

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BUCKLAND ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 9th June 2022 AT 8.00 PM

Present:

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

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

6/22/1 Apologies

An apology was received from Councillor Spencer

6/22/2 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Farmer declared in interest in Planning application 7(i)

6/22/3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6/22/4 Matters Arising

No matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

6/22/5 District/County Councillor and Avon & Somerset Constabulary reports

District & County Councillor M Wale gave the following report.

Planning decisions are being massively delayed within the District due to the phosphate problem. Matters are made worse with 3 planners leaving & subsequently replaced by agency planners in Scotland! County councillor meeting was held recently with 110 councillors in attendance. He also stated that an extraordinary meeting has been called by the admin team in order to ask for the Chief Exec's wages to be increased by 50k!!!

District Councillor J Kenton – No report sent

Avon and Somerset Constabulary - No report sent

6/22/6 Planning

(i)

Application No.	22/01429/FUL
Applicant	Mr Ian Farmer
Proposal	Erection of Livestock Building
Location	Newtown Farm, Newtown Road, Buckland St Mary, Somerset, TA20 3TF

The PC fully support the application.

(ii)

Application No.	22/01386/HOU
Applicant	Mr Brian Phillips & Sally Marker
Proposal	New porch for existing dwelling.
Location	Lower Blindmoor Farm, Milk Churns, Blindmoor Lane, Buckland St Mary, Somerset, TA20 3RD

The PC fully support the application.

(iii)

Application No.	22/01339/FUL
Applicant	Ms McAllister Young
Proposal	Conversion of Storage Barn to 1 No. Dwelling with associated works. (Amendment to Approval 20/01026/FUL).
Location	Middle Barton, Blindmoor Lane, Buckland St Mary, Somerset, TA20 3RD

The PC fully support the application.

6/22/7 Finance

(i) Sign of Internally Audited Accounts

The parish council agreed the internally audited Annual Accounts for April 2021-March 2022 and the following was carried out:

The Annual Internal Audit report was received & noted.

The Annual Governance Statement was approved.

The Accounting Statements were approved.

The Certificate of Exemption was approved.

Following approval, the Chair & RFO signed the Annual Governance Statement & the Chair signed the Accounting Statements. The RFO set the 13th June 2022 as the commencement date for the exercise of public rights & the Certificate of Exemption signed by the RFO & Chair. This will be emailed to the External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn prior to the date set above.

The clerk will publicise the following on the Parish Council Website:

Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements, Analysis of any significant year on year Variances, Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2022, Certificate of Exemption, Details of the arrangements for the Exercise of Public Rights which includes the Name & Address of the External Auditor.

(ii) Outstanding accounts for payment were agreed

000670 – £1183.00 - A Every for Reimbursement of Gravity Events Bar (Replaces Cancelled Cheque 000669)

000671 – £349.36 - S Coombe for Reimbursement of Payment to A J Gilbert Insurance

000672 - £1250.00 – S Coombe for Reimbursement of Payment to C Dare Hog Roast

000673 - Village Hall Hire - £40.55

000674 - Somerset Association of Local Councils Ltd – £265.75;

INV-0188 – 16 July 2021 – SALC Affiliation Fees - £149.75

INV-0762 – 16 May 2022 – Good Councillor Guides - £51.00

INV-0833 – 27 May 2022 – Councillor Essentials Part 1 x 2 - £50.00

INV-0930 – 6 June 2022 – Councillor Essentials Part 2 x 1 - £15.00

000676 – Councillor Barton – Reimbursement of cakes for Jubilee Hog Roast

000677 – J Farmer – Reimbursement for Bookers for Jubilee Hog Roast Supplies

000678 – G R Farmer & Sons – Haulage for Bar & Supply Diesel for Generator - Jubilee

Credit to Bank Account - £311 for Return of 3 Barrels – Re £1183.00 payment above

6/22/8 Website

Jon Mayled has unfortunately been unwell & although is now back at his desk he has agreed for the parish council to continue editing their own section of the website. The clerk has agreed to carry on editing the website with the possibility of Councillor Spencer having access to edit as well.

The possibility of a stand alone parish council website was discussed. There was concern over having 2 websites however it was thought both could link to the other. Other websites have a direct link to SSDC planning portal which was suggested was a good idea.

Clerk to get quotes to set up a new website.

6/22/9 Adoption of New Somerset Code of Conduct

All members unanimously agreed to adopt the new code of conduct.

6/22/10 Platinum Jubilee

The Chair took the opportunity to firstly apologise to the clerk for the issues regarding the payments for the Hog Roast & Bar & organising the float, he also thanked Rosanna for all her hard work.

Everyone agreed what an excellent day & evening it had been at the Fete & Hog Roast.

The Chair asked the clerk to write to Neal, his wife & son to thank him for all his work regarding the organisation of the jubilee celebrations & for all he did during his time on the council. The Chair also thanked Ian, Julie & the girls for all their hard work.

Rosanna summarised the report on the weekend from Mike Canham. It was agreed that a thank you letter should be sent to Mr & Mrs Norton for his kind hospitality. The parish council also wished to send out a thank you to all that had helped setting up, clearing down & helping on the day. Too many to mention individually but the council are extremely grateful for helping make it the success it was.

Money from the Fete was donated to the Beacon Centre & the profit from the bar of £653 went to Cancer Research.

6/22/11 Correspondence

No correspondence to circulate

6/22/12 Matters for report

Councillor Farmer reported that the glass has shattered in his noticeboard & said he would fix it asap.

Councillor Shaylor stated that he's reported the poor state of the road as you approach the A303 from Little Hill. He also stated he's happy to attend meetings regarding the A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualing Scheme, Climate Emergency & Bus consultations to report back to the council.

It was also noted that there had been an issue with the 99 bus dropping into the village with the road closure.

Councillor Marshall raised a point about the Houses at Rookery Rise still looking in decline. Clerk to write to Hascoe housing association to query as it's believed they were going to begin in the spring of 2022.

Councillor Barton requested the clerk make a 2nd report re the Pot holes on the crossroads Moorseek Lane at TA20 3QE & she also reminded everyone to earmark children within the village that are eligible for the Jubilee Mug.

Councillor Every asked Councillor Shaylor to report the Blocked drain on brooms lane just below St Mary's, at the same time as he is reporting issues.

6/22/13 Date and time of next meeting

The next parish council meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 7th July 2022, at 8.00pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.57pm.

K Every
Chair

S Coombe
Clerk

11th Jun 2022