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Public Session

Nothing to report

The Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Buckland St Mary Parish Council held at The Village Hall Thursday 1st June 2023 when the following business was conducted.

Members Present

Councillors K Every (Chair), L Marshall, R Barton, A Rich & D Spencer.

In Attendance

Clerk, Mrs S Coombe, Councillor Wale, Councillor Kenton & 5 members of the public

2023/34 To receive apologies for non-attendance

Apologies were received & accepted from Cllr Farmer.

2023/35 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Marshall & Cllr Spencer declared an interest in planning application at 2023/40 of these minutes.

2023/36 To receive & approve the Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on the 4th May 2023

Minutes were received & approved by all councillors present.

2023/37 Matters arising from the minutes

Cllr Marshall asked if we'd received any correspondence from Hastoe, the Clerk reported that she had received an email from Frances Harvey & confirmed that numbers 2, 3 and 4 at Rookery Rise are on the planned programme due to start on 20th November 2023 for replacement front and rear doors, windows, guttering, fascias & soffits. Although this date is subject to change. Outside decoration will be carried out on completion of these works. The residents should have been written to in relation to the windows, doors, roofline.

2023/38 Report from Somerset Councillor's

Cllr Kenton reported that the first LCN Meeting would be taking place at 7pm on Monday 17th July 2023 at Otterford Parish Hall. She also spoke about the Citizens Advice Bureau has now been merged into a single body after the creation of the unitary council, previously each one belonged to the local district councils, if you have people that need help they can be contacted either online or through the telephone & are particularly good at helping with debt & council tax arrears initially through the advice line which may lead to a referral to a specialist debt case worker. If people are struggling to pay their rent or council tax at this time there is something called the discretionary housing payment scheme for extra help temporarily, anyone getting council tax reduction, Housing Benefit or Universal Credit can ask for extra help, whilst not guaranteed it can go towards meeting the shortfall in rent, one of costs like rental deposits, rent in advance & renewable costs. This can be applied for through the Somerset Council website.

Cllr Wale reiterated about the forthcoming LCN meeting previously mentioned. He also reminded the council about the £2 bus fares that have now been extended until October. Somerset Council have received a large sum towards road care from the government to continue repairing pot holes. First meeting of Somerset South Planning Committee took place last week, it's very disappointing as we used to be Area West which was local planning done by local councillors & heard locally, unfortunately that has now gone & the new committee consists of 13 councillors from the whole of what used to be South Somerset, fortunately because its proportionately represented by all political parties both he & Cllr Kenton are on the committee. He reiterated that if Parish Councils put in an objection to an application it will automatically go to committee.

2023/39 Co-opt to fill Councillor Vacancy

The Chair reported that the vacancy had been advertised for the requisite 14 working days on Noticeboards & the website & that there had been no requests for election. Neal Parsons attended the meeting & expressed a wish to be co-opted into the vacancy, he was duly nominated by Cllr Every & seconded by Cllr Rich. The PC voted unanimously. Cllr Parsons signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office & the Register of Members Interest.

2023/40 Planning

(i)

Application No.	23/01110/HOU
Applicant	Mr James Salt
Proposal	Conversion & extension of an existing outbuilding for use as ancillary living accommodation
Location	Bray Cottage, Birchwood Road, Buckland St Mary, Chard, Somerset, TA20 3QH

The above application was discussed at the Parish Council meeting this evening. Whilst all the councillors fully support the application, they ask that the application be tied to the current dwelling so that any future changes for a standalone property would need to be considered under a separate application.

(ii)

Application No.	23/01206/FUL
Applicant	Cornerstone
Proposal	The retention of the existing mast & the removal and replacement of 3 antennas, & the installation of ancillary equipment.
Location	Telecommunication Mast on land rear of Eagle Tavern, Castlemain, Buckland St Mary, Chard, Somerset, TA20 3JE

The above application was discussed at the Parish Council Meeting this evening & was fully supported by all councillors.

2023/41 Finance

Councillors received a copy of the bank reconciliation & approved the following expenses for payments:

Neil Wells	Coronation Band	£350.00
BSM Village Hall	Hall Hire	£112.85
S Coombe Bookkeeping	Coronation Food	£685.13
Gallagher Insurance	Annual Insurance	£416.13
Clerks Pay June	Salary	£380.80
Clerks Expenses June	Expenses	£45.40
HMRC June	Paye	£74.80

2023/40 LCN Area 18 Chard & Blackdowns Launch Meeting – Nomination of Representative

The date of the first LCN meeting for Area 18 has been announced & will take place at 7pm on Monday 17th July 2023 at Otterford Parish Hall, Bishopswood, Chard, TA20 3RZ. The parish council are urged to nominate a councillor representative to attend the meeting. Through LCNs, parish councillors, stakeholders and Somerset Council members will be able to help bring partners together and encourage collaboration. influence how decisions are made and how services are delivered locally, identify and capture local needs and work to produce solutions & identify funding opportunities. Whilst attendance is encouraged they will also be trialling a hybrid option. Formal invitations to follow but for now please save that all-important date. Cllr Parsons has agreed to attend as representative.

2023/41 King Charles III Coronation – 6 May 2023

The Chair thanked all councillors for all their hard work to make it a great success. Clerk to put a post on facebook thanking all involved. Everyone agreed that it was well attended & an excellent evening & thanked Neil Wells for organising the band & the clerk for doing the food, there had been many comments about how good it was.

2023/42 CBO

Neil Wells has given a breakdown of costs to produce & distribute a bi-monthly version of the CBO. Cllr Barton to speak with the Chair of Otterford to discuss moving forward with this & arranging a meeting of both parishes for a decision.

Action: Clerk to follow up with an email to Otterford PC.

2023/43 Correspondence

All correspondence circulated via email.

2023/44 Parish Matters for report

Cllr Spence is now unable to attend the course she is booked on for 21 June 2023. Contact her should any other Cllr wish to attend instead.

Cllr Every reported that the grass has been cut on the crossroads.

2023/45

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.56pm. Date for next meeting is Thursday 6th July 2023.

**K Every - Chair
1st July 2023**

S Coombe – Clerk