



Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING No 247 - BUCKLAND AND CHIPPING PARISH COUNCIL Held on Monday, 9th September at St Andrew's Church at 8pm

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

Members of Public: Chris Harrington

Clerk: Caroline Jones

The Chairman welcomed all to the Parish Council Meeting No. 247, commencing at 8pm

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr Jones, Cllr Ling and Sargent Duncan Wallace – the chairman suggested a condolence card be sent to Cllr Jones for a recent family bereavement

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2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hall declared an interest for finance regarding the remuneration of printing costs for the newsletter

3. Police

No report received

4. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting No. 246 – 15th July 2013

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 15th July had previously been circulated and following a proposal, second and unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED that the minutes of Parish Council meeting 15th July 2013 be approved.** The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

5. Chairman's Report

Nothing to report

6. PLANNING

6.1 Briars Mead in Sandon Lane had previously been circulated electronically and details were reviewed at the meeting. There were no concerns with the proposal and it was agreed that the parish council will respond with no comments on this application

6.2 3/07/2027 Chipping Hall Barns – EHDC reply was copied to Highways, await response

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7. FINANCE

7.1 The bank statement was received showing a current balance of £17,723

JK requested a balance for the same period in 2012 to be available at the next meeting

7.2 Payments due were agreed. Following a proposal, second and unanimous vote, it was **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE PAYMENTS**

Grass Cutting : 11 out of the 12 invoices have been received. It was agreed that another 2 cuts be made available if necessary – additional £280 authorised plus a quotation for cutting the hedge opp the church entrance from both contractors be obtained. Request to be made to Acer for any combustible items for Fireworks Night

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8. HIGHWAYS

Outstanding are dropped kerbs at The Square, Chipping – Potholes at Chipping Hall Barns and outside the Countryman – Farm Entrance potholes at Buckland

SLOW DOWN SIGNS The clerk reported that the information obtained from Barkway PC was most useful and that Cottered were hoping to provide information on their slow down signs. One quotation has been received and the clerk is awaiting information on design and location from Herts Highways. Clerk to check costs for maintaining and cleaning the signs.

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Signed _____ 11.11.13

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9. CAPITAL RESERVES

It was noted that reserves were £14,341 at end 2012-13 plus NHB Grant £2,293 = £16,634. It was agreed that a Commissioner's Community Grant would be applied for at 1st November 2013 for slow down signs.

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10. SLOW DOWN SIGNS - Covered in 8. Highways above

11. COMMON LAND

A number of documents and maps were presented. It was agreed to allow a spend up to £250 to provide an LR10 search and maps from Land Registry

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12. FLY TIPPING

A request has been made to Cottered Parish Council to allow EHDC signage to be put on the verge where fly tipping is being made as it is within their parish boundary

13. EVENTS

No decision has been made for the Christmas Event. It was agreed to provide a budget of £50 – following a proposal, second and unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED TO PROVIDE £50 TO THE CHRISTMAS EVENT**

14. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The meeting has been arranged for Saturday at 7pm. The biking event is also that day so the church will be open from around 9.30am. A laptop, projector and screen will be set up for the presentation.

15. BROADBAND

Information on high speed Broadband has been communicated to the council. The clerk was asked to update the progress of the locations of high speed in Hertfordshire at the next meeting

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16. WEBSITE – no update

17. NEWSLETTER

Births, anniversaries and celebrations will be included – the latest newsletter contained notification of a golden wedding anniversary. Information was included on the Glebe to inform residents of the completion of the work. Printing costs were high and it was agreed that a quotation be obtained from a printer. JK offered to approach Buntingford printers

JK

18. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Chris Harrington asked if a wreath would be arranged for Remembrance Parade

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19. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received and sent was provided to the council. The sign at St Andrew's Church was discussed and approved. **RESOLVED the clerk to confirm this to the CCT**

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20. ITEMS FOR REFERRAL

Feedback on high speed Broadband, Events, Speeding Signs, Common Land and Daw's Lane, Neighbourhood Plan feedback, Fly Tipping Signs

21. NEXT MEETING will be held at The Crown at 8pm on Monday 11th November 2013

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.