



# **Buckland & Chipping Parish Council**

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## **MINUTES OF THE BUCKLAND AND CHIPPING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2018**

**held on Monday 14th May at St Andrew's Church, Buckland at 7pm**

**Present:** Councillors Teresa Harrington, Jeff Jones, Jeff Kenyon, and 13 other members of the public.

Clerk: Colin Marks, Clerk to Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

Cllr Jeff Kenyon, being Chairman of the Parish Council and present, presided.

**1 Apologies for absence:** None

**2 Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting, 8th May 2017**

Following a proposal and second, parishioners present unanimously **RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May 2017 were a true and accurate record.**

The Chairman signed the Minutes

**3 The Parish Council Chairman's report for 2017/18**

Cllr Jeff Kenyon presented the following report:

The Parish Council held six Ordinary Meetings during the year; the summer ones in Buckland Church and in the winter, at The Manor House in Buntingford.

The Summer Event in June was a great success with a Barn Dance, ferret racing and hog roast. The annual bonfire and fireworks night in November was again very successful and well attended.

I was honoured to represent the villages at the Buntingford War Memorial Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

The restoration of the Buckland Water Wheel was completed during the year and the Parish Council is now in the process of registering the small parcel of land on which it stands to further preserve it for the community.

The Parish Council continues to produce a bi-monthly Newsletter that is delivered to every household. Contributions are always welcome.

There are currently two vacancies on the Parish Council that are needed to be filled by co-option. It is important to do this so to ensure that meetings are quorate. Anyone interested, please apply!

My thanks go to my fellow councillors, Jason Noy, Teresa Harrington and Jeff Jones for their support during the year, and finally my personal thanks to our Parish Clerk, Colin Marks, for all his advice and help.

*Cllr Jeff Kenyon, Chairman of Buckland & Chipping Parish Council*

**4 Future village events**

1. Summer event: This is currently being planned and will probably be at the end of June and similar to last year's event. More information to follow and flyers will be sent out once arrangements are finalised.
2. Autumn event: The annual bonfire/fireworks/BBQ being planned for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November on Buckland Common. Full details will be published nearer the time.  
The PC would welcome anyone who is willing and able to help with these events.

**5 Questions from members of the electorate**

- The issue was raised about the Church Conservation Trust (CCT) not approving the replacement grille that the PC had commissioned for the church floor, leaving only a piece of wood filling the space where a metal grille should be – which is very unsatisfactory.
- A parishioner raised concerns about the state of the footways between Rectory Close and Barkway Road, and between Buckland and Chipping. It was noted that the maintenance of footways is the responsibility of Herts Highways and therefore outside the Parish Council's province.
- Maintenance of Buckland Pond was discussed; the PC is considering forming a working party later in the year, for which volunteers will be welcome.

There being no further questions, Cllr Kenyon thanked everyone for attending, invited them to remain for the Parish Council's Annual Meeting which was following immediately, and closed the Annual parish Meeting at 7.12pm.

Signed.....Date.....

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