BUCKLAND FILLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Buckland Filleigh Village Hall
Thursday 9th January 2020, 7.35pm

Present- Adrian Pett (Chair) Tom Bond (Vic Chair) Dave Balsdon, John Salter, Selina Woollacott (Clerk) Councillor Andrew Saywell.

1. Apologies - Alistair Nethacott. PCSO Melissa Baker

2. Declarations of interest - Tom Bond for section 6.3.

3. Open Session for members of the public to speak - None

4. Minutes of meeting held on 7th November 2019 and matters arising - Minutes checked and Signed by Chair Adrian Pett.

7.2 Moved to the beginning of the meeting so that Councillor Saywell could leave to attend Frithelstock Parish Council meeting. - Councillor Saywell met with Highways officers at the end of 2019 to discuss the work scheduled for the Parishes in his Division. Which is Torrington rural. At the meeting they discussed each Parish and a list of work was drawn up. The Dip is at the top of this list and all officers agreed that it should be at the top of the list. It is a big project but once complete should not need work completing on it for years to come. The design management team are currently working on the project. And it looks promising for the work to be completed this Summer.

Devon County Council is quiet at the moment. Budgets are currently being set.

There has been a new parking permit scheme introduced for care and health workers. The permit allow care and health workers to park safely when carrying out their duties at the homes of their clients. be allowed to park on yellow lines for up to an hour – but only if there is no other parking available, if they are making a home visit, the permit is clearly displayed and the vehicle is not causing an obstruction.

On Friday 10th January the Devon and Somerset Fire Authority are meeting, there is now only one station earmarked for closure. The Fire authority and also changing the payment scheme for firefighter so they will be paid for availability. In the future there will be locality based review and new sites maybe looked for when there are 2 stations close to each other. Eg Ashburton and Buckfastleigh.

5. Matters raised at the last meeting for inclusion in the agenda

5.1 Depth Gauge for the dip. - At the last meeting it was suggested a depth gauge be put up in the Dip to prevent people driving through the water when the Dip is flooded. Clerk asked Highways to provide a depth gauge they no longer provide them. Highways informed clerk if Parish Council put up a depth gauge if could end up being removed by highways contractors. Clerk looked into cost of depth gauge and there range from £80 - £120. Councillor discussed this is a lot of money for something that could end up being removed. The idea of making a gauge was suggested but then how and where to attach it was discussed. Plus if the gauge damaged a vehicle the parish council may be liable. From the information provided by Councillor Saywell (above) the parish councillor are hoping this will be the last winter of the dip flooding. It was agreed by all councillors not to put up a depth gauge.

5.2 Snow Warden Training - Clerk has been in contact with Sarah Campbell at Highways to get Tom Bond booked on a Snow Warden training course so he can train volunteers. Tom and Clerk have not heard anything from Sarah recently. Clerk to check Sarah has all Tom's contact details and try and get dates of when training is being held.

6. Finance

6.1. Bank Account Balance, - On 05.12.2019 the bank account balance was £9,351.65 all chq have cleared no outstanding payments.

6.2 Parish Precept - For tax year 2019/20 a Band D property paid £47.56 giving the Parish a Precept of £2,751

If Band D properties pay £47.56 for tax year 2020/21 the Precept will be £2,984.

Parish Councillors discussed the amount that is in the bank account and what may arise that the Parish council will need to pay for. The Councillors want to make sure there are funds to support local charities and organisations with Grants. The councillor agreed a small increase of 0.88%/ 42p pre Band D property. Increasing Band D property to £48. This give a precept of £3,010.56

6.3 Reimburses Tom Bond for the cost of the Pump/s - Tom has purchased a few different pumps over the years to try and keep the Dip from flooding. Tom has always paid for the pumps himself and has put a lot of time to keeping the Dip clear. Over the years the Parish Council has offered to pay for the pumps. As the pump Tom most recently purchased is larger and more powerful it cost a lot more than the previous pumps. The Parish Council are offering to pay for the pump. Tom is reluctant to be paid for the pump. The Parish Council have agreed they will pay for the pump the cost is £500. Tom to provide Clerk with a copy of the receipt for the pump. Clerk to then sort out a chq for Tom.

6.4 Chq for North Devon Record Office. £50 - This time last year the Parish Council agreed to Grant £50 to the North Devon Record Office, for the next 3 years. This is the second year. Chq signed.

7. Administration

7.1. Police matters- PCSO Report. - report sent to clerk, 0 offences, 1 Transport incident 01/11/2019 - 31/12/2019, Parish Councillors have asked if we can have more information on crimes and traffic incidents in Buckland Filleigh and surrounding area. Clerk to contact PCSO.

7.2 Report from Councillor A Saywell. - See above

7.3 Report from Councillor Wiseman - No Report

7.4 Torrington Area Advisory Group Meeting 26th Nov - Tom Bond was unable to attend the meeting. Clerk has read through the minutes and picked out parts that the parish council maybe interested in. At the last parish council meeting, Councillor Wiseman reported that Torridge District Council aim to be carbon neutral by 2030. At the TAAG meeting the question as to whether this was achievable was put to the Waste and Recycling Manager who stated that, that is the aim of the Authority and acknowledged that it is a challenging target.

Mick Harrison the Community Engagement officer for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner address the TAAG meeting about the launch of a new scheme to get better communication between the police and parish councils. Mick Harrison is happy to attend parish council meetings to explain the scheme.

8. Review of Planning Applications in Buckland Filleigh and adjoining parishes
None

9. Footpaths and Roads
9.1 Buckland House Dip update,Electric - Clerk wrote to Ralph Nicholson and he does not want anything towards the electric that the pump in the Dip is using. Clerk to look into if the Parish Council can send gifts to individuals. Clerk to look into the Highways Grant that Councillor Saywell told the Parish council about a few meetings ago.
9.2 Clerk to update council of what was discussed at Highways meeting. - On 15th November Clerk meet with Darryl Jagger from DCC Highways to discuss Doing What Matters project. See attached report of the meeting.
9.3 Footpath P3 - Clerk to complete P3 paperwork. The footpaths have been checked. Clerk to check with Alistair if there is any work needed on the footpath he was checking. Dave Bolsdon reported that there are broken steps on footpath 5 in the woods. Adrian reported that the gateway on footpath 5 on the road just along from the Glebe is very wet and muddy. Clerk to add these problems to the P3 request.

10. Correspondences,
10.1 Social Prescribing leaflet. - Clerk showed leaflet to parish council and explain that social prescribing is to help people have more control over their health and find ways to improve how they feel in a way that suits them.Studies show that patients with social prescriptions get better and feel better faster than those treated with medicine alone. Our local Social Prescriber is Kate Longthorne who works with Blake House Surgery, hatherleigh and holsworthy medical centres. The leaflet will be displayed on the notice board.

11. Matters for inclusion in the next meeting - Next meeting is the beginning of March, Clark Salary, layout of Agenda, and having a set time of the year for Grant applications.

Meeting Finished 9.00pm

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