposal and all councillors voted in favour.

**RESOLVED : to set the Precept for 2013-14 at £3880**

**4.241 Signing of Precept Paperwork**

The paperwork was completed with the figure of £3888 and signed by chairman, councillors and clerk. The estimate for 2014-15 was retained at £4030.

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**5.241 North Herts Planning Application for Wisbridge Farm**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ 11.03.13

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Additional plans have been submitted for a change of land use from agricultural to mixed use for agriculture and generation of renewable energy (solar) at Wisbridge Farm. The planning details will be included in the newsletter.

## 6.241 AOB

**Public Enquiry for Mission Hall** if the council were invited to comment on this public enquiry, the parish council would maintain its objection to the garage being used as a dwelling. It did not conform to planning.

**Church** Clerk to write to the CCT to request use at no cost for one/two events per year

**Grass Cutting** one quote was received, one being submitted. Clerk to chase 3<sup>rd</sup> contractor

**Newsletter** Cllr Ling thanked everyone for the input. Parishioners should be encouraged to report any irresponsible dog owners by calling the contact details on the East Herts DC flyer issued previously

**Water Pump** The strip of land by the Church has been cleared at the old well by the wooded area. It was allotments years ago. 14 Ash Trees have been cut back.

**Highways Inspection** this had been put back to March but Cllr Jones and Kenyon carried out the inspection on 12<sup>th</sup> February. The chairman will add outstanding/additional items to this at the next meeting.

**7.241 Next Meeting** 11<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm at The Crown

**The meeting was closed at 9pm**

## Action

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contact on  
holiday

Chair