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Chairman: Councillor Keith Every

Parish Clerk: Mrs S Coombe

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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 September 2022 when the following business was conducted.

Members Present

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

In Attendance

Clerk Mrs S Coombe, District, Cllr Kenton & Cllr Wale & 4 member of the public

2022/27 To receive apologies for non-attendance

Cllr's D Spencer, I Farmer & D Shaylor sent apologies & these were accepted

2022/28 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Barton expressed an interest in both Planning Applications 22/01987/HOU & 22/02153/S73

2022/29 To receive & approve the Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on the 7th July 2022

Minutes received & approved by all Cllr's

2022/30 Matters arising from the minutes

Hastoe have called & have stated that the houses at Rookery Rise are scheduled to have work carried out in this financial year including Facias', Door Surrounds & Windows. The outside will be cleaned, they state it's a particular paint that just needs cleaning & not repainting. They aren't however responsible for the outside of Number 1 as it is a shared ownership property.

2022/31 Reports from County/District Councillors

Cllr Wale: Still unsure as to the geography of the proposed local community networks once the unitary council is established, this will be important to us all as this is where local matters will be decided. They are still unsure as to where planning will be discussed/decided upon. Taunton Park & Ride is going to have a charge in future. There is an ongoing concern regarding rural bus service as they aren't used enough.

Cllr Kenton: Cllr Kenton spoke about the Energy Rebate Payment & stated that even though the deadline has now passed if a resident has a letter with an online code the payment will be credited to their council tax account.

Finances for county council are a big worry looking forward to the coming year. Councils must find extra money to pay for running their buildings. The pay award for Council staff is currently being negotiated

nationally and will also impact on next year's budget. Any savings projected on merging the councils will certainly not be showing up for a few years. SSDC and SCC are working on a process to help those struggling with their finances in the cost-of-living crisis. There are no firm plans as yet but rest assured it is coming. The County Council has contributed an initial £50,000 donation to support Somerset Community foundations cost of living crisis appeal, this will fund crucial work in the local area such as debt advice, food banks, mental health support and homeless organisations. Local bus operators are currently weighing up the viability of routes in Somerset and one of the key factors will be the number of passengers that use the services. Currently bus use in Somerset is climbing, but only about 70% of pre covid levels so there is a current campaign to get people to use the Busses

2022/32 Planning

(i)

Application No.	22/01987/HOU
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Collier
Proposal	Erection of 1.5 storey side extension & a new porch to the front of the dwelling & erection of new double garage & parking & turning area.
Location	Apple Tree Lodge, Blackwater Road, Buckland St Mary, Chard, TA20 3LD.

The Parish Council fully support this application – No Objections

(ii)

Application No.	22/01812/FUL
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Blair/The Blair Family Partnership
Proposal	Change of use of a redundant agricultural building & conversion into a single 1-bedroom detached dwelling.
Location	Hisbeers Farm, Hare Lane, Buckland St Mary, Somerset, TA20 3JU.

The Parish Council fully support this application – No Objections

(iii)

Application No.	22/02153/S73
Applicant	Mr & Mrs C Mogford
Proposal	S73 Application for the removal of condition 04 (agricultural occupancy condition) relating to planning application 96/00152/OUT
Location	Madgeon Lane Farm, Birchwood Road, Buckland St Mary, Somerset, TA20 3QG

The Parish Council object to this application.

(iv)

Application No.	22/02217/HOU
Applicant	Sally Marker & Brian Phillips
Proposal	New porch to house – Revised Application
Location	Lower Blindmoor Farm, Milk Churns, Blindmoor Lane, Buckland St Mary, Somerset, TA20 3RD

The Parish Council fully support this application – No Objections

2022/33 Finance

The following payments & expenses were approved.

SSDC (Election Costs) – 000684 £244.07

SALC Ltd (Councillors Training) 000685 - £140.00

S Coombe (Clerks Salary & expenses) SO - £374.21

SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements for 5 Year period 22/23 – 26/27 to be appointed – Clerk to inform the parish council once they have been appointed.

2022/34 Bridleway Change of Use/Breach of Planning Issue

Some residents of the village have submitted a possible breach of Use/Planning at both The Scythe School & part of woodland known as The Copse. It is alleged that both have erected structures without planning. There are concerns that a lady is living in the Woodland who doesn't pay council tax & has no Sanitation or Running Water. All emails regarding this are to be forwarded to Cllrs Wale & Kenton for passing to the enforcement Officer & the residents to lodge a complaint with SSDC directly themselves.

2022/35 Platinum Jubilee Costs

Passed to Rosanna to liaise with Mike Canham

2022/36 Website

Clerk to continue looking into this

2022/37 Community/Neighbourhood Plan

Place on the agenda for next time as Cllr Shaylor not present at the meeting.

2022/38 Cost of Living Crisis

Email from SSDC re Warm Hubs – The parish council don't feel that a warm hub is the way ahead for the residents of the village. It was decided for the clerk to place an item in the CBO informing people that if they need help then they need to approach a member of the parish council, this will of course be in the strictest confidence.

2022/39 Correspondence

None

2022/40 Parish Matters for report

Cllr Marshall brought it to the council's attention that Roy Every who has lived at a property on Pound Lane for the past 56 years, after his mother passed away at the beginning of the year & he is being told he can't stay & needs to be rehoused. He is heavily reliant on family in the village, wishes to remain in the village & has 2 dogs that needs a garden. The Clerk to write a letter of support to be signed by the Vice Chair

Cllr Marshall also brought up about the accident & also the near misses with regards the 99 Bus that runs through the village at school pick up. Query a possible change in routes, clerk to check if the school have investigated it. Cllr Wale to look into this with regards county & district council.

Cllr Barton queried about the bins not being emptied in the village. Both the general waste & dog bin – clerk to query with SSDC.

Grit Bins – Keith to check re Grit Bins & let the clerk know for reporting.

2022/41 Date for next meeting

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.16pm The next meeting set for Thursday 6th October 2022.

K Every - Chair

S Coombe – Clerk

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