BUCKLAND FILLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Buckland Filleigh Village Hall

Thursday 11th January 2018, 7:30pm

1. Apologies - None

2. Declarations of interest - None

3. Open Session for members of the public to speak- A large number of local people came along to the meeting to give ideas for short term solutions and hear what the plan is for the flooding in the dip by Buckland House. Item 9.2 was moved to the start of the meeting. Chair explained that the flooding of the dip has been reported a number of times and we were told by highways that it would be costed in the new financial year. Councillor Bond has sent photos to highways as he was able to go part way into the chamber. Councillor Saywell has been keeping uptodate with the communications with highways and the Engineering Design Team. Councillor Saywell met with a member of the engineering design team on monday 8th January. Councillor Saywell read out the emails he has from the EDT. - The issue is still under investigation and we are awaiting a reasonable period of weather to allow a member of the structures team with confined space training to enter the existing stone drain and investigate potential collapse and the feasibility of

our proposed solutions. This will allow us to formally recommend one of the solutions briefly explained below.

We currently have 4 proposed solutions based on a variety of information that has been acquired regarding the current condition of the drain.

-The two low cost solutions could be implemented if investigations reveal a simple stone drain layout with no irreparable damage which can be solved through thorough cleaning and, if required, chamber repair/re-enforcement. These solutions would be in the region of tens of thousands.

-The two high cost solutions are based on the drain being irreparable and the whole system requiring replacement. One of which is an open trench pipe replacement solution which would be high cost, largely disruptive to the local residents and adjacent land owners but of low risk in terms of its implementation. The current cost estimate for this is approximately £250,000. We are also investigating a more cutting edge approach using horizontal directional drilling which is estimated to cost £125,000, would likely take less time to complete, would be far less disruptive to adjacent land owners but is of high risk and requires significant pre-project investigation as the technology is very dependent on land conditions.

Cllr Saywell gave out the contact details for Liam at Highways liam.proctor@devon.gov.uk

01392 3831553

Member of the public spoke about his times on the phone logging the flood since 2016. Chair asked for order and asked if anyone had suggestions. A Different member of the public feels the amounts given in the email are too high and in his 20 years of working with drains etc he things it will be very unlikely the chamber and drain has collapsed. His Pump is currently in the drain and he would like to go in and have a look as he feels the work could be done for hundreds not thousands of pounds. The Parish Council take no responsibility for anyone going into the chamber/drain.

It was asked if the drain has been jetted from the other end Cllr Bond said it has been, but jetting can sometimes cause more problems as he things part of the pipe is plastic. Cllr Bond explained that the walls either side are getting damaged from the water sitting in the dip and when it is pushed up the wall when vehicles drive through it.

Member of the public asked about depth gauge - Highway say no as it make people think they can get through the water. It was asked about signs like at Dipper Mill this is not an option due to cost and the once at dipper mill still don't work properly.

Cllr Bond currently has a pump in the drain which is pumping the water out and down over the field. Landower of the field is happy for the water to be pumped over the field for another month, but after than they will need to start farming the field. Cllr Bond is hoping once the risk of icey weather has past he will be able to pump it along the road.

Cllr Saywell asked for contact numbers for Liam to use as the design team would like to get a person in the chamber as soon as it is dry. Cllr Bond to be the main point of contact.

Cllr Bond has been posting on facebook when the road is flooded. It has been asked that Adrian Thomas who send out the local newsletter by emails is is informed when the dip is flooded so we can email out to the parish.

4. Minutes of meeting held on 9th November 2017 and matters arising- Minutes checked and signed by the Chairman. (This was completed before the Dip was discussed)

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

5.1. Remembrance Wreath - The wreath is supplied each year we think by the royal british legion. And put in the church. Clerk could not find an invoice for 2016 and has not has an invoice for 2017. Member of the public at the meeting who receives the wreath is going to ask about an invoices.

6. Finance

6.1. Bank Account Balance/ Cheques - Balance £10,614.87 at 3.11.17 no chuques.

7. Administration

7.1. Police matters- PCSO Report - PSCO Baker sent report to clerk. No crime, 2 logs one road traffic collision and one suspicious vehicle.

7.2. Torrington Area Advisory Group - No Report. No Meeting

7.3 Report from Councillor A Saywell - The Torridge and rural division, has money allocated for repairing potholes and bad areas or road. Councillor Saywell would like to know which roads need repairs. Member of the public explain that he had logged a number of times how bad the road is between Brandis Junction and Eastwood Junction. Member of the public feel that nothing ever gets done. Councillor Saywell has noted this.

Councillor Saywell reported on his meeting earlier in the week at Torrington with Local Enterprise regional officer and that they had looked at the old milk factory at taddiport. This is all good profile raising for the area.

Councillor Saywell is a member of the Devon and Somerset Fire Authority and wanted to inform us that the rumor about the Torrington Fire Station closing is not true. There are no plans to close Fire Stations. A few in South Devon are being moved but none closing.

7.4 Tap Funding - Councillors are happy to join with Shebbear for the Tap funding and the money to be donated to Holsworthy Rural Community Transport. Clerk to complete forms with Shebbear's Clerk.

7.5 P3 Parish Paths Partnership Annual Finance Form - It was decided to put in a claim for the two gates which need replacing, which was discussed at the last meeting. And to see if a claim can be put in to stone wet parts of the footpaths. Clerk to complete the paperwork.

7.6 Parish Precepts 2018/19 - Last years Parish Precept was £2,610 estimated to be £43.65 per band D property per year.. Councillor agreed to increase to the amount given by Torridge

District Council to £2,751 which is estimated to be £46 per band D property per year. Clerk to send Form to TDC.

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

9. Footpaths and Roads

9.1 Footpath Gates update. - Ros Davies the clerk contact was meeting with the local warden this week with regards to the two gates. Clerk to follow it up.

9.2 Buckland House Dip. - Brought forward to the beginning of the meeting

10. Correspondence

10.1 North Devon and Torridge Local Plan - Clerk read out email regarding the additional hearing sessions which are to be held 16th -18th January at The Cedars Hotel , Barnstaple. The hearing is an open session for anyone to observe.

10.2 Feedback from meeting Clerk attended in November - Clerk explained a bit about the meeting she went to on the 14th November at Black Torrington and that she know has lots of documents and information to read on a usb stick. Clerk thanked the Parish Council for letting her attend the meeting.

11. Matters for inclusion in the next Agenda - Update on the Dip.

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