

BUCKLAND AND CHIPPING PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting 210

Minutes of the Meeting of Buckland and Chipping Parish Council held on 6th July 2009 at 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Buckland.

Present: Councillors Mrs B.Little, D.Hall, J.Jones, Mrs M.Ling and J.Kenyon (Chairman).

Also in attendance: Mrs. J Jones (Clerk)
7 Members of the Public
District Councillor John Warren

210/1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were tendered by County Councillor Mrs Pitman and Councillor John Noades.

210/2 TO RECEIVE MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Jones .declared a personal interest in Item 9 -Payments, as his wife was a payee.

210/3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (NO 208) HELD ON 18TH MAY 2009 AND TO AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM.

Following a proposal from Councillor Mrs Ling, seconded by Councillor Jones and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (No 208) held on the 18th May 2009 are a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

210/4 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (NO 209) HELD ON 18TH MAY 2009 AND TO AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THEM AS A TRUE RECORD.

Following a proposal from Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Mrs Ling and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council (No 209) held on the 18th May 2009 are a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

210/5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the Buntingford Town Council Civic Reception, which had been a pleasant evening.

210/6 NEWSLETTER AND MATTERS ARISING.

Noted that the last issue had been good with a flyer advertising the Summer Event, there had been one small mistake.

Councillor Jones has details of a new advertiser.

The Clerk was asked to check when the current advertisers subscriptions run out.

210/7 TO DISCUSS ISSUES RELATING TO HERTS HIGHWAYS.

It was noted that several signs around the parish need attention, Councillors agreed to furnish the Clerk with details to facilitate reporting.

The Clerk was asked to remind the Parish Engineer of the request to extend the 40mph speed limit along the first part of the Barkway Road.

210/8

TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS RECEIVED.

Application for the re-development of the current golf practice range and adjacent field into a three hole golf academy and golf practice area using imported inert material at Barkway Park Golf Club, Nuthampstead Road, Barkway, Herts, SG8 8EN.

The Chairman explained that although we are not concerned with the application itself, there is real concern regarding the proposed route for HGV's, this is to the A10 via the Barkway Road.

Following a proposal from Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Mrs Ling with a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That this Council objects to the application on the following grounds:

- The narrowness of this unclassified road and the lack of suitable passing places.
- The environmental impact on the wildlife and the carbon emissions from 100 lorry movements per day.
- The poor road surface and the inadequate access to the road at the Barkway entrance.
- HGVs' travelling into Chipping down Chipping Hill at speed.
- The East Herts Landscape Character Assessment - Buckland Plateau states the area must be preserved and conserved.
- The East Herts Local Plan Second Review 2007 states the road hierarchy through Hertfordshire must direct HGV's to the primary Route (A10) via Main Distributor Roads (B1368).

210/9

TO APPROVE PAYMENTS.

06.07.2009	Ck 100353	£80.00	D Bowen grass and verge cutting.	OSA 1906 S10
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Following a proposal from Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Mrs Ling with a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That the payment listed above is passed for payment.

210/10

BUS SHELTERS CHIPPING AND BUCKLAND.

Noted that there is nothing further to report but concerns raised that the Chipping southbound site is not being maintained.

Noted that there has been some confusion over works to the base of the northbound Buckland shelter. The resident who had offered to undertake the works has made a start under the impression that he has been authorised to go ahead, this is not the case as it had been agreed to obtain a quotation and specification first.

Following a proposal from Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Mrs Little with a vote of 4 in favour and 1 against it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Hall speaks to the contractor to obtains a timing and ensures the works are undertaken.

209/11 SEWERS - UPDATE.

The Chairman reported that there has not been any recent blockages.

209/12 ADOPTION OF VILLAGE TELEPHONE KIOSKS - UPDATE.

Councillor Hall reported that he had received a Notice to Complete and the kiosks are now in the legal ownership of the Parish Council. It was agreed that Councillor Hall may re-paint the kiosks with the correct paint. The cost of power will be £30 per kiosk per annum and it was agreed to retain the power for the time being.

209/13 CREATION OF PARISH WEB SITE.

Councillor Jones reported that he had investigated various options for web sites, at this time his preferred option would cost £250 for development and £200 per annum for hosting. This is a basic web site with approximately seven pages. It was noted that a grant from HAPTC of £225 was held in the parish funds.

Following a proposal from Councillor Hall, seconded by Councillor Mrs Little and a unanimous vote it was

RESOLVED

That Councillor Jones pursues the options and recommends to the Parish Council for approval a suitable web site creator with a limit of £800, the balance after deducting the grant to be taken from General Reserves.

209/14 TO DISCUSS A SUMMER 2009 CONCERT IN THE PARISH CHURCH.

26th July 2009, St Andrew's Church.

No response yet to photography competition. It is intended to display the entries in the church and the judging will take place a few days before.

Councillor Jane Pitman has agreed to present the prizes.

There will be the usual barbeque, Skittles and a plant and book exchange stall.

The Organist will play, together with an acoustic guitarist and a jazz group. Also brass rubbings and escorted tours of the tower.

209/15 TO DISCUSS THE INSTALLATION OF VA SIGNS.

Councillor Hall stated that he had nothing to report.

209/16 TO RECEIVE MATTERS FOR REPORT AND REFERRAL TO THE NEXT AGENDA.

Councillor Jones stated that he had various issues to report with regard to the Parish footpaths.

The farmer has placed a gas gun very close to Bridleway 13 in Chipping, this is making the bridleway impassable and could be dangerous if horses are using the path.

The opposite Bridleway on the west side of Chipping is covered with builders rubble and is completely blocked where it meets the Sandon Road.

Footpath 5 Buckland - style is impassable.

It was agreed that Councillor Jones will contact the Rights of Way Department.

209/17 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE.

No correspondence.

- 209/18 TO CONSIDER NUMBER OF VERGE CUTS REQUIRED FOR REMIANDER OF YEAR 2009/2010.**
It was agreed that a further five cuts be authorised for 2009/2010.
- 209/19 APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK**
The Chairman explained that the current Clerk wished to hand over the reigns and to that effect Mr David Smith was interested in taking over the position.
Following a proposal from Councillor Kenyon, seconded by Councillor Hall with a unanimous vote it was
RESOLVED
That Mr David Smith be appointed Parish Clerk from 1.8.2009.
The Chairman thanked Mrs Jones for her efforts over the past few years and welcomed Mr Smith to the post.
- 209/20 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**
In response to a question from a member of the public, the Clerk was asked to write to the residents of no 8 The Square asking them to cutback the hedge in their garden that is overhanging the footway and causing site line problems when exiting The Square.

In response to a complaint from a member of the public, the Clerk was asked to obtain costings for "Please clear up after your dog" signs for Dawes Lane.

It was noted that one of the graves in the churchyard has been vandalized, it was agreed to mention this in the next newsletter.
- 209/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**
Monday 14th September 2009, St Andrew's Church 7.30pm.

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER : Monday 31st August 2009.

Meeting closed 9.22pm.