

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Buckland**  
**held in Buckland Village Hall**  
**on Monday, 9th May, 2022 at 6.30 pm**

Present:-

Cllr N Hayward (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs Gillingham

Cllr Mrs F Livingston

Cllr Mrs C Paternoster

Clerk: Mrs Fiona Richardson

4 members of the public

**1: Chairman's introduction to the meeting / Apologies for Absence**

The Chairman welcomed the attendees

**Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Mr Jon Sainsbury

**2: Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2021**

The minutes from the meeting held on 10 May, 2021 were agreed and signed

**3: Chairman's report for the year 2021/22**

The Chairman opened by acknowledging that the Parish Council's efforts over the last year have been outstanding, the Cllrs and the Clerk have worked hard and have been dedicated in working for the benefit of the village. Buckland Parish council office has moved, this enables ease of access to the Parish Clerk and a base for the Council. The revamped website and updating of systems, ongoing, is providing resilience and transparency.

Arla and Olleco, members of the Council are attending meetings, have consulted legal, and are continuing to raise objections and prevent the expansion.

The new neighbourhood plan will secure the village as it is for a considerable amount of time. Please vote to support the plan. Further details to follow over the next months.

The Chairman acknowledged that the Nicholls family have been incredibly supportive in helping with local issues.

Information about Buckland Nature Reserve will be displayed at the Buckland Jubilee event with the opportunity for parishioners to plant trees as part of the Queens Green Canopy.

The Chairman recognised the Parish's Councils resilience during Covid and that all targets and deadlines were met.

**4: Presentation of Accounts**

The Clerk to the Council, Mrs Fiona Richardson, presented the unaudited accounts. The figures were showing that the final figures were in line with the proposed budget for 2021/22. The accounts have been audited and spending has been kept within requirements. The Clerk was thanked for her work on these.

## **5. BOST**

£15978.98 in bank accounts

Over covid, 6k transferred from bank accounts to pay bills and a grant of 8k was received to cover extra costs.

Due to the Covid Lockdown, the Trust had kept going through the rental from the cottage. Bookings are starting to pick back up with regulars returning slowly with some exceptions.

All windows to the house will need replacing in the next year but access is currently difficult. Roof tiles to be replaced on the village hall and it will need painting inside and out. Hive heating management is going to be installed and it was requested and agreed that subject to connectivity BPC Wi-Fi will be used.

## **6. Any other business**

The Clerk was thanked by a member of the public for putting up notices on the notice board. A member of the public thanked the Council for their hard work.

Thanks was given to the Parish Council on behalf of All Saint's Church for the caretaking of the graveyard.

A discussion took place about the Community Orchard in Lower Buckland and more information will be available at the Jubilee Event in Buckland Village Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

The monument in burial ground was discussed and it was noted that the remains found in the village will to be buried on the 750-year anniversary of the church on 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

A charity cricket match will take place on the 12th August Buckland v Willstone at Long Marston Cricket Ground.

Cllr Mrs Paternoster thanked Cllr Hayward for all the work he has done over the past year and the Clerk for all her hard work.

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting a 7.00pm.

The date of the next Annual Parish Meeting is 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023