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MEETING No 331 of BUCKLAND & CHIPPING PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting

Monday 2nd September 2024, 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Buckland

Present: Cllrs Robert Arkle (Chair), Penny Baxter-Newman (Vice), Helen Dauris, Jeff Kenyon, Simon Dela-Nougerede

Attending: Caroline Scott (Clerk), County Cllr Jeff Jones, District Cllr Victoria Burt, 4 members of the public
Minutes

Meeting opened 19:30

331.1 Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr D Thompson

331.2 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

- 1. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda**
- 2. To receive and consider members' written requests for dispensations for declarable interests**
- 3. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate**
None

331.3 Minutes:

- 1. To confirm the minutes of Buckland and Chipping Parish Council Meeting [330 1st July 2024](#) as an accurate record of proceedings– **Resolved**, proposed Cllr J Kenyon seconded Cllr S Dela-Nougerede**

331.4 Reports to the Council

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

- 1. Buntingford Area Parish Council Crime Report [Briefing July 2024](#), [Briefing August 2024](#)**
- 2. County Cllr J Jones reported to the council about the highways roads and completed widening of the footpath between the two villages. Ermine Street is now open with traffic management putting in speed hump. Neale Drive to be opened later this year. Both accesses will be kept open and finally completed after years of campaigning. Cllr J Jones has had gateways allocated within the locality budget for the entry of Chipping Village from Buckland, it has been assessed and should be going ahead. A discussion was had about the style of sign signifying speed limit. A507 weight limit is in action now between Buntingford and Baldock.**

DCllr V Burt reported that 350 houses have been given permission next to A10 at Buntingford.

331.5 Public Comments: Limited to 15 minutes

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

A parishioner made Cllr Jones aware of the speed sign on Back Lane, and reported the speeding cars on the road between Buckland and Barkway. Cllr J Jones will be looking at getting a 40mph sign at the Barkway entrance into the village.

A parishioner commented on the quantity of plastic banners advertising within the Chipping and how it is not visually appealing, Cllr J Kenyon responded to say if the signs are permanent they would need planning permission, the village event signs will be taken down after the summer event.

331.6 Policies

1. Summer event [Risk Assessment](#) - reviewed and **noted**

331.7 Finance

1. To [authorise payments](#) of Invoices made in accordance with the budget, including items applied for with help from the East Herts Shared Prosperity Fund
Resolved Proposer Cllr S Dela-Nougerede, seconded Cllr J Kenyon to authorise all payments except Npower and the September Michael's Windows payment
2. To note [receipt of income](#), Clerk to update Locality grant supplier to Herts County Council - **noted**
3. To receive [summary report](#) of receipts and payments against budget -**received**
4. To receive [bank reconciliation](#) **Resolved** proposed Cllr H Dauris, seconded Cllr J Kenyon
5. [Asset Register](#) **Resolved** proposed Cllr J Kenyon seconded Cllr S Dela-Nougerede
6. To consider the [Unity Trust pre-payment card](#) – **Resolved** to apply for pre-payment card
Proposed Cllr J Kenyon, seconded Cllr H Dauris, unanimous
7. [Mick Webb](#) – **Resolved** Proposed Cllr S Dela-Nougerede, seconded Cllr H Dauris not to pay invoice for unexpected work, unanimous
8. Caretech Foundation Community Grant feedback – items to buy with grant applied via parishioner
2 x 19kg propane gas tanks £227.94,
2 cool boxes with ice pack, £174.29 each
2 30L urns, £72.99 each
2 water tanks, £60 each including screw on tap
Resolved Proposed Cllr R Arkle, seconded Cllr P Newman, to purchase items for events
9. Clerk training, downgrading to ILCA to get a better understanding of the building blocks missed before completing CiLCA – **Resolved** proposed Cllr H Dauris, seconded Cllr P Newman £144 incl VAT to be split 50/50 with Sandon Parish Council
10. Citizen's Advice annual Donation - **Resolved** proposed Cllr S Dela-Nougerede, seconded Cllr R Arkle a donation of £50
11. Donation to Isabel Hospice for the use of the field in Chipping for the summer event – **Resolved** to donate 30% takings on the door, proposed Cllr R Arkle, Cllr J Kenyon, unanimous

331.8 Planning

To receive a planning report on applications and decisions

1. [3/24/1333/LBC Popeswell](#) – council has responded with no objection.

331.9 Reports from Working Parties and Committees

1. Harvest Fayre – Update and report from working party – posters have all gone out and Cllr D Thompson has the plan of the area, stalls are booked, music confirmed, dog show prepared. Musician has confirmed two different types of sets, and the PA is adequate. Classic vehicles are coming. Plenty of fairground rides. Music licence is being applied for. Mayor of Buntingford opening the event. Live music 3pm onwards.
2. Chipping Milestone – to confirm landscaping, discuss budget towards. **Resolved** proposed Cllr P Newman seconded Cllr J Kenyon to have a £50 budget towards this
3. Chipping Notice Board overgrown and damaged – letter to be sent to the residents at no 2 Mexborough Cottages to clear growth from the telephone box & No 1 Brookside to cut their hedge back to the 40 mile an hour sign and Noticeboard. The map board at Buckland to be re-set into the ground thanks to a parishioner.

4. To consider contacting Hertfordshire County Council Highways department to request signage improvements at the entrance to Chipping from the North. These to include a larger 40mph warning signs combined with New Village name signs as are erected already in Buckland. The Parish council also to consider contacting Barley Parish Council to investigate costs associated with erecting a private speed camera similar to the one they installed successfully two years ago.
Covered in CCllr J Jones report.
5. Bonfire Night – to confirm details- reported in newsletter, Sunday 3rd, 6 volunteers are needed to run the event safely. 7pm start time, 6 total volunteers including available councillors are needed to run the evening.
Clerk to write to residents of Rectory Close & Malyons to ask not to put items on the bonfire site.
6. October Newsletter:
 1. to discuss content – items to be collected by 5th October.
 2. to agree an editor – Clerk to put together.
 3. to agree delivery date as Saturday 19th October 2024

331.10 To note items for future agendas: and to receive any other items for future consideration
VE Day celebrations

331.11 Date of next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: 7.30pm, Monday 4th November 2024, Manor House, Buntingford

Meeting closed 21:33