



Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING No. 242

Buckland and Chipping Parish Council

Held on Monday, 11th March at The Crown, Buntingford 8pm

Present: Cllr J Noades (chair)
Cllr D Hall (DH)
Cllr T Harrington (TH)
Cllr J Jones (JJ)
Cllr J Kenyon (JK)
Cllr M Ling (ML)

District Councillor Rose Cheswright

Members of Public : Chris Harrington

Clerk: Caroline Jones

The Chairman welcomed councillors and visitors to parish council meeting no. 242 and thanked them for coming out on such a cold evening. Meeting commenced 8pm.

1.242 To receive apologies for absence – apologies were received from Cllr Jones and Sergeant Wallace. Cllr Hall apologised for arriving during the Police Report at 8.05pm. The chairman informed the council that Cllr Jones was away and the grass cutting tender had been submitted. Cllr Jones will be standing for DC election as Conservative on 2nd May.

2.242 Disclosure of Members' Interests - none received.

3.242 Police Report – Sergeant Wallace provided a report as he was unable to attend the meeting. He reported the area had been quiet. Since 1st January there had been no reported crimes in Buckland. 2 crimes were reported in Chipping, 1 related to malicious communications via phone voice mails for which the offender was traced and dealt with, so was detected. The second related to police stopping a vehicle upon which was suspected stolen copper cable, for which the 2 occupants were arrested and the vehicle seized. Both villages had been visited twice with regards to speed enforcement. 2 persons prosecuted for excess speed and 3 further stopped and warned.

4.242 To approve as a true record and authorise the chairman to sign, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 7th January 2013 and Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on 18th February 2013 were circulated to members. Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote, it was **RESOLVED That the minutes of 7th January 2013 were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chairman was authorise to signed them.** Following an amendment to the minutes of 18th February 2013 in 4.241 to read £3880, a proposal, second and a unanimous vote, it was **RESOLVED That the Minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.**

5.242 Chairman's report – nothing to report.

Signed _____ 13.05.13

ACTION



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6.242 Receive Bank Balance & Payments Due

The clerk circulated the financial report and payments due. Following a proposal, second and unanimous vote, payments were approved; cheque signing was deferred to the end of the meeting.

Payments to HMRC were provided to the council. The clerk had concerns regarding the amounts paid. Clerk to check with HAPTC and then D Hall if needed.

clerk

The council reviewed the 2011-12 Internal Audit (Duncan McLean) and agreed that the clerk should request Duncan to undertake the forthcoming audit. Clerk to check the invoice for his details.

clerk

7.242 12/02365/1 Wisbridge Farm Solar Panel – this is outside the parish. There is no update and the clerk has provided details for the newsletter.

3/12/0946/FP Old Mission House – this has gone to appeal.

3/13/0118/OP Wheatley Homes Phase 1 Butingford 100 Homes (Phase Two : 300 Homes Access is via Snells Mead. The council had no comments. It was noted that there was currently an exhibition at The Manor House on the Pigeon Investments development

8.243 Hertfordshire Highways

The inspection was passed to the clerk (note that item e. is not highways). Clerk to action. 2a. had been reported in January and this is now cracking. The council agreed to move the sign and to ask for quotations.

9.243 Grass Cutting

It was noted that Colin Andair has done previous work for a councillor. Neil Gardener was due to tender for the work but this had not been received. Steve Edwards of ACER Ground Maintenance also work for the Town Council. It was agreed to accept the cheaper quote and to check what the rate would be for any extra cuts. Clerk to agree the extra-cut price for the next meeting. Following a proposal, second and unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED TO ACCEPT the quotation from Steve Edwards.**

clerk

10.243 Healthwatch

The clerk informed the council that the reason for this workshop was to provide information to the community and Cllr Harrington will produce a piece for the newsletter. Clerk to provide an electronic copy of the documents.
Cllr Ling is attending a 111 health update next week

Clerk ✓

11.244 Code of Conduct Procedure and Complaints : awaiting feedback from Cllr Jones

12.244 Church Use – awaiting a response from the CCT.

13.244 Website – following a proposal, second and unanimous vote, this will be removed from the next Agenda, to be added if/as required.

14.244 Newsletter – please forward items for the next Newsletter. This is to remain on the next Agenda to provide deadlines.



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15.244 Buckland Motte & Bailey – information had been received from Judith Watson at HAPTC regarding a second degree where students are looking to work with Parish Councils. There is a lot of information on the Moat and photographs. It was agreed that the clerk will contact the university and offer this as a research project.

16.244 Sundial / Memorial Plaque for update at the next meeting, Cllr Hall offered to chase the CCT for permission for a plaque or sundial in the churchyard (north-side of church).

The well and pump has been maintained by a villager and been made a village feature. The council agreed they would like this to continue. The pump was installed Queen Victoria's Coronation in 1837. This could have a plaque to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Queen Elizabeth Coronation.

Clerk to write to the Bishops Office to ask what the diocese intentions on the Buckland Woodland area – tree removal / clearing that has been undertaken. An old Ash Tree has been cut down that may have been 93 years old, together with 14 mature trees.

Clerk

It was agreed that Cllr Harrington, Cllr Hall and the clerk would apply for a Council Community Grant.

17.244 Chris Harrington asked if the historic well was protected. Clerk to enquire with the District Council and/or the English Heritage if listed status could be applied for the well.

DC Chesright spoke to the council and reminded them that CC Jane Pitman has a £90,000 highway budget – which doesn't go far but it can help with certain highways issues. Every year every Councillor has an opportunity to view areas of concern to spread the money to some of the areas needed. Pothole patching is undertaken via the website to ensure roads are maintained.

DC Cheswright confirmed that she is on the development committee and spoke against the houses north of Hare Street Road. She has been pressing for minimum parking standards to ensure that enough parking is allocated on new build sites.

The Chairman commented that the local press reported there were 600 potholes in the county and showed a photograph of highways filling of a hole with the back of a shovel.

18.244 Correspondence - all letters and correspondence has been circulated.

19.244 Items for Next Agenda – Complaints Procedure, Code of Conduct, Church Use, The Well (1900 parish records), Buckland Woodland area, Events, Sundial/Plaque, Highways

20.244 Date of next meeting – the next set of three meetings will be held on Monday, 13th May commencing at 7.30pm at The Church.

The meeting was closed at 9.10pm.