

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
OF BUCKLAND BREWER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 2016 AT 7:30 AT
BUCKLAND BREWER SCHOOL**

Members Present: Mrs Barbara Babb, Miss Rosie Beer, Mrs Maris Douglas, Mr Andrew Hewitt, Mr George Heywood, Mr Jim Lowe, Mr Trevor Mills, Mrs Shirley Tilley and Mr David Watson.

Also in attendance 3 members of the public and PCSO Liz Rendle

Parish Clerk: Not present (minutes were taken by Cllr Barbara Babb)

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223. **Apologies for Absence** Clerk, Patrick Blossie and Cllr Alison Boyle

224. **Minutes of the Meetings of the Parish Council held on 10th and 24th February 2016:** The minutes of the meetings held on 10th and 24th February 2016 were confirmed and signed.

225. **Declarations of Interest** None

226. **Public Participation** PCSO Liz Rendle gave a brief crime report. Here had been one crime reported recently involving the slashing of car tyres. Liz also recommended that parishioners should be extra vigilant about sheds and outhouses as there had been an increase in break-ins of this type recently. Shirley Tilley had reported a van that had been parked in Gorwood Road for 4 days but the police had not responded when she called 101. Liz provided Shirley with an alternative email address that was connected to 101.

227. **Parish Council Representation on the Village Hall Committee** Marie Douglas agreed to continue as the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee and understood that this involved becoming a trustee of the Village Hall Charity.

228. **Clerk's Report:**

- a. **Correspondence:** The Clerk was not present. Jim Lowe suggested that the consultation paper that had been distributed concerning the Draft Local Plan should be deferred to a special meeting on 23rd March 2016 but also suggested that Buckland Brewer's Wind Turbine policy should remain unchanged.
- b. **Renewal of TTVS Subscription:** **It was agreed unanimously to renew the subscription to TTVS.** (Increased from £10 to £25 per year)

229. **Funding for the North Devon Record Office:** An outline management plan had been received from Barnstaple Town Council setting out how the North Devon Record Office would be administered and funded in future. The Clerk had already responded to say that the Parish Council had established an annual budget of £200 as its contribution to the running costs. **Approval was proposed by Andrew Hewitt, seconded by Jim Lowe and agreed unanimously.**

230. **Queen's Birthday Celebrations: Temporary Events Notices:** Jane Lowe had written to the Parish Council asking for recognition that she is the approved representative of the Parish Council in respect of the Temporary Event Notice for the Queen's Birthday Celebrations and that the event would be covered

by the Council's public liability insurance. This had been confirmed by the Clerk prior to the meeting. **It was proposed by George Heywood, seconded by David Watson and approved unanimously that Jane's role for this event was recognised.**

231. Review of Parish Plan/Emergency Plan:

- a. Progress report from Working Group Jim Lowe has nearly completed a revised contacts list. No further work will be done once this is completed as a full review of the plan will be done in 2017.
- b. Grant applications for flood and community resilience schemes Barbara Babb had not heard any news about the grant application and will ask **the Clerk to chase it up.**
- c. Community Helipad/DAAT Nothing to report

232. Fields and Allotments:

- a. Blackhorse Fields: Invitations to Tender Deferred in the Clerk's absence
- b. Thornhillhead Moor Mast: Following the request from Arqiva for permission to install new equipment on the mast, they had now made an offer of a one-off payment of £1,000. Members felt that this was not sufficient and therefore refused their permission at this stage and asked for the matter to be referred for the Council's land agent, Robert Hicks & Co. Members noted that Arqiva had offered to meet any legal and professional fees.

233. Members' Reports

Andrew Hewitt (i) talked about government policy in relation to Social housing/ housing Association houses re the decision to allow tenants to buy them after 5 years. (ii) He said that a review of District Council ward boundaries was planned and that, as many parish council seats are difficult to fill, it could result in the amalgamation of some parishes. (iii) Reminded members of the forthcoming DALC Highways Event that he will be attending.

David Watson said that the defibrillator training events had taken place but that they were not very well attended.

Barbara Babb suggested that further training could be organised through the WI in September and **she will contact Julia Landolfi.**

Jim Lowe (i) asked about the devolution plans for Devon and Somerset. Andrew Hewitt felt that the business plan being put forward at the moment had been too hastily put together and, at this stage, were at too high a level to be relevant to the parish council. (ii) Alex Dziurzynski, one of the village hall trustees, had telephoned him earlier in the week, and asked if he (Cllr Lowe) could speak to TDC Planning Department about the ongoing problems relating to the 'Discharge of Conditions' on the 'S106 agreement' which was being handled by RGP Architects to help move the project along. Cllr. Lowe questioned RGP's involvement in the process. Cllr Lowe then contacted the Planning Officer, Sarah May, who asked if the Parish Council could e-mail her and let her have the details of the PC's plans and proposals re the enclosing/fencing of both the amenity/sports field and the multi-use/school play area. (iii) He asked whether work could be started on the fence for the 'school field'. Trevor said that work would start as soon as the weather improved.

George Heywood pointed out that it was lambing season and asked for parishioners to ensure that dogs were kept on leads and to be wormed and inoculated. He also reported a blocked manhole in Thorne Lane.

Shirley Tilley said that the Post Office van now parks in an inconvenient place and asked if it could be moved further back down the road and away from the point where the road narrows to one lane. **The Clerk will follow make enquiries.** Andrew Hewitt suggested that a box should be painted on the road where we would like the van to park.

Maria Douglas said that she thought that the Goutisland Barn planning application that had been supported at the last parish council meeting was the same barn that the council had objected to at the meeting on 27th January 2016. **The Clerk was asked to check the applications.**

- a. **Planning**
- b. **Application: 1/0125/2016/AGMB: Woodwall, Frithelstock, Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to No1 dwelling under Class Q (a)** It was proposed by Andrew Hewitt, seconded by David Watson and agreed unanimously to support the application
- c. **Charitable Trust** Deferred to next meeting

234. Accounts: Deferred in the absence of the Clerk

Date of Next Meeting:

Parish Council: Wednesday 23rd March 2016 (Buckland Brewer School, 7:00pm)

Parish Council: Wednesday 13th April 2016 (Buckland Brewer School, 7:30pm)

Chairman: **Date:**