



Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING No 246 - BUCKLAND AND CHIPPING PARISH COUNCIL Held on Tuesday, 15th July at St Andrew's Church at 8pm

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

Members of Public: N Marshall, Mr & Mrs Cheshire and Sue Simmons

Clerk: Caroline Jones

The Chairman welcomed councillors and visitors to the Parish Council Meeting No. 246, commencing at 8pm

- 1. Apologies** - None received.
Cllr Jones stated that although he was present at this meeting, it was under protest of the fees being paid to the Churches Trust.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – none received at this point (DH made one at 8b – finance)
- 3. Police** No report received
- 4. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 25.7.13 and Extra Ordinary Meeting 13.5.13**
The minutes of both the Parish Council Meeting on 25th July and the Extra Ordinary Meeting on 13th May 2013 had previously been circulated and following a proposal, second and unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED that the minutes of Parish Council meeting on 25.7.13 and Extra Ordinary Meeting 13.5.13 be signed as correct.**
The Chairman duly signed both sets of minutes.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that, on a sad note, David Hodge had passed away on Saturday. It was agreed that either the parish council or the village association would like to donate or organise a wreath for the funeral as he had always helped the parish council. Following a vote, seconder and unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED to budget £50 for a wreath/donation.**

The tree was taken down in Daw's Lane. A discussion over where the boundary to the common land took place – clerk was asked to enquire via Land Registry / Herts CC.

Two separate fly tipping incidents had been reported and East Herts had promptly removed them on the A10 slip road to Buntingford. The council agreed that a sign would be useful but the road may be outside the boundary. Clerk to determine which parish the slip road comes under.

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6. PLANNING

- 6.1 No new planning applications received
- 6.2 13/012257/1 – Solar Farm at Reed – for information only as outside parish
- 6.3 The Old Mission Hall – Appeal was successful
- 6.4 3/07/2027 Chipping Hall Barns – no reply received from Herts CC

7. FINANCE

- 7.1 The bank statement was received, it was also noted that £500 was received for Events from East Herts DC. The CDA membership had been unbanked in March, clerk to provide information on CDA for the next meeting. Following a proposal, second and unanimous vote, the accounts were accepted
- 7.2 A declaration of interest was made by DH with regard to printing costs. A request for a donation to Barley Town House for the chairs provided to the Hog Roast was made - £30 agreed. All payments were approved unanimously

clerk

8. CAPITAL RESERVES

Balance carried over from 2012-13 accounts was £14,341. New homes bonus amounts to £4,431. This has been referred to the next meeting.

refer

9. SLOW DOWN SIGNS

Prices to be provided to the next meeting.

clerk

10. POLICE COMMISSIONERS FUND

Clerk to apply and refer to next meeting

clerk

11.HERTS HIGHWAYS

Dropped kerbs has not been done at The Square. JJ confirmed this has also been raised with Herts Highways via Buntingford TC.

12.WELL

The well is listed – plus the telephone kiosk.

- 13.CODE OF CONDUCT AND COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE is available on the website, JJ will also forward the relevant web link to all councillors

JJ

14.EVENTS

Feedback was that the Hog Roast was an enjoyable event. For future dates, it was understood from the feedback that residents would prefer a Saturday night but the band was not available on a Saturday. Next event will be a Fireworks and Bonfire night. Following a vote for 5th November and no seconders, a further vote, second and votes of 5 for, 1 against for 9th November, it was **RESOLVED that the date of the event would be 9th November**. Budget for the event was agreed and following a vote, second and unanimous vote, it was **RESOLVED to allocate £50 to this event**.

Guy Fawkes Working Party was formed : JJ/JK/DH

ML thanked those who organised the Hog Roast – it was reported to be a great night

JJ/JK/DH

A Halloween Walk in Daw's Lane was discussed – it was noted that Nigel Marshall had banged his head on a tree. The area would be checked for branches and dog mess before any walk.



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A Children's Party was proposed at Christmas – referred to September meeting

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15. Neighbourhood Plan / Parish Meeting

Two representatives from Buckland and Parish Council attended the meeting at Buntingford Town Council with a view of joining their Parish Plan. This would give a number of benefits, particularly costs. The District Plan being developed by East Herts DC would come into effect if Buckland and Chipping do not have their own Parish Plan. The process of the Neighbourhood Plan was described by JJ to the council. Although not yet fully committed to The Plan, a presentation to the parishioners was proposed – date agreed was Saturday 7th September – a cheese and wine night at St Andrew's Church. A budget of £100 is available for this – following a proposal, second and unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED that £100 be set aside for the meeting**

16. Parish Website Update - none

17. Newsletter

An electronic version will be e-mailed to the council –JJ to upload to website. DH to add to the next newsletter the details for Buckland and Chipping Parish Council. The Advertising needs to be invoiced – clerk to arrange.

JJ
clerk

18. Members of The Public

Alan Cheshire was seeking the approval of the parish council to cut an overgrown blackthorn tree, the chairman agreed that the parish council would be grateful for him to arrange.

JK requested further information on the boundaries of the Common Land and who owned Daw's Lane. Chairman and clerk will investigate and report at the next meeting. (Clerk to look at minutes of 1988).

Chair/clerk

Sue Simmonds asked for it to be noted that she was pleased that donations were being made to the CCT for the hire of the church as no other money was donated. Money was raised through collections and sponsored cycle rides. She concluded that they were lucky to have such a well maintained church to use.

19. To note correspondence received and sent

20. To note Items for Referral

Broadband, HCC Grants, Events, Speeding Signs, Common Land and Daw's Lane, Neighbourhood Plan, Fly Tipping Signs, CDA Membership information, capital reserves

Date of Next Meetings agreed : Monday 9th September in the Church at 8pm

The meeting was closed at 9.55pm

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