

Buckland Monachorum Parish Council

Minutes of a remote meeting of the **BUCKLAND MONACHORUM PARISH COUNCIL** held on **TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2021** at **7.30pm** at **Yelverton Memorial Hall**

Present: Cllrs M Fowler- Chair (MF), S Woollacott (SW), M Sheridan (MS), G Baird (GB), K Cornthwaite (KC), R Cheadle (RC) and A West (AW).

In Attendance: Katharine Griffiths (Parish Clerk), DCC Cllr P Sanders and 10 members of the public.

373/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs S Challis, A Cunningham, R Houston and V Bolitho.

374/21 TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None other than what is on the register.

It was AGREED to move items 10 and 11 up the agenda due to the number of members of the public present. The items were considered together.

375/21 UPDATE ON THE CRAPSTONE FIELD PROPOSAL.

TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP CRAPSTONE FIELD WITH IMPROVED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

Cllr Cheadle gave a brief history of the field and that it was purchased about 25 years ago for the benefit of the community. As one of the conditions of the purchase there was a clawback clause so if part of the field was sold for any reason the profits had to be shared with the MoD. Sufficient time has elapsed for this clause to be no longer relevant. Over the last 25 years various suggestions for the use of the field have been made. A football pitch was set up but unfortunately the field suffers with poor drainage, and it became very boggy and unplayable. The possibility of allotments was also investigated but due to contamination of the land this was not possible. Part of the field is currently used for grazing.

Some of the ideas that have been put forward have not been fulfilled due to finances. It has previously been suggested that the barn in the field could possibly be used as a village hall. However, there are a number of village halls already within the parish and at the time it was considered that another one was not needed. The parish council received a request for a householder to purchase part of the field to extend their garden. However, this was turned down at the time as it was only a single request and it was not felt appropriate. Having thought about different possibilities a few houses that back onto the field have been asked what their view would be if the small area of land adjacent to the property was offered to them. Replies have been requested by the end of the month. If nothing is heard from these individuals it will be assumed that they are not interested. This is just an idea at the moment and further consideration will be given to it in due course.

When the parish council originally purchased the field, the intention was for it to be of benefit to the community. The use of it for grazing was only intended to be short-term.

Cllr Sheridan then gave an introduction into a possible proposal to improve the recreational facilities at the site. He's been looking into what to do with the building and considering how it could be used and the feasibility of this. From surveys previously carried out a number of possibilities are being considered; these are:

- to keep the conservation area, it is well developed and encourages wildlife into the area.
- To improve the facilities of the playpark
- part of the key to unlocking the potential of the site is the building. The viability of what can be done to the building is being looked into.

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- A MUGA could be installed in the area of the current football pitch this would give a better playing surface for all year round and would hopefully encourage more use.
- The area that is currently grazed could be converted into a regulation sized football pitch.
- Better parking facilities could be provided.

The suggestions are built around a historical survey that was carried out around 2015 it is appreciated that this was a few years ago.

A few questions were raised from members of the public with regard to how many people have responded to the letter? The parish council asked for responses by the end of the month, a few responses have been received but householders have a few more days to respond in.

A number of people asked why field could be left as it is? The field was purchased for the benefit of the community and it is not felt that by renting it out for grazing it is reaching its full potential.

Cllr Fowler drew the discussion to a close, and the community were thanked for their time and assured that before anything was agreed, proposals would be put to the whole of the parish for their views.

The members of the public were then invited to stay to the meeting but they were more than welcome to leave if they wished.

It was noted that Cllr Baird made his apologies at 20:10 and left the meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr Sheridan that a survey be undertaken of the building to establish the viability of its use as a clubhouse/hall at a cost of £850, additionally that three landscapers are requested to have a look at the site and potentially propose plans. The landscapers would be requested to consider the proposal, provide surveys (including drainage considerations) and quote for the work and invited to propose alternatives for consideration This was seconded by Cllr Woollacott and **agreed** by the Council.

376/21

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

1. The full parish council meeting on 26th October 2021
2. Planning meeting of 26th October 2021
3. Finance Committee of 10th November 2021

The above minutes were **agreed** as a true record.

377/21

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

Nothing further to report at this time.

378/21

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL CLLR (CLLR SANDERS).

Cllr Sanders reported that councillors can currently put traffic management schemes forward to be considered. There is a small section of Harrow being Lane opposite Beach Field Terrace that becomes a pinch point and this is being put forward for consideration for double yellow lines. It will only be a small section to allow traffic and larger vehicles to get through. Another area is Meavy Lane, the possibility of a weight limit restriction is being pushed forward, it is appreciated that this is not a quick process. There is also pressure from other groups that do not wish to extend the mileage of larger vehicles and potentially increasing pollution.

If the planning application for Binkham Hill is proved there is the possibility that the 30mph speed limit would be extended.

There is not much to report from DNPA there is still lots of staff working from home.

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379/21 AN UPDATE WITH REGARD TO ACCESS THROUGH ST ANDREWS SCHOOL AND ACCESS TO THE PLAYING FIELD OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS.

Cllr Fowler gave an update, he has continued to push for a meeting since the last one proposed agenda and risk assessment have been shared with the school. The meeting is well overdue. It is hoped that the meeting will happen soon and then things can move forward. If there is no satisfactory outcome from the meeting other options will be looked at.

380/21 TO DISCUSS HOW TO MARK THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE.

The suggestion of planting oak trees seems to be the best way forward. It be looked into how this fits in with the Green Burial area.

381/21 TO CONSIDER HARROWBEER LANE REWILDING.

WDBC own three fields by Harrowbeer Lane, until recently they have been leased. WDBC are looking into rewilding these areas. After a short discussion there were no objections from the parish council.

382/21 AN UPDATE FROM THE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AND THE WREATH LAYING.

There was a slight misunderstanding about the laying of the wreath for the PC this year.

Cllr Woollacott enquired as to whether it would be possible for any councillor to lay the wreath.

It was not felt that it was exclusive to the chairman and will be offered to all councillors next year.

383/21 FINANCE

i. The list of payments for November had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The following receipts were NOTED since the last meeting;

Field Rent: £110

The following payments made since the last meeting were NOTED.

Recipient	Amount
KG Salery Oct 21 (inc Poppy Wreath Reimbursemen	£1,131.03
Perfect Pasture Sept invoice 3060	£871.25
Tony Benger Lanscaping Sep 28975	£1,620.10
BMVH hire Aug	£27.50
Clearbrook Hall Hire	£25.00
HMRC	£13.34
Devon Pension Fund Oct 21	£291.94
E.ON	£9.85
M Fowler - reimbursement Key and wood Stain	£43.49

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

Recipient	Amount	VAT(If applicable)	TOTAL
Perfect Pastures	726.04	145.21	871.25
Tony Benger	1350.08	270.02	1620.10
Buckland Monachorum Hall Hire	10.00		10.00
Yelverton Hall Hire	24.00		24.00
HMRC	77.54		77.54

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Devon Pension Fund	291.94		291.94
KG Wages and expenses	1064.11		1064.11
E.ON Elec Yelv roundabout	9.85		9.85
A Creber Fencing Contractor	1172.00	234.40	1406.40
Broxap – benches Yelverton	1521.00	304.20	1825.20

The bank reconciliation was noted.

iii) THE DARTMOOR TRUST

Cllr Cheadle provided information that The Dartmoor Trust are currently looking for organisations to make small donations to. The donations have to be spent on improving Dartmoor. A donation could support improving the Yelverton noticeboard. Cllr Cheadle will make the suggestion to them.

YELVERTON:

384/21

AN UPDATE WITH REGARD TO THE BENCHES AND REPLACEMENT BIN BY THE TOILETS.

The bin will be installed next Monday. The benches have been ordered and are due to arrive mid December. There is no installation with the benches. Cllr Fowler has kindly offered to receive the benches and to facilitate installation, assistance may be required.

385/21

AN UPDATE WITH REGARD TO THE EXTERNAL TAP

Cllr Fowler is working on getting the tap installed and it will be fitted in the near future.

386/21

AN UPDATE WITH REGARD TO THE MAPS AND DISPLAY BOARDS.

Cllr Sheraden gave an update, different options for maps are being looked into and exploring whether they can be obtained from Sustrans.

387/21

TO NOTE THAT A SMALL NUMBER OF COUNCILLORS WILL BE REVIEWING THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORK AT YELVERTON ON 29TH NOVEMBER AT 2PM AND TO NOTE THE TIMETABLE FOR THE REVIEW OF THE YELVERTON GROUND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT.

The information was noted.

Cemetery:

388/21

AN UPDATE ON USING THE SPOIL TO MAKE A PATHWAY THROUGH THE LAND AT THE TOP OF THE UPPER CEMETERY, WHICH IS CURRENTLY LEASED FOR GRAZING.

Cllr Woollacott has obtained a quote. After a short discussion it was decided that a site visit would be appropriate to have a look and see how the path and green burial area could be incorporated.

389/21

TO CONSIDER THE GREEN BURIAL AREA.

The clerk is putting information together to be considered at a future meeting.

TO CONSIDER IF THE CLERK CAN UNDERTAKE MEMORIAL TESTING TRAINING.

The clerk has requested to undertake memorial testing, a nearby Parish Council is holding the training early next year. It was AGREED that the clerk could attend.

390/21

PLAYPARK'S

BUCKLAND MONACHORUM-ANY UPDATES

Cllr Fowler has completed his inspections for this month.

No further updates

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- 391/21 UPDATE ON CRAPSTONE PLAYPARK**
No further updates at this time.
- 392/21 BMPC COMMUNICATIONS (NEWSLETTERS, SOCIAL MEDIA, PRESS ARTICLES).**
If anyone has anything for Moorlinks please let Cllr Cheadle know.
- 393/21 UPDATE ON PARISH PATHS (P3) AND OTHER FOOTPATH MATTERS. (CLLR WOOLLACOTT)**
All is in order at the moment.
- 394/21 HIGHWAY MATTERS: ANY TO BE REPORTED AND UPDATES.**
The work on the paths has been completed and it is looking good.
There is an area of land on Harrowbeer Lane that is not maintained and causes visibility issues.
- 395/21 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**
Please forward any items to the clerk.
- 396/21 FUTURE MEETING DATES :**
Wed 15th December Planning at 7pm followed by full council meeting at 7.30pm Buckland Monachorum Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.30pm