

## Buckland Monachorum Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **BUCKLAND MONACHORUM PARISH COUNCIL** held on **WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021** at **7.30pm** at **Buckland Monachorum Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr S Woollacott (SW), M Sheridan (MS), G Baird (GB), K Cornthwaite (KC), R Cheadle (RC) A Cunningham, A West (AW) and R Houston (RH)

**In Attendance:** Katharine Griffiths (Parish Clerk), 4 members of the public

<b>403/21</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs S Challis, M Fowler, DCC Cllr P Sanders <b>To note the resignation of Cllr Bolitho.</b> The resignation of Cllr Bolitho was accepted, much thanks was given for her time on the council.</p>
<b>404/21</b>	<p><b>Declaration of Interests</b> Cllr Sheridan declared a personal interest in item 10.(411/21 below) Other than what is on the register.</p>
<b>405/21</b>	<p><b>To consider and approve the minutes, of the following meetings:</b> <b>4.1. The full parish council meeting on 23rd November 2021</b> <b>4.2. Planning meeting of 23rd November 2021</b> The above minutes were <b>agreed</b> as a true record.</p>
<b>406/21</b>	<p><b>To receive a report from the WDBC Cllrs for this ward (Cllr Cheadle &amp; Cllr Wood)</b> Cllr Cheadle gave a brief update that he had asked WDBC with regard to the Yelverton carparks and whether S106 money be used to repair them, the answer was no. Nothing further at this time.</p>
<b>407/21</b>	<p><b>To receive a report from the Devon County Councillor (Cllr Sanders)</b> Cllr Sanders had offered his apologies.</p>
<b>408/21</b>	<p><b>To consider and agree actions with regard to access through St Andrews School and access to the playing field out of school hours. (Cllr Cheadle)</b> Cllr Cheadle gave an update. A lot has happened since the last meeting. The PC have met with the community, head and chair of governors from the school. Position of the school remains the same, after taking advice they cannot open the grounds to the community. They are still open to the idea of managed access. As the responsibility shifts to the organiser of the activity. However this is not suitable for more casual access. Cllr Cheadle has made the suggestion that the school could lease the school grounds to the PC out of hours. And the PC could cover the public liability. That is one avenue. The other avenue is the path, if a path has been in continuous use for 20 years a section 14 application can be made to have the path designated as a PRoW. If it was approved the school would be breaking the law if it was blocked. Therefore, the PC is looking into putting in an application, interesting point is that the field is owned by DCC. The third option is about the quality of the advice that the school are receiving. The legal advice is from DCC. After research it is not felt that the head and governors are responsible for the PLI if all due care is taken. A letter has been drafted by Cllr Cheadle and it has been circulated to members for consideration. It is proposed by Cllr Cheadle that the three options are progressed in conjunction to one another and that the letter is sent to DCC. This was agreed by the council. It was proposed by Cllr Woollacott that the Section 14 application is progressed, seconded by Cllr Baird and agreed.</p>

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	<p>Cllr Cheadle has spoken at length to the WDBC department that are dealing with the Play Strategy. They have tried to help but it they feel it is the heads discretion. He has also spoken to a previous head to gain his knowledge and will help where he can.</p>
<b>409/21</b>	<p><b>To agree how to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee. (Cllr Woollacott)</b>  SW has spoken to a member of the community; Royal Green Oaks are a good idea. There are other options available, possibly a tree on Yelverton Roundabout.  It was <b>agreed</b> that planting oaks in the upper cemetery would be the best option.</p>
<b>410/21</b>	<p><b>Update on the Crapstone field proposals. (Cllr Cheadle and Cllr Sheridan)</b>  Cllr Cheadle gave an update with regard to the proposal to sell plots of land. Responses have been received following the letters sent to a few properties in Seaton way concerning possible purchasing small plots of land. Not all residents were interested and as agreed it will be going no further at this time.  Cllr Sheridan gave an update with regard to the proposed recreational improvements.  A Survey has been booked in for Wed 5<sup>th</sup> January for the barn, arrangements are also being made to meet up with landscapers with regard to the design and possibilities for the area.  Cllr Cunningham has arranged for the accounts for Clearbrook VH to be looked at to get an idea of costs etc.  Cllr Sheridan has also looked at other MUGA's in the area to get an idea of what is available for what cost.  Cllr Woollacott asked if there was any possibility of S106 from the development at Binkham Hill. The clerk will check that a request has been made to DNPA.</p>
<b>411/21</b>	<p><b>Update on the Crapstone Bus Stop and road markings.</b>  Cllr Sheridan provided an update. Late September the Parish Council received written confirmation from DCC of the proposed revised solution previously discussed with the Clerk back in July. This was an amendment to the solution set out in the letter previously delivered to affected residents with: (a) the road markings aspect of the solution being dealt with exclusively via the retention and renewal of the existing bus stop cage; and (b) the clearway sign being retained in the Devon Hedge to accommodate the retention of the bus stop cage road markings in their current location. Following a safety review the team at DCC had been instructed to complete the work relating to signage and arrange for the existing bus stop cage to be refreshed as part of the annual lining maintenance program. DCC stated that they would be in contact with a date for the signage work to be completed. The Parish Council intended to update affected residents upon receipt of a definite date for completion of the revised solution. Cllr Sheridan received an email late afternoon on Monday 29 November informing him that the signage work would be completed at 9am on that coming Wednesday (1 December). Cllr Sheridan spoke to the affected resident to update them the next day DCC having given very little notice. DCC arrived on the Wednesday and there was a long discussion with the residents bordering the pavement concerning the precise location on the pavement of the new pole mounting the bus flag and timetable. It was eventually agreed and the new post has been installed. The repainting of the existing bus stop cage is to be carried out by a separate department and Cllr Sheridan will contact the DCC Neighbourhood Highways Officer to chase this up</p>
<b>412/21</b>	<p><b>Finance:</b>  <b>To agree the payments for December 2021.</b>  Agreed – one change BMVH £20  <b>To note the bank reconciliation and receipts.</b>  Agreed</p>

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<b>413/21</b>	<p><b>Yelverton:</b>  <b>An update with regard to the benches. (Cllr Cornthwaite)</b>  They should be arriving on Friday, and it is in hand to have it installed.</p>
<b>414/21</b>	<p><b>An update with regard to the external tap. (Cllr Fowler)</b>  No further update.</p>
<b>415/21</b>	<p><b>An update with regard to the maps and display boards. (Cllr Sheridan)</b>  Cllr Cheadle has filled in an application form for funding from Dartmoor Trust for £400, they also suggested speaking to DNPA as they may have a small amount of money available. They would also be able to give some advice about what to put in the noticeboards. He also has a contact for the artwork for DNPA this may assist.  It was noted that there is also some money available in the PC budget.  Cllr Sheridan commented that the public sector have a mapping agreement with Ordnance Survey, the clerk will look into this.  The noticeboard currently has Perspex glass and there would be an option for an open noticeboard, with the information being on metal backing boards. This will be investigated further.</p>
<b>416/21</b>	<p><b>An update on the Yelverton Ground Maintenance contract following the walk round.</b>  Ongoing at the moment, most of it looked ok. Main thing is the brambles by the public toilets.  Cllr Woollacott commented that the brambles are very useful for birds, butterflies etc.  Cllr Cornthwaite requested that the PC ask the contactor to cut them. This will be discussed when the contactor is met.  Overall, it was looking pretty good.  Wooden stakes have been put in to mark the wildflower area.</p>
<b>417/21</b>	<p><b>Cemetery:</b>  <b>Update on the Cemetery Ground Maintenance contract following a walk around.</b>  There are a few outstanding issues at the moment hedges still need to be cut, paths still covered in moss and leaves there are also concerns over power washing the path. The benches have not had preservative painted on yet.  Looking very scruffy for those attending over Christmas and New Year  The Clerk will write a firm letter to the contractor.  There is one western cedar that has a large dead limb that will need removing. The clerk will obtain quotes for the work and also quotes for surveying the other Western Cedars.</p>
<b>418/21</b>	<p><b>Playparks</b>  <b>Buckland Monachorum - any updates</b>  New picnic bench has been installed.  <b>Crapstone Playpark – any updates</b>  The rope climb has now been installed.</p>
<b>419/21</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  <b>a)To include an email received from the school concerning the air ambulance access.</b>  An email has been received noting that a key box has been installed to allow access in and out of the school grounds in an emergency, the relevant bodies have been given the required codes.</p>
<b>420/21</b>	<p><b>BMPC Communications (newsletters, social media, press articles)</b>  The Moorlinks deadline coming up please pass any information to Cllr Cheadle.  It has been noticed that lots of trees have fallen down in the parish recently, Cllr Cheadle has spoken to one of the owners, he has had all his trees surveyed, but the one that fell down was not flagged as likely to fall. The owner is concerned and will have the trees surveyed again.</p>

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	<p>The management company of Woodside will also be contacted about their trees overhanging the highway.</p> <p>It was also noted that hazardous trees can also be reported online to DCC.</p> <p>The PC will also have a look at the trees on the edge of the field.</p>
<b>421/21</b>	<b>Update on Parish paths (P3) and other footpath matters. (Cllr Woollacott)</b> All fine
<b>422/21</b>	<b>Highway matters: any to be reported and updates.</b> Cllr Cornthwaite raised that the virtual footpath down Meavy Lane is full of leaves. Cllr Cheadle will pass it onto Highways.
<b>423/21</b>	<b>To consider the clerk's annual leave.</b> Agreed
<b>424/21</b>	<b>Items for the next agenda</b> Email to the clerk
<b>425/21</b>	<b>Future Meeting Dates:</b> <b>Dates for 2022 to be circulated.</b>
	<b>Meeting finished at: 20:39</b>