

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 6TH JANUARY 2022 AT 8.00 PM

Present:

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

D Spencer

In attendance: District Councillor J Kenton; Mrs V Moore, Clerk

1/22/1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

1/22/2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1/22/3 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 4th November 2021 and the Planning meeting held on 2nd December 2021 were both agreed as correct records and signed by the Chair.

1/22/4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

1/22/5 District Councillor and Avon & Somerset Constabulary reports

District Councillor Kenton reported that there was a walk-in Covid vaccine centre in the Guildhall, Chard, being run by three doctors' surgeries.

Somerset Waste Partnership had a back-log of collections because of Christmas and Covid sickness, and this would likely last a week.

SSDC were trialling a thermal imaging camera which could be used to see where heat leakage was coming from in houses.

Avon and Somerset Constabulary sent a written report. There had been 65 calls in the past month to the Police for the Chard Rural Beat (all the villages around Chard) and of these, 11 related to the Buckland St Mary area, 10 of which were road related on the A 303.

Everyone was reminded to remain vigilant and for anything suspicious, please to report via 1012 or 999 if appropriate.

Anyone wishing to join Farmwatch or Horsewatch to get in touch via 101 or by calling PCSO Allington on his work mobile 07889 659252.

1/22/6 Platinum Jubilee – 2nd and 3rd June 2022

Councillor Barton circulated a draft Programme for events to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, drawn up in conjunction with Otterford Parish Council.

Activities to be held in Buckland St Mary were:

Exhibition 'Parishioners and their Homes' at the Millenium – to be held before the holiday weekend.
Parish Mug – designed by school children at Buckland St Mary Primary School

Saturday 4th June

Afternoon - Summer Fete at Buckland House
Evening – Fete and Hog Roast at Buckland House

Sunday 5th June
Church Service at St Mary's, Buckland St Mary.

Councillor Barton suggested that there could be some music played during the Summer Fete and Councillor Parsons would organise.

The Clerk had received a letter from the Pageantmaster of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons, encouraging all Councils to take part by lighting a beacon on the evening of 2nd June as a community tribute to the Queen.

1/22/7 Finance – accounts for payment

(i) To agree the Parish Council budget and Precept for 2022/23

Councillors discussed the draft budget for 2022/23 and it was unanimously agreed that the Precept request should be raised by £200 to £9,000.

(ii) Outstanding accounts for payment were agreed –

Councillor Marshall – reimbursement for mince pies etc for Christmas lights switch on - £20
MJP Bookkeeping – internal audit £31.80
S137 BSM Cricket Club - £100
S137 Broadway & Ilton Scouts - £100
S137 Bishopswood Short Mat Bowls - £100
S137 FOBS - £300
HMRC PAYE January 2022 - £65.88
CBO News subscription - £30

1/22/8 Vacancy for Clerk/RFO for Buckland St Mary PC

The Clerk had decided to retire and would leave at the end of February 2022. Her post had been advertised and it was hoped to hold interviews shortly.

1/22/9 Correspondence

All correspondence had been emailed to Councillors.

1/22/10 Matters for report

Councillor Spencer reported that the Defibrillator sign at the school needed replacing.

The Clerk was asked to check when the grit bins were going to be refilled.

Fly tipping had been reported between Halswell Farm and Buckland Farm and the Clerk would report.

The drain was blocked by the Old Post Office and the Clerk would report.

The Chair thanked Councillors Marshall and Spencer for all their hard work enabling the switching on of the Christmas lights, and for brightening up the village.

The Chair was also thanked for the ringing of the church bells at the switching on of the lights.

1/22/11 Date and time of next meeting

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

K Every
Chair

V Moore
Clerk

9th January 2022