

Buckland Monachorum Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the **BUCKLAND MONACHORUM PARISH COUNCIL** held
on **TUESDAY 27TH JUNE 2023** at **7.30pm** at **Yelverton Memorial Hall**

Present: Cllrs R Cheadle, A Cunningham, A West, M Sheridan, S Woollacott, K Cornthwaite and G Baird.
In Attendance: Katharine Griffiths (Parish Clerk), five members of the public.

The meeting was opened by Cllr M Sheridan (Chair).

In the open session at the beginning of the meeting the council were addressed by two members of the public concerning the Wildflower area at Yelverton. The area was set up 2 years ago and is known as Briar Tor Meadow. The area is cut twice a year with the clippings being removed to try and encourage more wildflowers. There are already a variety of different species that are thriving and supporting insects. It is turning into a good wildlife area and is still work in progress. A few more volunteers are needed to help keep it going.

The council were also address by a representative of Wildanet, a full fibre network connecting Devon and Cornwall. There are currently carrying out work to connect 1700 properties within the parish. It is an alternative internet provider. Some roadworks will be required to install the network. If there are any concerns, please get in touch with them.

148/23	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr V Hart and Frayne Coulshaw.
149/23	Co-option of New Members Jon Burnie has requested to be co-opted to the council in his absence. Matt Smith was also present and it was proposed that he was co-opted and would represent the residents of Milton Combe. This was unanimously agreed by the council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office will be signed at the next meeting.
150/23	Declaration of Interests and Register of Interests No declarations of interests to record. Councillors were reminded to complete their register of interests forms.
151/23	To consider and approve the minutes, of the following meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The annual meeting of the parish council held on 16th May 2023 Cllr Woollacott raised concerns regarding expenditure for the rotavator and grass seed that was used at Yelverton to remove brambles. The expenditure had occurred between meetings as it was found that the area could not be cleared by hand. It was proposed that the spending was agreed, a vote was held and it was resolved that the payments were accepted. It was noted that Cllr Woollacott object to the payments. The minutes were then agreed as a true record. b) The minutes of the planning meeting held on 7th June 2023 The minutes had been circulated and were agreed as a true record.
152/23	To receive a report from the WDBC Cllrs for this ward Cllr Cheadle gave an update. WDBC have been discussing the switching off of copper phone lines over the coming years. There is a section of the community that don't have the available technology and it needs to be ensured that they are catered for. The concern is during power cuts when Wi-Fi wont work and the mobile service is not sufficient. There is an option for a battery pack and/or a back up generator for the most vulnerable.

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	The committees for the coming year have also been decided by WDBC.
153/23	<p>To receive a report from the Devon County Councillor Cllr Sanders was not present.</p> <p>One issue was raised by Cllr Sheridan to be passed to Cllr Sanders. The bus timetable is currently out of sync with the school opening times. The school is now expecting pupils to be in earlier and this means they are not able to catch the bus from Crapstone to Buckland Monachorum. Is there anything that can be done?</p>
154/23	<p>Councillor Training through Southern Links There is new councillor training being arranged through the Southern Links group. This will be free training intended for new councillors or as a refresher for those that would like it. The clerk will circulate the dates.</p>
155/23	<p>To note that the 80th Anniversary of D-Day will be celebrated on 6th June 2024 and to consider whether to hold a celebration. It was generally thought a small celebration would be a good idea. The RAF Harrowbeer interest group will be asked if they are holding an event to commemorate the anniversary.</p>
156/23	<p>Yelverton: An update with regard to the maps and display boards. (Cllr Sheridan) The maps have been completed and are ready for instillation. Cllr Cheadle offered to place the information in the noticeboard. It was agreed that the Perspex in the noticeboard would be renewed with any funds remaining from the grant.</p>
157/23	<p>To consider applying for the Highway Community Enhancement Fund (HMCEF) for Yelverton path clearing. (Cllr Cornthwaite) A quote was obtained previously for clearing some of the paths around Yelverton, it has been confirmed that the quote of £740 is still valid. From the information provided by DCC the PC can only apply for up to 25% of the costs. Cllr Woollacott suggested that it is Devon County Councils responsibility to clear the paths and that they should be contacted and asked to clear them.</p>
Buckland:	
158/23	<p>To consider the ground maintenance contract for tender later in the year. The contract for the cemetery and the areas in Buckland is due for renewal next year. Cllr Woollcott commented that consideration could be given to separating the contract into two parts, and to separate the hedge trimming. A site visit will be necessary to have a look at how to divide the contract.</p>
159/23	<p>To consider purchasing replacement gates for the Upper Cemetery and Green Burial area to provide easier access for pedestrians. Quotes will be obtained for different materials for the cemetery, Cllr Cheadle offered to look into options.</p>
Crapstone	
160/23	<p>To consider the new noticeboard. Carried forward to a future meeting.</p>
Playparks:	
161/23	<p>Buckland Monachorum Playpark To include an update from the community group, and to consider applying for a stand at the RAF Harrowbeer 1940s Weekend for fundraising by the community group. (Cllr Woollacott)</p>

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	<p>The community had a successful stand at the Buckland Fair and would like to hold a similar stall at the Harrowbeer 1940's weekend. It would mean that the PC would need to cover the public liability insurance. It was agreed that the PC would provide the insurance.</p>																																																																												
162/23	<p>Crapstone Playpark and wildlife area. With regard to the playpark the PC are still waiting for the s106 money to be available. Then an application will be submitted to WDBC for the funds. The pond is doing well with lots of wildlife. There is a big butterfly count coming up that people can get involved with. A small seating area could be considered and could be made of natural material. Options and funding for improving the area around the pond will be looked into.</p>																																																																												
163/23	<p>Finance a) To agree the payments for June 2023 and note the receipts. The payments below were agreed, and the receipts noted.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 40%;">Recipient</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Amount (ex VAT)</th> <th style="width: 15%;">VAT (If Applicable)</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Total (£)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Tony Benger – BM Ground Maintenance June 23</td> <td>1350.08</td> <td>270.02</td> <td>1620.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tavy Turf Yelverton Ground Maintenance Cuts 25/5 & 8/6</td> <td>1349.62</td> <td>269.62</td> <td>1619.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>KG Wages and expenses</td> <td>1165.15</td> <td></td> <td>1165.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>78.58</td> <td></td> <td>78.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Devon Pension Fund</td> <td>317.90</td> <td></td> <td>317.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Yelverton Hall Hire</td> <td>24.00</td> <td></td> <td>24.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clearbrook Hall Hire</td> <td>33.75</td> <td></td> <td>33.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Buckland Hall Hire</td> <td>16.25</td> <td></td> <td>16.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reimbursement for Bin Bags for Cemetery -SW</td> <td>8.16</td> <td>1.69</td> <td>9.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reimbursemnt for Defib pads and battery - GB</td> <td>353.95</td> <td>70.79</td> <td>424.74</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ICO membership</td> <td>35.00</td> <td></td> <td>35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ICCM membership</td> <td>95.00</td> <td></td> <td>95.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td>£6769.62</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The following payments made since the last meeting were NOTED.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 60%;">Recipient</th> <th style="width: 40%;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>P Badge, Tavy Turf, inv 204,184, 131</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,429.31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K Griffiths wages and expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,212.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£78.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Insurance - Gallagher</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,063.43</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DCC pension fund May 23</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£317.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Charges</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£12.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ICCM Membership</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£95.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ICO Membership</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£35.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Recipient	Amount (ex VAT)	VAT (If Applicable)	Total (£)	Tony Benger – BM Ground Maintenance June 23	1350.08	270.02	1620.10	Tavy Turf Yelverton Ground Maintenance Cuts 25/5 & 8/6	1349.62	269.62	1619.24	KG Wages and expenses	1165.15		1165.15	HMRC	78.58		78.58	Devon Pension Fund	317.90		317.90	Yelverton Hall Hire	24.00		24.00	Clearbrook Hall Hire	33.75		33.75	Buckland Hall Hire	16.25		16.25	Reimbursement for Bin Bags for Cemetery -SW	8.16	1.69	9.79	Reimbursemnt for Defib pads and battery - GB	353.95	70.79	424.74	ICO membership	35.00		35.00	ICCM membership	95.00		95.00			Total	£6769.62	Recipient	Amount	P Badge, Tavy Turf, inv 204,184, 131	£2,429.31	K Griffiths wages and expenses	£1,212.15	HMRC	£78.58	Insurance - Gallagher	£2,063.43	DCC pension fund May 23	£317.90	Bank Charges	£12.00	ICCM Membership	£95.00	ICO Membership	£35.00
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164/23	<p>Correspondence: The Clerk has been contacted with regard to a patch of land in Buckland Monachorum and asked whether the PC would like to take on the land for community use. It was agreed that the land would be looked at to consider options.</p>										
165/23	<p>BMPC Communications (newsletters, social media, press articles) The website is progressing .</p>										
166/23	<p>Update on Parish paths (P3) and other footpath matters. All fine at the moment, the agreement for cutting the paths has been arranged and the paths will be cut shortly.</p>										
167/23	<p>Highway matters: any to be reported and updates. The clerk will chase the Highways officer for a date to meet. Highway issues can be reported online at: https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/ There is an issue with a hedge overhanging the path at the far end of Crapstone. The clerk will report it to the highways officer.</p>										
168/23	<p>Items for the next agenda Please let the clerk have any items.</p>										
169/23	<p>To consider the clerks leave request. The clerks leave request was agreed.</p>										
170/23	<p>Future Meeting Dates: Tuesday 18th July Planning Committee at 7.00pm followed by Full council meeting at 7.30pm Buckland Monachorum Village Hall.</p>										
	<p>Meeting finished at: 21.45</p>										