



Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE BUCKLAND AND CHIPPING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2016 HELD ON MONDAY 16th MAY AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, BUCKLAND. 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Teresa Harrington, Jeff Jones, Jeff Kenyon, Mell Trewin and Jason Noy, and two other members of the public.

Clerk: Colin Marks, Clerk to Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

Cllr Jeff Kenyon, being Chairman of the Parish Council and present, took the chair

1 Apologies for absence: None were received

2 Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting, 18th May 2015

It was proposed that Agenda item 3, 4th bullet point be amended as follows:

- A grille was commissioned for the floor of the church, Cllr Jones having obtained verbal ~~permission~~ pre planning advice from the CCT-EH Conservation Officer who indicated they did not think it would be a problem.

Following a the amendment it was unanimously **RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th May 2015 were a true and accurate record.**

The Chairman signed the Minutes

3 The Parish Council Chairman's report for 2015/16

During the year the Parish Council held six Council Meetings, 3 here in St Andrew's in the warmer months, and 3 at The Manor House, Buntingford in the cooler times.

The Council has had a vacancy since the start of the new Council Term last May and, despite requests for applications in the Parish Newsletter and on the Notice Boards, we enter our second year with 5 Councillors and a vacancy.

As Chairman, I represented the Parish at Buntingford Town Council's Civic Service in June and laid a wreath on behalf of our Parishioners at the Buntingford Remembrance Service in November.

The Parish Council organised a very well attended "Summer Festival" at The Countryman Inn, Chipping in September and an equally successful "Bonfire Party" on Buckland Common in November.

In 2015 the Parish Council organised the installation of Defibrillators in the telephone boxes in both Buckland and Chipping and the bimonthly cleaning of the boxes and the bus shelters in the Parish.

In this Council year, the P.C. has arranged for the grass in St Andrew's Churchyard to be cut on 14 occasions and is currently in discussions with the Parochial Church Council over the possible siting of an eco-toilet in the Churchyard.

Our bi-monthly Newsletter has gone from strength to strength and I would like to record my thanks to the Editor, Martin Graham, for all the hard work he puts in behind the scenes. I would also like to thank my fellow Councillors Mell, Teresa, Jason and Jeff for their help, effort and support on all the P.C.'s activities.

As residents in Chipping will know, efforts are now being made to revamp the Neighbourhood Watch in this area and volunteers to help with the relaunch in Buckland are now being sought. If you might be interested in helping with this project, please speak with me after tonight's meeting.

No thanks would be complete without my mentioning our Clerk Colin Marks, whose knowledge and diligence is essential in keeping the P.C. on track and financially sound.

And finally I must thank all our residents for their support of the events run in the Parish and for their input on numerous issues in the last 12 months.

Jeff Kenyon, Parish Council Chairman 2015/16

4 Future village events

1. Summer event: This is being considered if agreeable with parishioners.
2. Autumn event: A Bonfire/fireworks/BBQ is being considered for November.
3. Other: The Parish Council is not planning any other events for the coming year, but any suggestions will be considered. Cllr Jones reminded the meeting of the sausage tossing event at The Countryman on 11 June – although it is not a Parish Council event.

5 Questions from members of the electorate

Beryl Little drew attention to the Back Lane restricted byway proposal and to matters concerning the Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman said both these were on the agenda for the Parish Council meeting that would be taking place later in the evening and they would be dealt with then.

The Chairman thanked the members of the Parish Council for all the work and time they had put in over the past year.

There being no further questions, Cllr Kenyon thanked everyone for attending, invited them to remain for the Parish Council's Annual Meeting which was following immediately, and closed the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.53pm.

Signed..... Date.....

