

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BUCKLAND ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON
THURSDAY 12th May 2022 AT 8.00 PM**

Present:

Councillor K Every - Chair
 D Spencer
 R Barton
 L Marshall
 A Rich
 D Shaylor

In attendance: District Councillor M Wale; District Councillor J Kenton; Clerk; Mrs S Coombe

5/22/1 Apologies

Councillor I Farmer

5/22/2 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Barton declared in interest in Planning application 6(i)

5/22/3 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 7th April 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5/22/4 Matters Arising

The question was asked about how parishioners know who has been elected to the Parish Council. The clerk stated that it is on the SSDC website should people wish to look. It was discussed about having the councillors details on the website so that parishioners know who to approach/contact. It was reiterated that the website is uninviting & doesn't encourage people to look at it as there is nothing on there. It was agreed that the website needs to be kept up to date.

5/22/5 District Councillor and Avon & Somerset Constabulary reports

District Councillor M Wale gave the following report. He stated that both himself & Jenny were at the meeting as district councillors for the next year but that they had both been elected for the unitary council for the following 4 years after that. They will decide in future if they will both attend meetings or alternate! He reiterated that despite them representing different parties there is no difference & they are here to represent the people. They will listen & relay our issues & endeavour to help where they can. He also stated that Highways remain an issue.

District Councillor J Kenton gave the following report. She spoke about a new electric charging point at marketfield car park in Chard. She explained about the Fixy van, promoting the fixing & re use of items, how they take old items & that they are recruiting for volunteers. Details can be found on the website. It was also mentioned about Village agents, who meet in the Guildhall, they are there to help the community if needed. They were asked about the phosphate issue & if it has moved forward? Planning are allowing some single applications to go through. The main issue is Wessex water not being able to upgrade filtration systems near the levels until 2024. Advise would be that each planning application will be decided upon on an individual basis.

Avon and Somerset Constabulary sent the following report for Buckland St Mary;

There have been a total of 42 calls to the Police for the Chard rural beat of which only 11 relate to Buckland, 11 of these are road related incidents, from RTCs, broken down vehicles and confusing diversion signs. The other one call was a theft of heating oil which has happened over a 2 month period. This has not been resolved as the time frame is too great and not easy to narrow down for further enquiries. With the price of fuel being so high at the moment

everyone is asked to be extra vigilant. I am sure everyone is aware fuel is at a commodity that can be easily stolen with this in mind please make sure all steps are taken to prevent any loss. Always looking for any new Farmwatch members to call 101 or myself on 07889659252.

5/22/6 Planning

(i)

Application No.	22/00621/COL
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Mogford
Proposal	Certificate of Lawfulness Application for the existing occupation of dwelling in breach of an Agricultural Occupancy Condition for in excess of 10 years. (Re-submission of 21/01391/COL)
Location	Madgeon Lane Farm, Birchwood Road, Buckland St Mary, Chard, Somerset, TA20 3QG

Discussed & don't feel they can comment supporting or objecting as not enough information to comment.

(ii)

Application No.	22/01049/FUL
Applicant	Mr F Aplin
Proposal	Erection of an earth banked slurry lagoon on Agricultural Land
Location	Wetherhayes Farm, Birchwood Road, Buckland St Mary, Chard Somerset TA20 3QQ

The PC support the application.

5/22/7 Elections – Completion of Declarations

The Chairman & the committee all completed the forms required.

5/22/8 Insurance Renewal

Councillor Every to arrange to get a rebuild cost for the Wellhouse. in the meantime the clerk is to carry on & get a renewal quote.

5/22/9 Finance – accounts for payment

The parish council agreed the internally audited Annual Accounts for April 2021-March 2022

Outstanding accounts for payment were agreed

Elizabeth Marshall - £28.78

Defibrillator Annual Fee CHT Annual Support Cost - £162.00

Jubilee Mugs - £511.32

Original Gravity Event Bars Ltd - £1183.00

5/22/10 Platinum Jubilee

The following was discussed regarding the PJ celebrations

All the celebrations are organised, & pamphlets sent out although they weren't completed in time to send out with the CBO News. Pay bar is organised with a licence from 7.00pm – 1.00am, Hog Roast confirmed for 300 & DJ & Band all organised. Bills will now be coming in for payment. It was suggested that a letter drop should be carried out to inform the wider community of the celebrations planned.

The chairman reiterated again his thanks for all of Councillor Bartons hard work regarding the PJ.

5/22/11 Adoption of New Somerset Code of Conduct

This was agreed in principal but councillors to look at the email & reply accordingly. To be placed on agenda for next meeting.

5/22/12 Road Closure

Copies of both road closures were handed out to be placed on all notice boards.

5/22/13 Correspondence

All correspondence had been circulated via email to Councillors.

5/22/14 Matters for report

Councillor Barton reported that the BSM Sign on Royston Road Turning is rusty. Already reported but still not actioned. Clerk to contact the council again.

No other matters to report

5/22/15 Date and time of next meeting

The next parish council meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 9th June 2022, at 8.00pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.21pm.

K Every
Chair

S Coombe
Clerk

14th May 2022