

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
OF BUCKLAND BREWER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11th JULY 2018 AT 7:30 AT
PARISH CHURCH SCHOOL ROOM**

Members Present: Mrs Barbara Babb, Mrs Marie Douglas, Mrs Elisa Hurley, Mr Trevor Mills, Mrs Rosemary Sanders and Mr David Watson.

Also in attendance 3 members of the public

Parish Clerk: Mr P Blossie

KEY: Actions are shown in bold blue type Decisions are shown in bold red type

729. Apologies for Absence Jim Lowe and George Heywood. Andrew Hewitt was also not in attendance. **It was agreed that this meeting would discuss only those matters requiring immediate attention and that everything else would be deferred to a later meeting.**

730. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th June 2018 The minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2018 were agreed and signed.

731. Declarations of Interest Barbara Babb in respect of item 744.b (Southwood Meadows), and David Watson in respect of item 736 (Community Shop Grant) and item 744.d (Planning Application at 7 Greenings Road)

732. Public Participation Yvonne Eliot said that she had written to Cllr Bob Hicks and Cllr Barry Parsons about her objections to the Southwood Meadows development, as advised by the Parish Council, but was disappointed that she'd had no response from Mr Hicks, and Mr Parsons had only forwarded her letter to the officer she'd had dealings with before in the Highways Department, and who gave her the same response. She talked about the service strips that run between the road and the residents' properties and contended that her property does not have one, despite Highways view that she does. Yvonne also mentioned that a suggestion had been made that there could be a road link between the Orleigh Close and Southwood Meadows developments. She had spoken to the owner of the Orleigh Close land who had said that no-one had approached him about it so far.

733. Clerk's Report Item deferred to a later meeting

734. Fields and Allotments

- a. Report of the Fields and Allotments Sub-Committee, 2nd July 2018: Item deferred to a later meeting
- b. Water Supply at Blackhorse Fields: The Clerk had been contacted by South West Water and a bill has been received for just over £200 for standing charges for a water supply previously installed and used by the Football Club. **Members approved the payment** and noted that water usage would be charged at £1.9548 per cubic metre, but deferred discussion about the future use of the supply until a later meeting.
- c. Works to Community and School Fields, Progress Report (Trevor Mills) Trevor reported that the fencing and gates for the school field will be finished next Monday (weather permitting), and asked for volunteers to help on that day. He had hired some machinery from SEL Clarke as it had not been possible for Jewsons to supply what he needed.

- d. Dogs on the Amenity Field: Village Fete Dog Show: Concern had been expressed about holding a dog show on the amenity field as part of the Summer Fete when the Council has banned dog walkers from the field and has requested a PSPO. The Clerk had contacted Torridge Council's Legal Team and Monitoring Officer to discuss the issue and has confirmed that there will be no problem if the dog show goes ahead with the Parish Council's permission and if suitable notices are posted requesting dogs to be kept on leads at all times and for owners to clear up any dog mess immediately. There is a dog bin outside the main gate. **Members granted permission unanimously.**
- e. Purchase of 5-a-side goal posts for the amenity field: The Vice-Chair's action in purchasing goalposts at a cost of £211.59 + VAT for the field in readiness for the Summer Fete was approved. The posts will be left in-situ after the fete.
- f. Future Maintenance of the Amenity Field and Surrounding Paths: Deferred
- g. School Field Rental Agreement and Proposed Amendment to Covenant: Members approved the payment of £500 + VAT for solicitors' fees in respect of the amendments to the covenant.

735. Village Hall Update, Marie Douglas: Deferred

736. Community Shop, Grant Application: The Clerk had received a letter from the shop asking for a contribution towards their electricity costs, supported by a set of accounts and a copy of their latest electricity bill. **A grant of £1,000 was approved unanimously.**

737. Trees at Glebe Fields and adjacent property: Deferred

738. Flashing Speed Signs and Wireless Monitoring Systems Deferred

739. Parish Plan, Progress Report (Steering Group Representatives): Deferred

740. Consultation: Proposed Merger of Devon and Cornwall Police with Dorset Police: Deferred

741. Consultation: Gambling Act: Deferred

742. Consultation: Library Services in Rural and Isolated Communities: Deferred

743. Members' Reports:

Marie Douglas agreed with Elisa Hurley's comments about possible sculptures for the trees at Glebe Fields. She also suggested that the Parish Council should consider providing play equipment in the new amenity field.

Elisa Hurley suggested that a local sculptor could be asked to provide feature for the trees at Glebe Fields when the tops are taken out of them. **The Clerk will investigate.** She also asked if more space could be provided on the parish notice-board for public notices. The Clerk felt this would be difficult as the minutes can often occupy most of the available space and that a second notice-board might be needed. **The item will be added to the next agenda.**

744. Planning

- a. Decision: 1/0339/2018/FUL, The Old Village Store, Part retrospective application for the erection of a storage building (Amended plans) - refused The applicant has informed the Clerk that he intends to appeal.
- b. Southwood Meadows Development: To discuss a suggested road link to the Orleigh Close proposed development No action, see item 732

- c. Application: 1/0634/2018/REM, Land to West of Tower Hill, Reserved matters application (appearance and landscaping) for 5 dwellings, pursuant to outline application 1/0784/2016/OUT (Affecting Public Right of Way) Members noted the objections of the Highways Department relating to the back-fall drainage that would prevent the road from being adopted by the County Council and the visibility splays were insufficient. **Members agreed unanimously, except for one abstention, to object on these grounds.**
- d. Application: 1/0644/2018/FUL, 7 Greenings Rd, Proposed dwelling **Supported unanimously**
- e. Consultation re Draft Local Plan: Policy BBR04, Land West of Tower Hill It was pointed out that this consultation was a natural consequence of the Inspectors request for the figure of 10 properties in the draft local plan to be reduced to 5 as outline planning approval had already been granted for the lower number. Members had no comment to make.

745. Accounts

a. Receipts and Payments

I. Bank balances as at 29th June 2018 (£51,597.45):

1. Parish Council Current Account was £13,010.52
2. Thornhillhead Moor Account was £4,443.84
3. Savings Account was £34,143.09

II. Fund balances as at 29th June 2018 (£51,597.45):

1. General Account - £27,153.61
2. Thornhill Head Account - £24,443.84

III. Payments due (£3,757.53 + VAT)

The following list of payments was approved:

1. Parish Clerk's salary, expenses and associated PAYE (June 2018): £426.92, including PAYE - £79.00
2. S W Water, Standing Charges, Blackhorse Fields - £201.40
3. Slee Blackwell, Solicitors Fees re School Field Covenant - £500.00 + VAT
4. D I Bridgman, Sileage Sheets - £78.45 + VAT
5. Brenda Mills, goal posts - £211.59 + VAT
6. T R & B K Mills, fences, gates etc. - £1,339.17 + VAT
7. Buckland Brewer Shop, Grant - £1,000.00

IV. Receipts (£457.79)

1. VAT Reimbursement - £457.79 (A cheque for £76.00 was raised to transfer part of this reimbursement to the Thornhillhead Moor account)

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:55 pm

Dates of Future Meetings:

Parish Council – Wednesday 8th August 2018, 7:30pm, Parish Church School Room

Signed as a true record:

Chairman: Date: