



Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Buckland and Chipping Parish Council

Held on Monday, 13th May at St Andrew's Church at 7.30pm

Present:	Cllr J Noades (chair) Cllr D Hall (DH) Cllr T Harrington (TH) Cllr J Kenyon (JK) Cllr M Ling (ML)
District Councillor	Rose Cheswright
Members of Public :	Chris Harrington, Sue Simmons, Janet Noades
Clerk:	Caroline Jones

The Chairman welcomed councillors and visitors to the Annual Parish Council Meeting, commencing at 7.30pm

1. Cllr Ling apologised for her lateness at 7.35pm and arrival at item 4.
2. To approve the minutes from the last meeting on 14th May 2012 – proposed and seconded, unanimous vote to sign the minutes as a true record.
RESOLVED That the minutes of 14th May 2012 were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting and the Chairman was authorise to signed them.

3. The chairman read his overview of the year;
I will endeavour to cover all the important events that have taken place in the past year.

First, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee party organised by the village association and held in David Hodge's barn, this was a great success.

July 27th saw the ringing of the church bells at 8.12am for the start of the 2012 Olympics. This was a last minute decision taken the night before.

David Smith gave the council three months notice and a search was on to find a replacement. In September, Caroline Jones took up the post and has settled in well.

In the autumn, two councillors walked both villages noting down defects, pot holes, overhanging hedges and other items that require attention. These written reports were given to the clerk to pass on to highways. However, there are two items still outstanding from the 2011 inspection, the dropped kerb at the entrance to the Square and the sign at the slip road travelling south to Buntingford and Wyddial. However, the Buckland Village Sign on Barkway Road has been replaced.

On Remembrance Sunday I represented the Parish walking in the procession to the War

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Memorial in Buntingford. The reading the names of the fallen and finally placing a wreath on the memorial.

The precept this year has been reduced by £186 and a New Homes Bonus of £1471 has been received from East Herts Council.

At the Parish Council meeting in March this year, Sgnt Wallace reported that since January 1st, there were no reported crimes in Buckland but two in Chipping. Both villages have been visited twice with regards to speed enforcement, this resulted in two people prosecuted for excess speed and three stopped and warned.

On a foul note, it seems that some dog owners are still not picking up their dog deposits. Please do pick it up and take it home.

Finally, I on behalf of the Parish Council, congratulate Councillor Jones on his election to East Herts District Council.

Hopefully I haven't forgotten anything that has happened in the last year, if I have I am sure some councillors will remind me.

And finally thanks to the clerk and my fellow councillors for their support.

4. Suggestions for Future Events

The Chairman asked those present for any ideas they would like to put forward for future village events.

A winter and summer event was suggested

A bonfire night was confirmed to be planned

The scarecrow event was held a few years ago

The meeting was closed at 7.38pm.

Signed _____ May 2014

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