

Buckland Monachorum Parish Council

Minutes of a remote meeting of the **BUCKLAND MONACHORUM PARISH COUNCIL** held
on **TUESDAY 23RD MARCH 2021** at **7.00pm** by Zoom

Under: The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Present: Cllrs S Challiss (SC), A West (AW), G Baird- Chair (GB), R Cheadle (RC), S Woollacott (SW), V Bolitho (VB), M Sheridan (MS) and M Fowler (MF), R Houston (RH), D Foley,

In Attendance: Katharine Griffiths (Parish Clerk). District Cllr Phillip Saunders and 1 member of the public were also present.

85/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

86/21 TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

RH item 11, Chapel meadow

87/21 TO CONSIDER THE CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

Alastair Cunningham gave a brief introduction about himself. He left the meeting whilst his application was considered. It was unanimously agreed that Alastair Cunningham would be co-opted to the council. He returned to the meeting and welcomed.

88/21 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES, OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

1. Full Council meeting held on the 23rd February 2021

The above minutes were **agreed** as a true record and will be signed at a later date.

89/21 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE WDBC CLLRS FOR THIS WARD (CLLR CHEADLE & CLLR WOOD)

CLLR Cheadle gave a brief update, WDBC have produced a road map out of lockdown, providing information as to what people can do when. It is a good basic aide memoire. Government is deciding whether the regulations will be law or guidance. When this has been decided the information will be issued to parish councils to be circulated to the community.

The council have requested more information from the government with regard to what will happen after the 6th May regarding remote meetings and the way forward.

Cllr Woollacott asked whether there was an underspend for WDBC this financial year, Cllr Cheadle commented that there are some areas that have underspent, but this is off set by the money that has been spent on dealing with Coronavirus. WDBC has put some money aside to deal with ongoing issues associated with Covid 19. It is extremely complicated and a tricky time for budget setting. There may in the long run be some money may be available for communities to take advantage of.

90/21 Planning:

i. The following planning applications were considered.

Application	Proposal	BMPC Comment
WDBC 0607/21/FUL	Conversion of redundant barn into dwelling, Pound Farm, Buckland Monachorum, PL20 7LH	Object *
DNPA 0098/21	Construction of a building to provide covered parking for four vehicles at Holly Manor, Yelverton	Neutral View

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***607/21** – Object on the grounds of concerns with regard to the visual impact of the development.

ii. Decisions to note

App.	Proposal	PC Decision	Planning Authority Decision
DNPA 0002/21	Single storey extension and installation of wood burner flue in existing workshop outbuilding at Hurlstone, Meavy Bourne, Yelverton	Neutral View	Grant Conditionally
DNPA 0022/21	Replacement extension at Trimain, Harrowbeer Lane, Yelverton	No Objection	Grant Conditionally

iii. To consider any other planning matters.

Challoc, the Crescent, Crapstone, there have been a number of planning applications for a variety of options. It was rejected by the inspector on the grounds that they were not responding to the housing need of the area. An offer, by the developer was put forward that the houses were sold to people that had lived in the local area for more than 5 years. It is likely that the application will be accepted by WDBC with the condition that they will be sold to people that have lived in the area for 5 years or more.

91/21

FINANCE

The accounts for March 2021 were **agreed**.

i) The following receipts were NOTED since the last meeting;

Interment	£150
Donation – Crapstone playpark	£1000
Donations – Air Ambulance	£50, £50, £100 (Total £200)
Field Rent	£110

ii) The following payments made since the last meeting were NOTED.

Payments	(inc VAT)
Perfect Pastures	£ 850.00
Green scheme - waste bin	£ 1,044.00
DALC	£ 36.00
PWLB	£ 1,549.05
J Jeffery - Lengthsman	£ 810.00
S Woollacaott - Expenses	£ 27.09
Dartmoor Commomers Council	£ 5.00
HMRC - PAYE	£ 67.91
DCC Pensions Fund	£ 270.50
K Griffiths Salary and Expenses	£ 1,059.85
Axtown Arb	£ 1,106.67

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iii) The following payments to be made were **agreed**.

Recipient	Amount	VAT(if applicable)	TOTAL
Axtown Arb. (Final payment)	£1,106.67		£1,106.67
Perfect Pasture	£708.33	£141.67	£850.00
Greenscheme (BM Play Equipment)	£3023.00	£604.60	£3627.60
K Griffiths (reimbursement for laptop)	£441.66	£88.33	£529.99
K Griffiths (reimbursement for Cemetery sign)	£47.82	£8.16	£55.98
ROSPA (Playpark Inspections)	£165.00	£33.00	£198.00
Donation to Citizens Advice	£170		£170
HMRC	£67.91		£67.91
DCC Pension Fund	£270.50		£270.50
KG Salary and expenses	£1059.85		£1059.85

iv) The bank reconciliation was noted.

93/21

UPDATE ON THE YELVERTON AIR AMBULANCE NIGHT LANDING SITE PROJECT.

Donations have been received up to the value of £200, further requests will be made and will be actioned as soon as the full amount of donations has been received.

94/21

TO CONSIDER PROVIDING BINS AT THE LEG O MUTTON. (CLLR CHEADLE)

The bin at the playpark is filling on a daily basis and being emptied by volunteers. It is suggested that a bin is either placed by the playpark or in the vicinity. It was agreed a bin is a good idea. Cllr Cheadle will ask Maristow. Funding and location for the bin will be considered at a later date.

95/21

CHAPEL MEADOW - TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER WHETHER A REQUEST SHOULD BE MADE BY THE RESIDENTS FOR THE "GREEN" TO BE GIFTED TO THE COUNCIL. (SUPPORTING INFORMATION CIRCULATED BY CLLR CHEADLE)

Originally, when the houses were built the areas were tended to by WDBC. A few years ago, WDBC reviewed their land and found that they didn't own the land and stopped tending the land. Ken Farnham was the owner of the land and considers that there was an agreement with WDBC, but this cannot be found.

The company has gone onto liquidation and the land forms part of the assets and could potential sold off. The residents have applied to WDBC for the land to be listed as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) and this has been agreed.

The residents have asked the liquidators if the land could be gifted to the parish council or the resident's association. An informal discussion was held between a few residents, Cllr Cheadle and Cllr Sheridan. A number of options were discussed, the most favoured proposal was that the land should be gifted to the

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resident's association, with the parish council having a seat on the committee. With that seat having a casting vote to ensure that the land remains a public space if a change of use was ever considered. The overall responsibility for maintenance would sit with the residents. A discussion was held it was felt that it was a good suggestion in principle, further advise will be sort from DALC/NALC and the item will be discussed further.

96/21

TO CONSIDER THE FORMAT OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TO BE HELD REMOTELY ON WED 14TH APRIL.

The Clerk suggested that a brief update of the years events was given by the Chair Cllr Baird and also by Cllr Cheadle. A brief presentation will be given by Airband Community Internet providers. Then followed by a Q and A session for any parishioners present. This was agreed by the council. Information will be circulated for the noticeboards.

97/21

TO CONSIDER IF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL SHOULD BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO ENABLE IT TO BE HELD REMOTELY A SUGGESTED DATE OF THE 4TH MAY.

After a short discussion it was AGREED by the council that the AMPC will be brought forward to the 4th May and held remotely. If necessary consideration will be given to holding an extraordinary meeting to cover the time between meetings.

98/21

TO CONSIDER HOW MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE 6TH MAY 2021 IF THE LEGISLATION TO ALLOW REMOTE MEETINGS IS NOT EXTENDED.

A waiting for further information. A DALC update and Q and A session is being held on the 30th March, the Clerk will be attending along with Cllr Fowler.

99/21

CORRESPONDENCE

A) TO CONSIDER AN EMAIL THAT HAS BEEN RECEIVED CONCERNING THE PARISH MEADOW (CIRCULATED)

A discussion was held, and it was felt that the parish meadow is a quieter area, and a place where adults can go and just sit. There is adequate play equipment in the playpark. It was agreed that the parish meadow is open to all but should remain an area without play equipment as an area of reflection.

B) TO NOTE THAT AN FOI HAS BEEN RECEIVED REQUESTING FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

Noted

C) THE CLERK HAS RECEIVED FURTHER COMPLAINTS WITH REGARD TO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS BEING CLOSED EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS AND NO ACCESS TO THE PERMISSIVE RIGHT OF WAY.

They are still using covid as a reason for closing the area off. It is a permissive route that was agreed in 1973 when the school was relocated. Cllr Fowler will make further enquiries with the school.

100/21

YELVERTON

UPDATE FROM THE YELVERTON WORKING PARTY

The main points from the recent meeting are: whether a water source can be provided for cyclists, who owns the cycle path. Also, the possible provision of benches by the bus stop to try and avoid cycles being put up against shop fronts.

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- 101/21 CEMETERY**
- A) UPDATE WITH REGARD TO THE PLANTING OF THE YEWS AND ALSO THE ROLLING AND SEEDING OF THE AREA.**
The yews were planted this morning, the hedge is 5 short but this is in hand. They have been planted 1m away from the fence. The land needs to be raked over and seeded and it is hoped that this will be carried out by willing volunteers.
- B) TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A BENCH/SEAT TO BE PLACED IN THE TOP PART OF THE OLD CEMETERY.**
The matter was discussed, and it is thought to be a good idea.
- C) TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR EDGING AROUND A GRAVE IN THE UPPER CEMETERY**
Unfortunately, it would set a precedent and therefore could not be allowed at this time.
- 102/21 PLAYPARKS**
- 1. UPDATE ON CRAPSTONE PLAYPARK (CLLR WOOLLACOTT)**
The Co-op are requesting that the money be spent by September. A quote for suitable equipment is being requested.
- 2. TO CONSIDER REPAIRS TO BM PLAYPARK.**
Soft fill around the climbing frame is required, the Clerk will make enquires for bark chippings.
- 103/21 PARISH OWNED/MAINTAINED LAND – ANY FURTHER MATTERS TO RAISE.**
- A) TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A TREE (GINKGO BILOBA) TO BE PLANTED IN THE PARISH MEADOW TO HONOUR THE QUEEN AND HER LONG REIGN.**
This was agreed, Cllr Baird and Cllr Houston volunteered to plant it and will find a suitable location, avoiding the tractor path.
- B) TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FOR WILDFLOWER AREAS WITHIN THE PARISH.**
Cllr Cheadle has gone back and asked for further information, such as who will look after and maintain the areas. It was suggested that they come along to a council meeting to give further information.
- C) TO CONSIDER RECENT ISSUES WITH THE BIN AT THE TOP OF THE CRESCENT, CRAPSTONE.**
Large quantities of cat litter and poo have been put in the bin, causing issues for the bin crew. The clerk will put a note onto the bin.
- 104/21 BMPC COMMUNICATIONS (NEWSLETTERS, SOCIAL MEDIA, PRESS ARTICLES)**
The school have requested a donation towards bike sheds for use by students and staff. Cllr Fowler will respond.
- 105/21 UPDATE ON PARISH PATHS (P3) AND OTHER FOOTPATH MATTERS. (CLLR WOOLLACOTT)**
Footpath No 19 has a very muddy stile and P3 will change this for a gate. All else is fine at the moment.
- 106/21 HIGHWAY MATTERS: ANY TO BE REPORTED AND UPDATES.**
A number of potholes were mentioned these will be reported to DCC.

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A request for a “Not Suitable for Wide Vehicles” Sign has been received by the clerk. There have been a number of issues with lorries getting stuck on the lane behind Chapel Meadow going towards Coppicetown. The clerk will get a price for a sign. It will need to be put on private land and set back from the road edge.

There is a reflective post by the Yelverton cricket Club that needs standing back up, this can be reported to DCC to have a look at.

A parishioner has requested for a grit bin, the clerk will forward the details to the Highways Officer.

107/21 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Any items can be forwarded to the clerk

108/21 FUTURE MEETING DATES TO BE HELD REMOTELY:

Wed 14th April 2021 Annual Parish Meeting to be held remotely, 7.30pm

Tues 20th April 2021 Finance Meeting to be held remotely, 7.00pm

Tues 27th April 2021 Full Council meeting to include Planning matters, 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 21.05pm