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Public Session

The Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Buckland St Mary Parish Council held at The Village Hall on Thursday 13th June 2024 when the following business was conducted.

Members Present

Councillors N Parsons (Chair), R Barton, K Every, A Rich & I Farmer (Vice Chair).

In Attendance

Clerk, Mrs S Coombe, Councillor Kenton & 2 member of the public in attendance.

2024/15 To receive apologies for non-attendance

Apologies were received & accepted from Cllr Marshall, Cllr Spencer & Cllr Wale

2024/16 To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2024/17 To receive & approve the Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting on 9th May 2024

Minutes were received & approved by all councillors.

2024/18 Matters arising from the minutes

He Chair reported that he'd received a rebuild cost of £85,000 - £90,000 for the Well House from Cathedral Stone.

2024/19 **Somerset Councillor Kenton** reported that the planning department has very high volumes of work & are limiting external contact & responses for 2 weeks until 21st June 2024. There are also a lot of enforcement enquiries, whilst a breach of planning control is not a criminal offence & therefore will not generally result in immediate legal action but an investigation. Cllr Kenton also spoke about unauthorised tree work covered by TPO, unauthorised work on a listed building & & unauthorised advertisement displays.

Cllr Kenton explained about the Slinky Bus. Slinky is a door-to-door demand-responsive transport service funded by Somerset Council for people not served by or unable to access conventional transport. All the vehicles are accessible. The service can be used for various purposes including getting to local health appointments or exercise classes, visiting friends or family, going shopping or attending social events. You can also use the Slinky as a link to other forms of public transport. You will be eligible to use the Slinky bus if you do not have access to a public bus service, do not have your own transport or have a disability which means you are unable to access a public bus. The service is available to all eligible passengers which could include parents with young children, teenagers, students, the elderly, the retired and people with disabilities. If you are eligible you will first need to register as a member of the scheme. You must fill in a registration form and return it to the booking office before you use the service for the first time. You can then book a journey by contacting your booking office at least 24 hours before you want to travel. Trips can be booked up to two weeks in advance. **For journeys up to 3 miles a Single cost £2.50 & a Return £4 & For journeys over 3 miles a Single costs £3.50 & a Return is £5.** She also reported that the £2 Bus Fare has been extended to December 2024.

2024/20

Planning

(i)

Application No.	24/01206/FUL
Applicant	Barry & Cynthia Taylor
Proposal	Conversion of storage barn to 1 No dwelling with associated works
Location	Middle Barton, Blindmoor Lane, Buckland St Mary, Chard, TA20 3RD

Decision: No objections

2024/21

AGAR

- (i) Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement was approved & signed.
- (ii) Section 2 – Accounting Statement was approved & signed.
- (iii) Certificate of Exemption was approved & signed.
- (iv) Notice of Public Rights & Publication of AGAR set at 27/6/24 & ending on 5/8/24.

2024/22

Finance - The following payments were approved:

- Gallagher Insurance £425.53
- BSM Village Hall Hire – May 24 £16.40
- Clerks Pay – May £424.94
- Clerks Expenses - May £45.40
- HMRC PAYE – May £61.00

2024/23

Fixed Asset Register

The fixed Asset Register was approved & signed accordingly.

2024/24

Correspondence

All correspondence circulated via email.

2024/25

Parish Matters for report

The clerk reported that she had received the official portrait of King Charles, Cllr Farmer agreed to pass to the village hall committee.

The clerk also reported that she would be sending the official government email addresses to all councillors in due course.

2024/26 There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.50pm. Due to the General Election the next meeting will now take place on Thursday 8th August 2024.

N Parsons - Chair

S Coombe – Clerk

8th August 2024