



Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING No 250 BUCKLAND AND CHIPPING PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday, 20th January 2014 at The Manor House at 8pm

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

Others Present:

Clerk: Caroline Jones

The Deputy Chairman welcomed all to the Parish Council Meeting No. 250 and wished them all a Happy New Year. Meeting commenced at 8pm.

- 1. Apologies** Received from John Noades.
- 2. Declarations of Interest** Cllr Harrington declared an interest in Finance.
- 3. Police** None received.
- 4. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting No. 248 and 249**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 11th November and extraordinary meeting held 2nd December had previously been circulated and following a proposal, second and unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED that the minutes of Parish Council meeting 11th November and the Extraordinary Meeting of 2nd December were approved.** The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

5. Chairman's Report The Deputy Chairman has nothing specifically to discuss.

6. PLANNING

6.1 It was noted that the Wisbridge Farm inverters will be moved. Push Energy have written to the Parish Council offering 50% of the precept for 5 yrs – following a discussion, it was proposed to accept the Push Energy S106 money for 2012-13. For (2) Abstained (2) Against (1) **RESOLVED: The clerk will invoice Push Energy £2,260** and provide S106 information to councillors

6.2 No new decisions received

7. EVENTS

There were no partakers for the Christmas Party and TH reported that the date was circulated so late that it gave little time for people to respond. She proposed setting the dates early this year.

It was agreed that the Summer Event would be a Scarecrow / Decorated Wheelbarrow **Summer Party on Saturday 13th July**. It was agreed that the clerk is to apply for a £500 grant. The Parish Council contribution was set at £100. (4 for, 1 against). DH to detail this event in the newsletter and ask parishioners to attend the next meeting to suggest what they would like to have at the event

It was proposed to hold a **Bonfire Night on Saturday 8th** November, usual venue. Budget set at £75 all in favour, unanimous.

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There was a proposal to mark **The Centenary on Saturday 9th August** to commemorate the start of WW1 and to remember those who have fallen. Renovation of war memorials and repairs may be carried out if required.

Christmas Party was proposed for 6th December. Following a proposal, second and 4-1 vote, a budget of £100 for a BBQ and £50 for this event; unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED TO BUDGET: Summer £100 – apply for grant £500

WW1 £75

Bonfire £75

Xmas £50

BBQ £100

TH stated that the events during the year would be organised by a member of the parish council and must therefore comply with their insurance policy – this in turn may require more funds than budgeted for, e.g. first aid and portable toilets etc.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1** The bank statement was received showing a current balance of £17,378 – following a proposal and second, the financial statement was unanimously accepted.
- 8.2** Payments due were agreed. Following a proposal, second and unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED TO APPROVE THE PAYMENTS plus additional Christmas Items payment of £15.50 to Cllr Harrington**
- 8.3** Following a proposal and unanimous vote it was **RESOLVED to accept the Audit.**
- 8.4** Following a discussion, it was agreed that Salt Bins would benefit parishioners and the Clerk to provide firm prices for 100L bins at the Buckland notice board and bridge at Chipping. It was also agreed that Dog Waste Bins would be welcomed (possibly on the Common Land, Back Lane and the edge of the Churchyard). Clerk to obtain prices from Buntingford's supplier. EHDC charge £100 for emptying. There is currently a bin at Whitely Lane. It was agreed that a replacement laptop be purchased for the clerk; budget set at £1000
A suggestion of a defibrillator was made via the East of England Ambulance Service £1100 – to be placed in the phone box – is activated via the phone to allow the defibrillator to be used. 2 would be required. First Responder Course training could be provided. The defibrillator could be attached to a wall. JK to look into this. JJ asks if the flower boxes planting could be revisited.
- 8.5** Budget : Ray Willis does litter picking at Buckland and £750 is due but there has been no invoice, DH will action. Clerk to check the cost of printing on the budget. Parish Plan to be renamed Neighbourhood Plan, £100 Budget – change the event amounts, add \$106 money from Wisbridge. Agreed as JK prop, JJ 2nd all in favour to accept the Budget
- 8.6** Precept : following a proposal, it was agreed to request the same precept as last year, £3880 – all in favour **RESOLVED to set the Precept at £3,880 and paperwork completed**

DH
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9. HIGHWAYS

- 9.1** Drop Kerb at The Square, Chipping – works to be completed later this year
- 9.2** Chipping Hall Barns, planning have accepted the entrance and no decision from Highways has been received
- 9.3** Potholes at Chipping Hall Barns, Outside the Countryman – re reported
- 9.4** Farm Entrance potholes at Buckland – re reported

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	<u>ACTION</u>
<p>9.5 Speeding – Buckland resident was disappointed to read the speeding flashing signs cannot be moved forward. TH proposed requesting a referral to a company with to review the road. Following the proposal and second, 3 for, 1 abstained and 1 against it was RESOLVED to request a referral for a speed survey The email regarding children having to cross the A10 to the bus stop has been researched – no further action is required by the council</p>	clerk
<p>10. Land Registry Form has come back but details the rectory, clerk to mark the map and forward to Land Registry to request information on Daw's Lane</p>	clerk
<p>11. Neighbourhood Plan – the next meeting will look at the questionnaire. The Stakeholders meeting is 23rd January. The Draft District Plan has a 12 weeks consultation period</p>	
<p>12. Jubilee Commemorative Plaque – DH to speak to the vicar re: where it will be sited. DH will buy the stone sundial freestanding one from Amazon.</p>	DH
<p>13. Gravestone no action required. It was agreed to plant a row of poppies at the east side of the churchyard by the hedge.</p>	
<p>14. Pond / Moat There was a discussion about bringing in someone to cut down the overgrowth and let light back into the pond. It was agreed to put an article in the newsletter to contact the Parish Council if parishioners are interested in clearing the area. Clerk to keep this item on the next Agenda.</p>	DH clerk
<p>15. Green Belt it was agreed that his doesn't affect Buckland</p>	
<p>16. Website 6,077 visits – being updated regularly</p>	
<p>17. Newsletter DH to forward the newsletter to councillors when complete – adverts to be reviewed.</p>	DH
<p>18. Members of the Public none present</p>	
<p>19. Correspondence was noted</p>	
<p>20. Items for Referral – Newsletter Adverts, Pond/Moat, Events Budgets, Salt Bins, Dog Waste Bins, defibrillator, Neighbourhood Plan, Draft District Plan, Speed Survey, Land Registry – Common Land, Jubilee Commemorative Plaque</p>	
<p>21. Date of Next Meeting has to be changed to 3rd March 2014 at 8pm at The Manor House.</p>	

Meeting was closed at 10.35pm.

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