



Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE BUCKLAND AND CHIPPING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2017 HELD ON MONDAY 8th MAY AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, BUCKLAND at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Teresa Harrington, Jeff Jones, Jeff Kenyon, Mell Trewin and Jason Noy, and six 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, presided.

1 Apologies for absence: None

2 Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting, 16th May 2016

Following a proposal and second, parishioners present unanimously **RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2016 were a true and accurate record.**

The Chairman signed the Minutes

3 The Parish Council Chairman's report for 2016/17

Cllr Jeff Kenyon reported that the bonfire and fireworks night in November was a great success.

The Buntingford Community Area Neighbourhood Plan (BCANP), with input from three members of the Parish Council, was overwhelmingly accepted by parishioners voting at the referendum in March. It will now form part of the East Herts District Plan until 2030 or beyond.

The water wheel at Buckland is being repaired and an application made to Land Registry for the Parish Council to be responsible for the parcel of land on which it stands.

Over 1,000 daffodils were planted in the autumn at the entrance to Chipping and it is intended to plant more in other village entrance locations for next Spring.

The Newsletter continues to be produced bi-monthly to coincide with Parish Council meetings.

The Parish Council is progressing with the PCC and with the Diocese the provision of an eco-toilet in St Andrew's Churchyard, all subject to the necessary planning approvals. It is hoped this will be installed by next year.

The speed indicator devices (SIDs) installed by Herts Highways at the village entrances have been very welcome and are proving effective in reducing vehicle speeds.

The Chairman thanked fellow councillors Teresa Harrington, Jeff Jones, Jason Noy and Mell Trewin for their support and hard work during the past year. Thanks were also extended to the Clerk, Colin Marks, for his input and for keeping the Parish Council's affairs in line with legislation changes and statutory requirements.

Cllr Jeff Kenyon, Chairman of Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

4 Future village events

1. Summer event: This is planned for the 30th June. Among other things it will include ferret racing, a hog roast, a barn dance, and music by the popular local band, Beans 'n' Biscuits. Flyers with full details will be sent out in due course.
2. Autumn event: The bonfire/fireworks/BBQ is being planned for October/November. Full details will be published nearer the time.

5 Questions from members of the electorate

Adrian Baughn said he objected to the way the Buckland milestone had been handled – not so much the outcome, but in that it had been impossible to get any information about what had happened to it. The Clerk reiterated that the Parish Council had not been made aware of its whereabouts or who had custody of it. Cllr Jeff Jones gave the explanation that everything had been done without the Parish Council’s knowledge, but with the sole intention of honouring the request that the milestone be preserved for the posterity of the parish. There was an extensive exchange between Mr Baughn and Cllr Jones.

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 7.50pm.

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