

BUCKLAND ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Councillor K Every Parish Clerk: Mrs V Moore

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BUCKLAND ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2022 AT 8.00 PM

Present:

Councillor K Every - Chair
F Aplin
R Barton
I Farmer
L Marshall
D Spencer

In attendance: District Councillor M Wale; Mrs V Moore, Clerk; Mrs S Coombe

The Chair welcomed the new Clerk, Mrs S Coombe, to the meeting. Mrs Coombe's appointment started on the 1st February 2022, and she would be having a handover of duties from the current Clerk during February and March.

2/22/1 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor N Parsons.

2/22/2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2/22/3 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 6th January 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2/22/4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2/22/5 District Councillor and Avon & Somerset Constabulary reports

A report would be issued shortly by SSDC on flooding, following a meeting where all authorities involved in flooding were present.

The problem of phosphates running into the Levels continues. Because of this, planning applications were being delayed.

Funds were still available in Area West for grants for this year and any organisation can apply for up to 50% of a grant for a project.

Elections are to be held in May 2022 for the unitary authority and parishes. Newly appointed County Councillors will shadow until 2023 then they will take over everything. District Councillor Wale will update as and when further information is available.

Covid money is still available for small businesses across the county affected by Covid. This includes working from home, bed and breakfast businesses, caravan sites etc. Details are available on the District Council website.

Council Tax details will be settled by 28th February.

District Councillor Wale thanked the outgoing Clerk for her help in all her dealings with him and SSDC over the past years and wished her a happy retirement.

Avon and Somerset Constabulary had forwarded their monthly report. 46 calls to the Police for the Chard rural beat, of which only 11 relate to Buckland St Mary; 10 of these were road related incidents, from RTCs to debris in the road and road closures, together with calls about the Baggers Rally. Parishioners were asked to make all steps to prevent loss of fuel. Finally, any new Farmwatch members to call 101.

There was no County Councillor report due to the resignation of County Councillor Broom.

2/22/6 Platinum Jubilee – 2nd and 3rd June 2022

Councillor Barton updated the Council on plans for the Jubilee. She had spoken to Mike Fortune and he had offered to play during the afternoon during the Fete, which was appreciated.

Councillor Barton was disappointed to hear that FOBS were unable to offer any assistance on the Saturday. The new Clerk, as Chair of FOBS, would send out something this week to try and get some support, which is always gratefully received by the Parish Council.

Councillor Barton asked that it could be clarified that the evening event is free to people from Otterford and Buckland St Mary and the school. She also would talk to the school about the design of the mug. She also felt that there was more to be done with the school to let people know what the Parish Council and the PCC do for the school.

It was agreed to invite Mike Canham to the next meeting to discuss the programme.

The Chair asked if people would like the church bells to be rung at the start of the fete and he would see what he could arrange.

A risk assessment would need to be done, especially now with Covid, and the Chair would speak to Kate Albon who had produced the last risk assessment.

Councillor Every thanked Councillor Barton for all her hard work in the organisation for this event.

2/22/7 Appointment of new Clerk

Mrs Sue Coombe had been appointed as the new Clerk, to take over from Mrs Moore, who was retiring.

2/22/8 Finance – accounts for payment

Outstanding accounts for payment were agreed –

BSM Village Hall hire - £39.00
Melchior Online Ltd - £99.00 – web domain
Blackdown Hills Parish Network - £100.00 – subscription for 2022/23
HMRC PAYE (Feb 2022) for Clerk - £65.88
HMRC PAYE (Feb 2022) for new Clerk – £64.30
Mrs V Moore, Reimbursement for postage - £36.33
Clerk's Gratuity (Standing Orders) for 10 years' service - £1,500

2/22/9 Correspondence

All correspondence had been circulated via email to Councillors.

2/22/10 Matters for report

Signs around the village advising of no access for lorries were missing or broken in the following locations:

Hornsey Lane – missing
Hornsey Lane/Rackley Lane – bent
By the school – bent

The Clerk would notify the Highways department.

Councillor Farmer advised that the new seat at the crossroads needed treating. This was agreed, and to be done when the weather was better.

2/22/11 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 3rd March 2022, at 8.00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

K Every
Chair

S Coombe
Clerk

6th February 2022