

BUCKLAND ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Councillor K Every

Parish Clerk: Mrs S Coombe

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

Present:

Councillor K Every - Chair
F Aplin
R Barton
I Farmer
L Marshall
N Parsons

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

3/22/1 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D Spencer & District Councillor M Wale

3/22/2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3/22/3 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 3rd February 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3/22/4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3/22/5 District Councillor and Avon & Somerset Constabulary reports

District Councillor J Kenton sent the following monthly report.

On Monday evening the District Council set its last budget as next April it will cease to exist however, a budget was set to invest in South Somerset by using receipts from investments and reserves which will improve the lives of the residents of South Somerset. After the recent regeneration of Chard there will be investment in both Yeovil and Wincanton as well as refurbishing the crematorium in Yeovil, the purchase of the land at Yeovil football club and capitol works on much of the districts properties to make them more sustainable for the future. There were some questions as to whether we should carry out these works with the uncertainty about the future of the buildings with the merging of the Councils but we decided that the buildings would still be there even if not used by the new Council and therefore we were investing in a more sustainable future.

The increase of South Somersets portion of the Council tax will rise by 2.8% which is £5 per band D household per year. I am a member of the Councils standards board, and we are currently working with the other four Councils to produce a code of conduct which will be uniform across all councils so that when the Unitary takes over all the functions during the next year or so the rules will be carried forward if any pieces of work are not complete, such as planning applications, we have looked at a working document that should come to full Council in the upcoming months.

Now that Coronavirus restrictions have been lifted there are various guidance and posters available through public health England's website most are downloadable for local bodies. There is a publication available on SSDC's website called Community matters, this gives a little pamphlet on extra services which SSDC can provide for parish Councils which include onsite nursery provision for the purchase of plants, grass cutting tree and play equipment inspection and works, pest control and the careline. This is support for elderly or those in need of an extra bit of security in their own home, this only costs £4.10 a week and a one-off fee of £35.50. There is also a key safe installation service for £49.00 incl. VAT. If you are discharged from hospital, you can receive careline for 6 weeks free of charge. The installation fee is waived if you are receiving benefits. I cannot recommend this service highly enough, I have several family members that use it, and it has been invaluable in them staying in their homes independently.

District Councillor M Wale sent the following monthly report.

Both the County and District Council have set a balanced budget for their last year. The increase for band D properties will be 3.31 %. This is higher than the 2.99% limit set by Government and is increased above the limit by a 4% increase in the Police amount.

The County budget shows no borrowing apart from repayments of past borrowing.

The District shows a sum of £122 million which is to pay for Octagon Theatre improvements £19 million, Yeovil Refresh £21 million, increase in staff £4 million and borrowing for the various invests in property etc.

The full budget programme can be found within the Council papers for the meeting of 28th February.

It has been stated that the staff increase will be to improve services such as customer services, planning and enforcement, Lets hope so!

You will be aware that Area West successfully objected to the two planning applications in Fore Street, we will await to see if a planning appeal is lodged.

Jenny and I will continue to closely monitor and act on your objections to any planning applications and if proper planning reasons can be found take them to Area West for a decision.

Avon and Somerset Constabulary – Not received

County Councillor Report – Not received

3/22/6 Planning

(i)

Application No.	22/00086/FUL
Applicant	Mr Rich
Proposal	Erection of an extension to existing silage clamp.
Location	Owlhayes Farm, Farm Lane, Buckland St Mary Chard

After full consideration, there were no objections.

(ii)

Application No.	21/03709/REM
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Tracey & Ian Rigby
Proposal	Reserved Matters application following outline approval 19/00990/OUT for new agricultural dwelling and shed for poultry business.
Location	Lower Colley Farm, Colley Farm Lane, Buckland St Mary, Chard

After full consideration, there were no objections.

(ii)

Application No.	22/00320/FUL
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Blair
Proposal	Conversion of 2 in number agricultural barns to 2 in number holiday let units.
Location	Hisbeers Farm, Hare Lane, Buckland St Mary, Chard

After full consideration, there were no objections however the Parish Councillor wished that it be noted that they disagree with the comments made by Greenslade Taylor Hunt that Hare Lane is little used by traffic.

3/22/7 Platinum Jubilee – 2nd and 3rd June 2022

Mike Canham attended the meeting to discuss calendar of events. The Parish Council raised the issue of there being a clash with 2 events in the both parishes on the Saturday evening. After discussion it was decided that this probably wouldn't be a massive problem. In summary the following items were discussed however the Parish Council agreed that a separate meeting was needed to make arrangements & a date was set for 24th March 2022 at 8pm. Mike Canham agreed to attend. Clerk to book the hall.

Otterford to do Friday & Buckland will do Saturday.

Overall cost will be a 50/50 split between both Parish Councils

Friday afternoon – Cream Tea at Otterford, Quiz & a Whole Village Portrait

Conventional Beacon at Otterford Playing Fields on Thursday, they decided not to have the Bonfire in order that the Field doesn't get messed up.

Buckland will be showing the millennium photos & possibly previous jubilee pictures which in the marquee.

The use of facebook was brought up as a way of advertising events.

Fete – The following ideas were discussed Laser Clay shoot, Dog Show, Jazz Band, Bouncy Castle, Tractor Display, Skittles, Face Paint, Treasure Hunt, Jubilee Cup Cake Competition, Tug of War.

Neil to look into a climbing wall.

There needs to be proper clarification about what is free & what is paid for & an idea of numbers for the Hog Roast.

School to design a mug, these are at a cost between £2.50 - £3.00. All children 0-16 will get a mug. CBO & facebook to advertise this. It was also suggested the children do some artwork to display

3/22/8 Finance – accounts for payment

Outstanding accounts for payment were agreed –

Renewal of Vanished Lives domain - £18.19

Bank Mandate – The Parish Council agreed to delay changing this until after the forthcoming elections.

Vanished Lives Renewal – Clerk to forward email to Councillor Barton for actioning.

3/22/9 Elections

Nomination Packs were handed to all current councillors. The clerk has spare packs for any prospective New Councillors. Notice of Elections will be posted on Notice Boards on Monday 21st March and Nomination papers need to be hand delivered by one person if desired between 9.00am Monday 21st March and 4.00pm Tuesday 5th April 2022

3/22/10 Contingency plan for future prolonged outage of power

The Parish Council discussed the prolonged power outage in the village after Strom Eunice. Although this is something that doesn't happen on a regular basis, they discussed the use of the Village Hall should that still have power & the possibility of using a generator, although the issue of continual maintenance was brought up. It was decided to place a note in the CBO telling the Parish that should this happen again & assistance is needed people are to contact Parish Councillors who will be happy to help. It was also decided that it may be helpful to have a list of villagers that can generate power during such outages or that have gas who could aid other villagers during these times. Clerk to write a piece for the CBO

3/22/11 Local Heritage List

Having read the correspondence it was agreed by the Parish Council that there is nothing to add to this list within the village.

3/22/12 Correspondence

All correspondence had been circulated via email to Councillors.

3/22/13 Matters for report

Councillor Parsons reported that the No 99 bus route will remain unchanged until at least October 2022 after £150 million has been invested in local bus routes

Councillor Farmer brought up about Buckland Toddler Group. They are currently using Bishopswood Village Hall but are struggling to cover costs & would possibly like to move to Buckland Village Hall. He asked if the Parish Council would consider donating some funds whilst they are building numbers. The Parish Council agreed to look into supporting them not least in the hope of increasing numbers feeding into the school.

Councillor Barton stated that the key had disappeared from the Notice Board on Hare Lane. Councillor Every agreed to organise a bolt to be placed on there.

The Clerk raised on behalf of Councillor Spencer that her recycling bins hadn't been emptied along Castlemain. Councillor Aplin then added his hadn't been emptied either. District Councillor Kenton asked the clerk to email her details – this was actioned on Friday 4th March 2022.

3/22/14 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 7th April 2022, at 8.00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

K Every
Chair

S Coombe
Clerk

6th March 2022