



Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BUCKLAND AND CHIPPING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING No 254 HELD ON MONDAY 19TH MAY 2014 AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, BUCKLAND AT 7.50PM

Present: Councillors Hall, Jones, Kenyon, Harrington and Trewin.

Also Present: 6 members of the public and Sgt D.Wallace.

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Ling and the Clerk, Caroline Jones.

2. To Receive Members Declarations of Interest.

No declarations.

3. To Invite Herts Police to Address the Meeting.

Sgt Wallace reported that the Parish maintains a low Police burden in reported crimes; there have been no reported crimes in either village since 1st April 2014.

For the year 1.4.13 to 31.3.14, there were three reported crimes in Chipping and two in Buckland, one in each village was a domestic incident. These figures compare favourably to the previous year with a total of eleven crimes.

The Health and Safety Executive will be prosecuting the company responsible for the accident to a power line worker a few months ago.

The Herts Policing Plan will launch formally on the 16th June.

Sgt Wallace asked people to report suspicious activity as there has been a number of fuel thefts recently. The Chairman agreed to include this in the next newsletter.

In response to a question from Councillor Kenyon, Sgt Wallace stated that to have speed cameras, the area has to fulfil certain criteria.

In response to a question from a member of the public, Sgt Wallace stated that detection of Hare Coursing has improved.

In response to a question from a member of the public, Sgt Wallace reported that the owners of the escaped Rhea had signed a statement saying they were happy for the bird to be destroyed if necessary.

4. To Approve as a True Record and Authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting No 251, held on 3rd March 2014.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED That the Minutes are a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

5. To Approve as a True Record and Authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting No 252, held on 28th April 2014.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED That the Minutes are a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.



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6. To receive a Report from the Chairman.

The Chairman stated that most things had been covered in the previous meeting (Annual Parish Meeting). The Parish Council has a new Councillor Mel Trewin. On a sad note a Parishioner, Jenny Cheshire passed away on Monday.

7. FINANCE.

a. Bank Mandate.

The Chairman reported that the bank mandate had been completed incorrectly last time and he asked Councillor Jones to sign the mandate.

b. Payments List

Noted – Payment to E-on is for power to the telephone kiosks.

Cheque no. ending 558 and 559 put on hold until work undertaken. Payment list agreed.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED That the Insurance is taken out for three years and a cheque to completed for the lower payment to reflect this decision.

c. End of Year Accounts

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED That the 2013/2014 End of Year Accounts be approved.

d. Accounting Statement

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED That the Accounting Statement contained within the 2013/2014 Annual Return be approved and the Chairman authorised to sign it.

e. Annual Governance Statement

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED. That the Annual Governance Statement contained within the 2013/2014 Annual return be approved and the Chairman authorised to sign it.

Councillor Kenyon stated that the bus shelter in Buckland needs to be added to the Asset register

8. PLANNING

Application for Pelican Cottage, Chipping, Refused

It was agreed that Councillor Jones will contact Mr and Mrs Williams to ascertain if they've established ownership of the land that they wish to erect a gate on.

It was agreed to keep this item on the agenda as a monitoring brief.

9. To Discuss Issues relating to Herts highways.

It was agreed that Councillors will undertake a check of the villages.

Councillors Kenyon and Trewin – Chipping

Councillors Hall and Harrington – Buckland.

Councillor Jones reported that BT will be undertaking work on the 19th to 21st May at the junction of the A10 and Whitely Lane.



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Councillor Kenyon reported that the footway outside Pelican Cottage and Popeswell in Chipping is overgrown. This to be reported to Highways.

Councillor Trewin reported that the junction of the A10 with the old Ermine Street is overgrown and sight lines are poor, this to be reported to Highways.

Councillor Jones will look at the overgrown hedge next to the Common Land on the A10 at Chipping.

Councillor Jones will draft a report for the newsletter giving details of how to report a fault to Highways, this can be done by Councillors or members of the public.

10. Village Events 2014.

Bonfire Night	-	8.11.14
Summer Fete	-	9.8.14
Xmas Event	-	6.12.14

It was noted that the summer event would have a WW1 theme. Suggestions were made to mark the event which included cleaning the WW1 Memorials in the church and installing a new grate in the floor with a WW1 theme. Councillor Jones stated that East Herts Council are cataloguing the district memorials and may have some EU funding for refurbishment.

Following a proposal, second and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED That Councillor Hall may pursue the installation of a WW1 themed grate in the church floor up to a cost of £500.

It was agreed that the summer event will be a Scarecrow event.

Councillor Hall to investigate the possibility of re-dedicating the war grave in the churchyard.

Event to be a barbeque event.

Leaflets to be sent out before the event, judging of scarecrows Saturday morning/afternoon and a barbeque at 3pm.

Games to be set out. Open the tower.

Competition plate needs to be found.

11. Neighbourhood Plan – Update

Councillor Kenyon reported that he has been appointed Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Forum. Everyone should have had a copy of the questionnaire, the return date is the 21st May. All the results will be collated at The Manor House, information relevant to the Parish can be extrapolated.

It was agreed Councillors will arrange who is collecting the questionnaires.

12. District Plan Consultation Response.

The Chairman stated that seven relevant points had been agreed at the previous meeting. Councillor Jones had agreed to examine the policies and incorporate this with the seven points.

It was agreed that Councillor Jones will email a draft of the Parish Council response to all Councillors for approval by the end of the 21st May 2014. Response must be with East Herts Council by the 22nd May.

13. Update on the Parish Website.

It was noted that photographs are needed of Councillor Trewin and The Clerk. An email address to be requested for Councillor Trewin.



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14. Newsletter

The Chairman apologised that the newsletter had only been delivered that day. He further stated that he had only agreed to take on the editing temporarily, someone who is in the villages more of the time should undertake the role. It was agreed that a request for volunteers will be put in the next edition. If that does not produce results then the Chairman suggested a rolling editorship amongst the Councillors, working with an agreed template. This was agreed.

15. Memorial Plaque for Diamond/Coronation Jubilee.

It was agreed to order the sun dial and send one more letter to the CCT asking for permission to install the dial in the churchyard. If this is not forthcoming an alternative site will be discussed.

16. Permanent Memorial Commemorating World War One centenary.

Already covered under Item 10.

17. Members of the Public.

Agreed to include reference to the protection of Grade II agricultural land in the response to the District Plan.

18. Correspondence.

None

19. A.O.B.

The Chairman reported that he will be attending the Buntingford Civic Reception on the 27th June. It was noted that the noticeboard in Buckland is unstable, this will be identified in the village survey about to be undertaken.

20. Matters for report or referral.

Councillor Kenyon reported that the Clerk will be obtaining the final copy from Land Registry of the Common Land in the Parish.

21. Date of next Meeting.

Monday 14th July 2014 8.00pm St Andrew's Church, Buckland.

Meeting Closed 9.45pm.