BUCKLAND FILLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Buckland Filleigh Village Hall
Thursday 10th January 2019, 7:40pm

Present. Adrian Pett (Chair), Tom Bond (Vic Chair), Alistair Nethacott, Dave Bolsdon, Selina Woollacott (Clerk) Councillor Andrew Saywell arrived at point 7. He had informed the clerk he would be late as attending another meeting.

1. Apologies - John Salter

2. Declarations of interest - None

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

4. Minutes of meetings held on 8th November 2018 and matters arising -
Minutes checked and signed by Chair Adrian Pett

5. Matters raised at the last meeting for inclusion in the agenda.
5.1 Scanning of Archive Paperwork.- Clerk has tried finding out if we should scan the Parish Council archive paperwork but has not received any answers. Ongoing.

6. Finance

6.1. Bank Account Balance - as of the 4th January 2019 the account has a balance of £10,913.97

6.2 Parish Precept 2019/20 - If the Parish Council Leave the council tax payments the same the Parish Council would receive £91 less than last year. Last year the Parish Council received £2,751. For the Parish Council to receive £2,751 for the year 2019/20 the Band D council Tax would need to increase by £1.58. It was decided and agreed by all Parish Councillors at the meeting to increase the Council Tax so that the parish council will receive the same amount as last year £2,751.00. Clerk to complete and send paperwork. Adrian Pett asked clerk to find out when the clerk salary is reviewed.

6.3 Funding for North Devon Record Office request. - Clerk read out letter from North Devon Record Office requesting donation pledges for the next three years. Alistair Nethacott suggested £50 per year, Dave Balsdon second the suggestion. All Councillors agreed to donate £50 per year to the Devon Record Office. Clerk to inform the Devon Record office and find out who to make the chq payable for next meeting.

7. Administration

7.1. Police matters- PCSO Report - No Report

7.2 Torrington Area Advisory Group - November meeting was cancelled

7.3 Report from Councillor A Saywell. - Andrew does not have any more info on the Dip at the moment after it flooded badly the weekend of the 7th Dec. When the Dip flooded the weekend of the 7th Dec the river at Black Torrington, Sheepwash and Dipper mill all flooded meaning getting to the main road to travel to Hatherleigh, Okehampton, Exeter was difficult. Andrew will speak to the Asset Management team. Highways has had extra funding from Government. Andrew is not sure if it can be used on drains it can be used on patching, resurfacing and surface dressing roads. Highways are looking to spend funds on bridges, A roads and minor rural roads.
The ditches in the Parish should be cleaned soon if the work has not already started.
Devon County Council will be budget setting over the next month. More on budgets at the next meeting. Devon County council overspend currently stands at 4.8 million. This is still a small overspend compared to other councils.
Clerk asked Andrew when he speaks to Asset Management to tell them that the flood water in the dip is causing damage to the walls and the road. 2 new pot holes since it flooded the weekend of the 7th Dec.

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

8.1 1/1252/2018/FUL Reinstatement of historic agricultural gateway to create access to land. - Clerk had sent out via email the above planning to all Parish Councillors. There were no objections to the planning from Parish Councillor. Clerk has commented on the planning application no objections from Parish Council.

9. Footpaths and Roads

9.1 Buckland House Dip update. - The Dip flooded badly the weekend of the 7th Dec due to the amount of rain and the pump stopped working. There are now 2 pumps in the drain. Which have been insulted by Tom Bond. Councillors asked Clerk to contact Highways and asked them to put up road flooded signs when the road is flooded not road closed signs. And the signs need to be at Sedgwell crossroads and horseshoe bridge junction. 6 cars were written off after driving into the water the weekend of the 7th Dec.

9.2 Footpath Checking update and P3 annual finance form - Since the last meeting Councillor have checked the footpaths, Tom checked path 3 and 4 John checked path 6, Alistair checked path 1 and 5, Dave checked path 2. There are no issues with any of the paths. A new sign is needed at the Hembury end of path 4. Clerk to organise a new sign and complete and return the P3 paperwork.

10. Correspondences

10.1 Thank you from Citizen Advice. - Clerk read out thank you letter from Citizen Advice as the Parish Council Granted them £400.

11. Matters for inclusion in the next Agenda - The two wooden notice boards on the village hall wall are starting to fall apart. Clerk to look at cost of plastic notice boards for the next meeting.

Councillors have asked if the clerk can turn the electric heaters on before the next meeting and if the electric heaters don't warm the room up enough then it will be discussed if fan heaters need to be purchased.

The bench which was put in the Church graveyard it 2014 to mark the anniversary of the 1st World War is falling apart. Dave Bolsdon think it is because it is not on a flat,level surface. Dave is going to see if he can repair the bench. Clerk to speak to the church and find out if the bench can be put on concrete slabs or a concrete base.

Meeting Finished at 8.38pm

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