

## Buckland Monachorum Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the **BUCKLAND MONACHORUM PARISH COUNCIL** held  
on **TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023** at **7.30pm** at **Yelverton Memorial Hall**

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

**In Attendance:** Katharine Griffiths (Parish Clerk) and two members of the public.

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

<b>398/23</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr, J Burnie and G Baird
<b>399/23</b>	<b>Declaration of Interests and Register of Interests</b> No declarations of interests to record.
<b>400/23</b>	<b>To receive information with regard to St Andrews School application for Academy Status.</b> Head teacher, Sarah Lakey explained that the educational landscape has changed, and the government would like all schools be part of Academy. The local authorities are not offering as much support as they used. This is especially in relation to children with special needs. Different options have been looked into, there were some non-negotiable values the needed to be met. The school wanted to keep its own identity and connections to the Church. The Learning Academy Partnership offered what was required and was felt the most appropriate MAT to join. Child centred leaning will remain. The staff are on board and the parents have been consulted. An application has been submitted to the Diocese and the DoE with the conversion taking place before 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2024. Many things will stay the same. A few questions were asked. Sarah and Andy were both thanked for their time.
<b>401/23</b>	<b>To consider and approve the minutes, of the following meetings:</b> <b>a. The parish council meeting held on 17th October 2023</b> <b>b. The minutes of the planning meeting held on 8th November 2023</b> <b>c. The minutes of the finance meeting held on 8th November 2023</b> The minutes were then <b>agreed</b> as a true record. <b>The minutes of the planning meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b> These have been circulated and were agreed as a true record.
<b>402/23</b>	<b>To receive a report from the WDBC Cllrs for this ward</b> Cllrs Cheadle gave an update. The council have met with regard to their response concerning the development at Woolwell. There are 4 main points that they will be raising. Cycling – cycle path issues will go before the South Hams Planning Committee. There is a S106 agreement for the next phase of a feasibility study. Traffic flow as a result of the development – a new roundabout will go in between the Dartmoor Diner and Plessy roundabout. With the proposed roadworks the journey time to Plymouth should improve, however this does not take into account the extra traffic. Affordable Housing – there is currently a requirement for a 30% affordable housing contribution. Amounting to 600 properties, often there can be some level of negotiation but the 30 % should be stuck to. Recycling – it is proposed that the new residents use the Crowndale recycling centre at Tavistock and not the site in Ivybridge. Crowndale is due to be refurbished but this will put extra pressure on the site.

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	<p>Cllr Woollacott raised a question regarding the S106 funding from the Meadows development and to why it is proposed that the cricket club receives more funds than the council. There was originally a formula used as part of the planning process that calculates the funding amounts.</p>
<b>403/23</b>	<p><b>To receive a report from the Devon County Councillor</b>  Cllr Sanders was not present.  He will be contacted with regard to a number of highways issues.</p>
<b>404/23</b>	<p><b>Buckland Monachorum Village Hall (BMVH) Centenary Revival Project (Cllr Burnie)</b>  Carried forward as Cllr Burnie not present.</p>
<b>405/23</b>	<p><b>Yelverton:</b>  <b>Grounds Maintenance – any comments or issues to raise.</b>  It was agreed that Yelverton was looking good at the moment.  The tap at the WC's has been turned off by Cllr Cornthwaite.  Unfortunately, the grant for maintaining the paths at Yelverton from DCC has been declined.  Consideration could be given to not underaking the verge cutting on behalf of DCC if funding is withdrawn for other work.  The cutting of the scrub land will be revisited in the Spring.  The lights on the roundabout will be put up soon, with thanks to Sue Calow at the Rock Inn.</p>
<b>Buckland/Cemetery:</b>	
<b>406/23</b>	<p><b>Grounds Maintenance.</b>  Some work has been under taken and the area is looking better. There are a number of hedges that still need to be cut. It was felt that sufficient work had been carried out.  However the general standard throughout the year has been poor.  The new tender will need to go out soon. It was agreed a small group will get together to have a look at the tender.  A quote has been received to replace the fence on the Upper Cemetery next to the footpath.  Further quotes will be obtained.</p>
<b>407/23</b>	<p><b>Update on Upper Cemetery gates.</b>  Costs have been obtained for the gates, it was agreed to accept the quote for gates that open in the middle.</p>
<b>408/23</b>	<p><b>To note the repair to the cemetery gates to allow better access and to ratify the expenditure.</b>  Noted.</p>
<b>Playparks:</b>	
<b>409/23</b>	<p><b>To receive costs for new swings at both Buckland and Crapstone. (Cllr Cheadle)</b>  The cost of the swings is £3200 for an inclusive swing, £3500 for a double toddler swing and £4500 for standard swing. The Surfacing is approximately £1000 per unit.</p>
<b>410/23</b>	<p><b>Buckland Monachorum Playpark</b>  Update from community carried forward to next meeting.</p>
<b>411/23</b>	<p><b>Crapstone Playpark and recreational area update.</b>  The pond has now been turfed around and is looking much better, many thanks to those that assisted. Cllr Coulshaw will look at options for strimming the area around the pond and the possibility of a bench.</p>
<b>412/23</b>	<p><b>Update, concerning the repair to Crapstone Field.</b>  Cllr Coulshaw and Woollacott met with the contractor, he is aware that the work still needs to be carried out and will do the work in spring when the field is dry enough.</p>
<b>413/23</b>	<p><b>Finance</b>  a) <b>To agree the payments for November 2023 and note the receipts.</b>  The payments below were agreed, and the receipts noted.</p>

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	Recipient	Amount (ex VAT)	VAT (If Applicable)	Total (£)
	Tony Benger – BM Ground Maintenance	1350.08	270.02	<b>1620.10</b>
	23 Oct and Nov invoices	1350.08	270.02	<b>1620.10</b>
	Creber P3 Footpath cut	790.00	158	<b>948</b>
	Fence around Parish Meadow	1800.00	360	<b>2160</b>
The following payments made since the last meeting were NOTED.				
	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Amount</b>		
	Tavy Turf BM 2 cuts 11/10 13th cut	£809.77		
	WDBC Bin Emptying summer 23	£716.04		
	Bank Charges	£8.00		
	Bank Charges	£10.00		
	<p><b>b) To note the bank reconciliation and receipts.</b> The bank reconciliation was noted along with the following receipts.</p> <p><b>c) Receipts noted.</b> Cemetery: £225 Field Rent - Crapstone £110 Rock Inn Donation - £500 Grant DCC verge cutting Yelverton - £1608</p>			
	It was noted Cllr Woollacott made her apologies and left at 21.30.			
<b>414/23</b>	<b>To note the agreement by the National Joint Council of the Pay Agreement 2022-23. This is a contractual point, and the clerk will receive back pay from 1st April 2023.</b> Noted			
<b>415/23</b>	<b>To recommend a precept of £65,000 for 2024/25.</b> Carried forward			
<b>416/23</b>	<b>Southern links Training Fund</b> It was <b>agreed</b> that the PC will hold and administer the training fund for Southern Links Training.			
<b>417/23</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b> Information forwarded regarding Councillor Training funded by Southern Links. If anyone would like to undertake the training please book on the DALC website and let the clerk know.			
<b>418/23</b>	<b>BMPC Communications (newsletters, social media, press articles)</b> The website is ready to go live, the clerk requested that councillors provide a paragraph about themselves and a photo, if they haven't done so already.			
<b>419/23</b>	<b>Update on Parish paths (P3) and other footpath matters.</b> Nothing Further at this time.			
<b>420/23</b>	<b>Highway matters: any to be reported and updates.</b> The clerk will arrange a meeting with the highways officer to discuss on going issues.			

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	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>421/23</b>	<b>Items for the next agenda</b> Please let the clerk have any items.
<b>422/23</b>	<b>Future Meeting Dates:</b> Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December : Planning Committee at 7.00pm followed by Full Council at 7.30pm Clearbrook Village hall
	<b>Meeting finished at: 21.45</b>