



# Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

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## MEETING No 333 of BUCKLAND & CHIPPING PARISH COUNCIL

### Parish Council Meeting

Monday 16th Decemeber 2024, 7.30pm at The Manor House, Buntingford

**Present:** Penny Baxter-Newman (Acting Chair of this meeting), Helen Dauris, Jeff Kenyon

**Attending:** Caroline Scott (Clerk), DCllr V Burt, CCllr J Jones

### Minutes

Meeting opened 19:30

#### 333.1 Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Robert Arkle

#### 333.2 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

1. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda (*including non-pecuniary, with the nature of the interest*). Members with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in any agenda item, whether registered or not, must not participate in any discussion on the matter, cannot vote on the matter and must leave the room whilst any discussion or voting is taking place.

2. To receive and consider members' written requests for dispensations for declarable interests (if any)

3. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None

#### 333.3 Minutes:

1. To confirm the minutes of Buckland and Chipping Parish Council Meeting [331 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024](#) as an accurate record of proceedings – **Resolved**, proposed Cllr H Dauris, seconded Cllr J Kenyon

2. To confirm the minutes of Buckland and Chipping Parish Council Meeting [332 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024](#) as an accurate record of proceedings – **Resolved**, proposed Cllr H Dauris, seconded Cllr P Baxter-Newman

#### 333.4 Reports to the Council

To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies, local authorities and agencies

1. Buntingford Area Parish Council Crime Report, [September 2024](#), [October 2024](#), [November 2024](#), [December 2024](#)

2. DCllr V Burt, 200 homes up the Hare Street Rd was opposed, however it will be likely to go to appeal.

At the end of Ermine Street there has been a lot of soil left on the land which has been discovered to be domestic waste on an industrial scale. District & County council, Police, Planning and Environment Health teamed together and it is now in the Environment

Agency hands and have set a deadline for removal of the 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025, contact Environment Agency if there are any more complaints.

White paper published today for changing local government structure.

Cllr J Jones, Gateway signs for Chipping and Buckland to be put in between the villages within this financial year. Some fly tipping has occurred within the village. Some vegetation had been dragged to the southern end blocking the water ways, and later moved to the northern end of the brook.

**DCllr V Burt left the meeting. 19:45**

### **333.5 Public Comments: Limited to 15 minutes**

Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern.

No members of the public

### **333.6 Policies**

1. [Staffing Committee Terms of Reference](#) - **Resolved**, proposed Cllr J Kenyon, seconded Cllr H Dauris
2. [General Reserves Policy](#) - **Resolved**, proposed Cllr J Kenyon, seconded Cllr P Baxter-Newman
3. [Disciplinary Procedure](#) - **Resolved**, proposed Cllr P Baxter-Newman, seconded Cllr J Kenyon

### **333.7 Planning**

To receive a planning report on applications and decisions

1. [3/24/1809/FUL](#) – Land at Chipping Hall - **EHDC's decision to Grant Consent subject to Conditions**
2. [3/24/1701/LBC](#) – Popeswell rethatching - **EHDC's decision to Grant Consent subject to Conditions**
3. [3/24/1480/LBC](#) – Popeswell Kitchen & basement Windows – **EHDC's decision to Grant Consent subject to Conditions**
4. [3/24/1529/FUL \(Withdrawn\)](#) & [3/24/1530/LBC](#) – The Countryman, Chipping – **EHDC's decision to Grant Consent subject to Conditions**

**Cllr J Jones left the meeting 20:05**

### **333.8 Finance**

1. To note receipt of income – 2<sup>nd</sup> Precept payment received -**Noted**
2. To receive [summary report of receipts and payments against budget](#) - **Noted**
3. To receive [bank reconciliation](#) - **Noted**
4. To approve [Asset Register](#) – **Action** stock take of church furniture, adding old BBQ, to be brought to January meeting
5. Unity Trust pre-payment card – To be actioned
6. To [authorise payments of Invoices made in accordance with the budget](#). - **Resolved**, proposed Cllr J Kenyon, seconded Cllr H Dauris
7. To note WCAG 2.2 compliance (website compliance) – This is now being updated to our back end code to allow full compliance with no cost associated. **noted**
8. Salt bin provision – Barkway Rd salt bin needs replacing, to add to budget
9. To approve [budget for 2025-26](#) **Resolved**, proposed Cllr P Baxter-Newman, seconded Cllr J Kenyon all expenditure was agreed, the council will revisit the precept demand in the January meeting

**Meeting Closed 21:30** Agenda items 333.9-333.11 to be reviewed in January meeting

