MINUTES OF THE BUCKLAND AND CHIPPING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2019
Monday 13th May at St Andrew's Church, Buckland at 7.15pm

Present: Parish Councillors Teresa Harrington, Jeff Kenyon, Penny Newman, and 7 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:** Cllr Jen Makewell apologised that she would be late.

2   Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting, 14th May 2018

Following a proposal and second, parishioners present unanimously **RESOLVED** *that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14th May 2018 were a true and accurate record.*

The Chairman signed the Minutes

3   The Parish Council Chairman's report for 2018/19

Cllr Jeff Kenyon presented the following report:

As in previous years, the Parish Council held six Ordinary Meetings during the year plus an Extraordinary meeting to deal with planning matters.

In November, the Parish Council took part in the Commemorative Service in Buntingford to acknowledge the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I.

The Annual Bonfire and Fireworks evening was held on Buckland Common on 4th November and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Unfortunately, due to problems in getting a suitable date, it was not possible to arrange a Summer Event last year.

Sadly there were a number of acts of vandalism in Buckland during the year which resulted in the intervention of the police.

I would like to thank last year's parish councillors Teresa Harrington, Jennifer Makewell, Jason Noy, and Jeff Jones for all their work and assistance, and to our Clerk, Colin Marks, for his advice and patience over the last twelve months.

Cllr Jeff Kenyon, Chairman of Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

4   Future village events

1. **Summer event**: The Council is considering what sort of event to arrange. From the floor it was noted that the annual sausage tossing event is being held at The Countryman on 15th June. An event that included something for children was suggested. The Council will advertise once plans are finalised.

2. **Autumn event**: It is proposed to again run the annual bonfire/fireworks/BBQ evening in November on Buckland Common. Full details will be published nearer the time. The Parish Council welcomes anyone who is willing and able to help with these events.

5 **Questions from members of the electorate**

- A parishioner thanked the Council for the successful fireworks evening last November.
- It was reported that a number of young men are riding around the bridleways on small motor cycles. They do not go very fast, but are very noisy, and younger children also ride smaller bikes along the bridleways. They have been spoken to and asked not to ride there and they were very reasonable and well-mannered in their response. They have been seen to stop and thoughtfully switch off their engines when dog walkers are approaching. They are generally well-behaved. However, there are concerns that wildlife could be frightened. A parishioner has said he will keep an eye on things.
- Commenting on this, another parishioner asked whether the young people could be engaged to see if they had any ideas and whether they would be willing to be involved in a meeting for youngsters. It was agreed that Cllr Harrington, Cllr Makewell and Cllr Newman would consider the possibilities. **TH/JM/PN**
- A parishioner said thank you for the reinstatement the speed signs on the A10 (arranged by County Cllr Jeff Jones).

There being no further questions, Cllr Kenyon thanked everyone for attending, invited all to remain for the Parish Council's May meeting which was following immediately, and closed the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.28pm.

Signed…………………………………………………………………Date………………………………………………………..