

## Buckland Monachorum Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the **BUCKLAND MONACHORUM PARISH COUNCIL** held  
on **TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023** at **7.30pm** at **Buckland Monachorum Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs R Cheadle, A Cunningham, M Sheridan (Chair), J Burnie, K Cornthwaite, V Hart and Frayne Coulshaw.

**In Attendance:** Katharine Griffiths (Parish Clerk)

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

<b>176/23</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Woollacott, G Baird and A West
<b>177/23</b>	<b>Declaration of Interests and Register of Interests</b> No declarations of interests to record.
<b>178/23</b>	<b>To consider and approve the minutes, of the following meetings:</b> <b>a) The parish council meeting held on 27th June 2023</b> The minutes were <b>agreed</b> as a true record. Cllr Cornthwaite gave an update with regard to the HMCEF funding, despite contacting the highways officer they have not responded. Cllr Cornthwaite requested that she be able to submitted the application for funding. This was agreed by the council. <b>b) The minutes of the planning meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b> The minutes had been circulated and were <b>agreed</b> as a true record.
<b>179/23</b>	<b>To receive a report from the WDBC Cllrs for this ward</b> Cllr Cheadle gave an update. There was a short WDBC meeting recently but there is nothing really to report. Things are getting going again after the elections.
<b>180/23</b>	<b>To receive a report from the Devon County Councillor</b> Cllr Sanders has given his apologies.
<b>181/23</b>	<b>Yelverton:</b> Grounds Maintenance – close cutting around the trees. It is agreed that Yelverton is looking good at the moment. It has been noticed that there has been close cutting around some of the trees but not all, the clerk will ask when they others might be cut the same way. The reseed section by the loos is looking good but will need a strim soon. The visibility at the turning from by the playpark is particularly bad again. The clerk will ask the contractor if they can cut an extra bit. There is a patch of Brambles on the mound at Crapstone that hasn't been cut. The clerk will contact the contractor with a positive message and ask about the above items.
<b>Buckland:</b>	
<b>182/23</b>	<b>To consider quotes for replacement gates for the Upper Cemetery and Green Burial area to provide easier access for pedestrians.</b> Cllr Cheadle has looked at a variety of options, powder-coated gates are particularly expensive. The question was raised as to whether a gate is actually required. The clerk will look into the requirements for the upper cemetery. If it is confirmed that there is not a requirement for the gate then it will be removed. Concern was raised that if there was no gate then it may be used for parking or storage of trailers etc. If this does happen or of there are any issues the gate could be put back or other options considered such as new gates or possibly a chain across. The merit of each would be considered at the time.

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<b>183/23</b>	<p><b>To consider purchasing an area of land in BM for community use.</b></p> <p>The council have been offered an area of land in Buckland Monachorum, it is currently overgrown and previously used as a plant nursery. The land could be used by the community as a flat grass area for children to play and a variety of other uses. There are a number of considerations such as access and potential nuisance to neighbours. The cost of the land is currently unknown. One of the owners has suggested that the PC come up with a figure that they are happy to pay. It was agreed that councillors would go and have a look at the area and also an opinion from the Community Playpark group would be sought and the clerk would contact them.</p>
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**Crapstone**

<b>184/23</b>	<p><b>To consider the new noticeboard.</b></p> <p>The location of the new noticeboard has been looked at and there is potentially existing infrastructure that could be used to support the current noticeboard. This would be considerably cheaper than siting a new noticeboard.</p>
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**Playparks:**

<b>185/23</b>	<p><b>Buckland Monachorum Playpark</b></p> <p><b>To include an update from the community group.</b></p> <p>The community have been carrying out some fundraising and have also carried out some maintenance and cleaning. Cllr Baird has applied for some funding to help with new equipment. The PC express thanks to them for their hard work.</p>
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<b>186/23</b>	<p><b>Crapstone Playpark and wildlife area.</b></p> <p>The information for the s106 funding has been received. A short business plan needs to be written up for the application. Cllr Sheridan and the clerk will look into what is needed in along with Cllr Woollacott.</p> <p>The pond area is looking better, but there is still a requirement to cover the edges of the pond liner, stones or logs could be used. This was delegated to Cllr Coulshaw to action. Offers of help were made from a number of councillors. In the winter there will be a need to dig out some of the bramble roots that are starting to become established before they get too big.</p>
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<b>187/23</b>	<p><b>To consider and agree the next steps with regard to the reinstatement of Seaton Way Field.</b></p> <p>A site visit was carried out by Cllr Sheridan, Coulshaw and the clerk. Subsequently an email was circulated with required actions.</p> <p>It was agreed that the clerk would get a cost for reinstating the area, Cllr Sheridan and the clerk would then meet with the contractor that has caused the problem, to discuss and agree a way forward. These <b>actions</b> were agreed by the council.</p>
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<b>188/23</b>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>a) To agree the payments for July 2023 and note the receipts.</b></p> <p>The payments below were agreed, and the receipts noted.</p> <p>It was also agreed that payment would be reimburse Cllr Cheadle for the Perspex for the noticeboard at Yelverton. This will be covered by funding received from Dartmoor Trust.</p>
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Recipient	Amount (ex VAT)	VAT (If Applicable)	Total (£)
<b>Tony Benger – BM Ground Maintenance July 23</b>	1350.08	270.02	<b>1620.10</b>
<b>Tavy Turf Yelverton Ground Maintenance Cuts 23/6 &amp; 7/7</b>	1349.62	269.62	<b>1619.24</b>

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<b>KG Wages and expenses</b>	1165.15		<b>1165.15</b>
<b>KG Crapstone bin reimbursement</b>	182.95	36.59	<b>219.54</b>
<b>HMRC</b>	78.58		<b>78.58</b>
<b>Devon Pension Fund</b>	317.90		<b>317.90</b>
<b>R Creber First strim, tap and roll green burial area</b>	1020.00	204.00	<b>1224.00</b>
<b>Yelverton Noticeboard memory stick -art work</b>	12.50		<b>12.50</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£6257.01</b>

The following payments made since the last meeting were NOTED.

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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
E.on	£6.61
Bank Charges	£8.00
Milton Combe Hall hire	£15.00
Account - ant internal audit	£300.00
Tony Benger Buckland GM	£1,620.10

**b) To note the bank reconciliation and receipts.**

The bank reconciliation was noted along with the following receipts.

**c) Receipts noted.**

Field Rent - Crapstone      £110

**d) To delegate the responsibility for authorising the August Payments to the Chair and Vice-chair.**

This was **agreed** by the committee members present.

<b>189/23</b>	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> The clerk has received communication with regard to councillor training through the Southern Links group. Communication has also been received concerning ongoing flooding issues in Cuxton Meadows. Since a visit sometime ago there seems to have been little action.</p>
<b>190/23</b>	<p><b>BMPC Communications (newsletters, social media, press articles)</b> The website is progressing .</p>

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<b>191/23</b>	<b>Update on Parish paths (P3) and other footpath matters.</b> All fine at the moment, the paths have received their first trim of the year.
<b>192/23</b>	<b>Highway matters: any to be reported and updates.</b> The Highways Officer has offered to meet at the beginning of August, the clerk will arrange a date and time. Highway issues can be reported online at: <a href="https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/">https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/</a>
<b>193/23</b>	<b>Items for the next agenda</b> Please let the clerk have any items.
<b>194/23</b>	<b>Future Meeting Dates:</b> Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August Planning Committee at 7.00pm followed by Finance at 7.30pm Milton Combe Village Hall.
	<b>Meeting finished at: 20.38</b>