BUCKLAND FILLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Buckland Filleigh Village Hall
Thursday 10th May 2018, 8.00pm

Present - Adrian Pett(chair) Tom Bond (Vice Chair) John Salter, Alistair Nethacott, Dave Balsdon. Selina Woollacott (Clerk) Two members of the public.

1. Apologies - Councillor Andrew Saywell, PCSO Melissa Baker.

2. Declarations of interest - Selina Woollacott (clerk) is an employee of Little Bears Pre School. John Salter's son attended Little Bears Pre School. Tom Bond no longer has an Interest as his son has left.

3. Open Session for members of the public to speak- Ben Kirk attended the meeting to discuss options and find out what is happening about the dip. The water which is being pumped out of the dip was going down over his field it is now going down the road. The drain goes under his field. Discussion about the dip will take place later in the meeting.

4. Minutes of meeting held on 8th March 2018 and matters arising - Minutes read by councillors all agreed they are correct, signed by Adrian Pett (chair)

5. Matters raised at the last meeting for inclusion in the agenda.- None

6. Finance

6.1. Bank Account Balance/ Cheques. Tap Funding and Hall Hire. - As of the 04.05.2018 the bank account balance is £11,306.42. First instalment of parish precept was paid in £1080.02 and Tap Funding Chq £139.00

Chqs to be signed for

TDC payroll £108

Village Hall hire £30

DALC membership £59.68

Tap Funding Grant to Holsworthy Rural Community Transport £139

Community First Insurance £227.47

6.2. Grants - Little Bears Pre School. - Little Bears Pre School would like a Grant to pay for a new sand pit. Adrian Pett proposed £150 like last year. Dave Balsdon second it. All councillor in agreement. Chq written out for Little Bears Pre School £150

7. Administration

7.1. Police matters- PCSO Report - Melissa unable to attend sent a report, No Crime or suspicious activity logged over the past 2 months.

7.2 Website. - Selina (clerk) has converted the Meeting minutes from January 2015 to present to PDF and emailed them to Tom Bond to put onto the website. Plus the end of year accounts for 2015/16 and 2016/17. Once 2017/18 are completed they will be scanned converted to PDF for Tom to put on the website. Tom needs to put them on the website.

7.3 Report from Councillor A Saywell. - Andrew unable to attend sent a report which was read out by clerk. Please see attached.

8. Review of Planning Applications in Buckland Filleigh and adjoining parishes

8.1 Ref 1/0144/2018/FUL Little Homeleigh, Extension. - Planning permission has been granted.

9. Footpaths and Roads

9.1 Footpath Gates update. - In the next month the stolen kissing gate at Humbury footpath should be replaced. And 2 new gates will be delivered to Mrs Nethacott at Chalhanger Farm to be install on the footpath which runs through the farm.

P3 Grant, the parish council has been granted £700 to carry out work on the footpaths. Funds have not been received yet.

9.2 Buckland House Dip update. - The water that is being pumped out of the drain in the dip is now going down the road. Tom Bond was able to do this with Pipe he had. Clerk contacted Liam at DCC highways at the end of April to find out what is happening. The responses was, DCC highways have inspected the drain but were unable to see much. Highways have decided to clean out the drain as much as they can, hoping that they can see more. And put a new grid cover over the drain. Highways will then monitor the drain to see if this solves the problem, if not they will look at the other options. For the drain to be cleaned out and cover fitted the road needs to be closed or have long delay notice. The minimum time scale for a road closure request is 3 months and the request was submitted at the end of April so no work will be carried out until end of July. Councillor are not happy with this outcome Clerk to Email Highways and engineers explaining that cleaning out the drain and putting a cover on will not work. Email to

include that highways are not working with the Parish council, re the inspection time, gutters not being cleaned out when requested, Looking at the photos and information Tom Bond has sent them. Clerk to write Letter to Geoffrey Cox to make him aware of the situation. Ben Kirk and Councillors discussed if there were any other options. Would the Parish Council be able to pay a local contractor to fix the drain. Would locals be able to set up a committee to fundraise to fix the drain. What is the likelihood of the road being closed for a long period of time. The flooring of the dip cuts the parish in half.

9.3 Snow Warden. - The position of Snow Warden was advertised in the Buckland Filleigh Magazines no one has come forward. Clerk to inform DCC we currently do not have a snow warden.

10. Correspondence - None

11. Matters for inclusion in the next Agenda - Missing cross road sign at sedgewell cross to be logged ASAP by clerk. New parish Map.

Meeting Finished at 9.15pm

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