



Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 213 OF BUCKLAND AND CHIPPING PARISH COUNCIL.

Held at the Crown Public House Buntingford 2nd November 2009 at 8.00pm

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

Also in attendance: Mr D Smith Parish Clerk and 8 Members of the Public

213.1 Welcome.

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and eight members of the public.

213.2 To receive apologies for absence.

Councillor J Jones

213.3 To receive Members Declarations of Interest.

Councillor J Kenyon declared he was listed in Accounts payable to receive a cheque for the village bonfire.

213.4 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council No 212, held on 23rd September 2009 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a true record. Cllr Ling pointed out that the Square was in Buckland not Chipping. With this amendment, Agreed and duly signed.

213.5 To receive a report from The Chairman. The Chairman reported on an invitation to HCC Transport Planning and Policy Workshops. Councillor B Little to attend on 25th Nov.

It was Agreed to receive the Electoral Roll in Digital Form.

It was Agreed to apply for Community Grants for a Picnic Table for the area near the Pond close to Buckland Church Yard, for a replacement sign to Buckland Church and for Signs requesting for Dogs to be kept on leads and not to foul the Church Yard.

213.6 To receive a report on changes to the Bank Mandate: Any two Councillors and the Clerk to sign.

The required forms had been signed and dispatched to Barclays Signatories Change Unit.

213.7 To discuss issues relating to the newsletter.

Cllr J Noades requested a digital copy of the newsletter. The quality and content of the Newsletter were praised.

213.8 To discuss issues relating to Herts Highways.

The letter from Herts Highways was read and noted. It was agreed to write pointing out there was a precedent for moving the speed limit on Barkway Road. The speed limit had been moved on Whitley Lane following the injuries to a child. Children lived along the Barkway Road. It was further agreed to write asking for permission to erect a South Bound bus shelter on Highway's land in Chipping.

213.9 To consider planning applications received, progress reports & decisions. The reasons for refusal of the Barkway Golf Course Application were discussed. It was noted transport of material to the site was not one of the reasons for refusal. The applicants have six months from 20th of October to appeal. The lessons learnt from the successful campaign were discussed. Although we had no speaking slot at the Planning Meeting our points were made by other Parish Councils. Cllr Little to keep in touch with Barkway Council on the issue. The Clerk to investigate the setting up of a further "ring" of Parish Clerks north of Buntingford.

213.10 To approve payments.

£245.62	Clerk's Salary	
£114.08	J Jones	Summer Event
£227.65	Bowen	Grass and furniture maintenance
£50.00	J Kenyon	Fireworks

The above Payments were approved.

213.11 To discuss the "Speak up for Hertfordshire" Campaign
Agreed to respond highlighting the Councils concerns on Transport, Environment including Water and Sewerage, Education and the potential shortage of Medical facilities.

213.12 To discuss the Draft Budget for 2010/2011
It was agreed to split the "Reserve" cost centre into Reserve and Village events. Proposed by Cllr Noakes, seconded Cllr Hall the so modified budget be accepted. Carried.

213.13 To discuss the Clerk's Job Description
The Chairman reported he had taken advice on the adding of the duty to promote Health and Safety, Equality and Diversity to the Clerks job description. Agreed these be an aspiration of the Council. Agreed to revisit the Aims and Aspirations of the Council and the portfolios of the Councillors at the next meeting.
Agreed to accept the Clerks Job Description tabled at the last meeting.

213.14 To receive an update on the Bus Shelters in Buckland and Chipping
Cllr Hall reported Ray Willis will put a ramp to remove the step from Northbound Buckland Shelter. Agreed to ask the Conservation Soc to landscape the areas around the bus shelters. Cllrs Ling and Hall had washed the bus shelters in their village. Clerk to investigate if an agency would take responsibility for this.

213.15 To receive an update on village sewers
The Chairman reported water rising outside the Old Chapel. He had reported this to the Water and Sewerage Companies.

213.16 To receive an update on the village telephone kiosks
Cllr Hall reported a pane of glass was broken in Buckland's. Council was reminded there was a plaque to install to Jean Zabel

213.17 To discuss issues relating to the Parish Web Site
Clerk reported Cllr Jones said he was expecting to be online by Christmas.

213.18 To discuss the Village Bonfire October 2009 Cllr Ling proposed a Vote of Thanks and a letter to be sent to the Committee. Agreed.
It was thought 100/120 villagers attended. It was reported a small surplus from the sale of food would be retained for the Summer Event.

213.19 To receive matters for report and or referral to next agenda
Cllr Hall brought up the possibility of VA signs also the use of speed checking by police and members of the Council. Agreed the Clerk to contact the local police and invite to address our next meeting on policing and traffic issues.

213.20 To note correspondence received.
The Clerk reported on Herts Council Leaders web questionnaire on spending priorities. An update on the Local Development Framework was given.
A letter from the County organizer of the Parish Paths Partnership was read.
Agreed to invite, via the newsletter, interested members of the public to a meeting to discuss forming a Parish group to monitor the Parish Footpaths.
Agreed Cllr Noades would represent the Council at Buntingford's Remembrance Service. Cllr Ling suggested the Council wreath be brought to the Church for blessing and placing on the Roll of Honour at the next service.

213.21 To invite Members of the Public to address the meeting
The issue of speeding through and between the villages was raised. See minute 213.19
Dog fouling in the Church Yard is continuing. Cllr Ling to again raise the matter in the newsletter.

213.22 To agree date of next meeting
Agreed Monday 11th January at 8.00pm in the Crown Inn Buntingford.

The Chairman wished everyone an early "Merry Christmas" and closed the meeting at 9.30.