



MEETING MINUTES

Buckland Brewer Parish Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 8th March 2023 Buckland Brewer Methodist Chapel

Councillors Present: Barbara Babb, Jim Lowe, Rosie Beer, George Heywood, Trevor Mills, and David Watson

Also in attendance: District Councillor Phil Pennington; 6 members of the public

Parish Clerk: Jo Miles

KEY: Actions are shown in bold blue type Decisions are shown in bold red type

Business transacted at the meeting:

- 835. Apologies for Absence: Richard Hooper & Frits Takken
- 836. Declarations of Interest: None
- 837. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th February 2023 **Agreed**
- 838. Public Participation:
 - a. Update requested re meeting between BBPC and Allison Homes. A full summary will be posted to the website with signposting on FB and The Village Scene.
 - b. Defibrillator: Phone Box – Cannot read number on the front of the box. **Cllr Watson will investigate.**
 - c. Speed Sign not working. Confirmed it is being repaired and awaiting a new battery.
- 839. Clerk's Report: Summary sent ahead of the meeting
 - a. Correspondence:
 - i. Complaint received regarding parking around the green preventing access to Northwood Lane. **Additional road markings to be investigated.**
 - ii. Request received to use the Amenity Field for parking and the finish line for the Buckland Brewer 10k on May 29th. **Agreed**
 - b. Updates:
- 840. Emergency Parish Plan: Generator assessment for Methodist Chapel still outstanding.
- 841. Decision regarding a request to install fencing around allotment 11a: The allotment tenant has requested permission to make her plot more secure for her small child. 90cm wire fence with wooden posts and gate proposed. Tenant will be required to remove it when she vacates the plot or sooner if no longer needed. **Agreed unanimously**
- 842. Decision regarding the tenancy of Lower Chebnell Field (Upper Cherry Vale) – Note: This was discussed at a Part II meeting (public excluded) after the open meeting finished, due to the commercial sensitivity and to protect the privacy of bidders. Three bids had been received and details were presented anonymously (by clerk). All interested parties proposed using the field for agricultural purposes. The identity of bidders was confirmed prior to the decision being ratified. **BBPC accepted the highest bid – the decision was unanimous.**

Chair's Initials.....



843. Decision regarding notice on new stock-gate. Replacement notice required. Quote of £45 received to make and fix the notice. **Agreed.**

844. Members' Reports

Barbara Babb

- Coronation mugs – highlighted that a lot of children in Buckland Brewer do not attend BB School, plus pre-school age ones. Need to ensure they are all catered for when distributing mugs.

Rosie Beer

George Heywood

- 2 tonnes of free salt delivered to Fishleigh's.
- Ahead of next winter's order, BBPC will need to consider salt delivery requirements, particularly if any small bags are to be ordered.

Richard Hooper – Submitted ahead of the meeting.

- Playing Field Association propose spreading the pile of scalplings left in the Playing Field car park, as they have been left for months. No-one had any objection to this.
- Beacon – PFA would like to make a feature out of the beacon purchased for the Jubilee. **Clerk to arrange for beacon to be collected.**

Jim Lowe

- Deterioration of the road due to heavy goods traffic acknowledged. Due to be addressed when construction activities are complete.
- Steven Sherry has been invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting to provide an update relating to the industrial units project.
- Pearce Construction phase 2 has been deferred. Disappointing as smaller houses and social housing are in this phase. Highlighted that other 4-bed new houses in the parish are still unsold as the cost is prohibitive for many people keen to live here.

Trevor Mills

- Amenity field – Needs to be levelled again following the digging by Pearce Construction when investigating recent sewer problem. **Jim Lowe to contact.**

- **Dave Watson**

- Fete planning meeting on Friday 10th March. Requested permission to use the Amenity Field for the fete. **Agreed unanimously**
- Live streaming – Queried how long meetings should be retained on You Tube, as retention timescale isn't set currently. **Topic to be added to next meeting.**
- Defibrillator pad replaced (phone box). New battery is needed. **Clerk to order.**

Councillor Phil Pennington –

- TDC Planning have proposed looking at past behaviour of construction companies when considering future developments. This follows complaints across the region. (He highlighted that construction companies operating in Buckland Brewer have a good reputation externally.)

- SLAS/Future Land Development – Another review of available land for future use is being undertaken.
- Approx 2k homes across TDC are on fixed mortgage rates so concerns have been raised regarding the impact when these agreements end. More widespread impact if rates rise significantly.
- Cllr Pennington highlighted that Buckland is the largest parish and has the biggest infrastructure of all the local parishes. He stressed how important it is to retain community facilities to attract younger families, particularly a school, and that younger people help to change the dynamic of a parish and advance it.
- Potential merging of councils has been a hot topic for a while. The optimum size for a single unitary authority is around 300k. Discussions are ongoing around the opportunity to streamline separate authorities, to save costs and give local (parish) councils more powers and autonomy.

845. Planning:

a. Applications:

- i. 1/0122/2023/FUL East Hele, Buckland Brewer, Bideford, Devon
Roof over existing livestock yard. **Agreed unanimously**
- ii. 1/0206/2023/AGMB Barn At Great Gorwood, Buckland Brewer, Bideford,
Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 1no.
dwellinghouse and associated building operations under Class Q - Barn A
Agreed unanimously
- iii. 1/0207/2023/AGMB Barn At Great Gorwood, Buckland Brewer, Devon
Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 1no.
dwellinghouse and associated building operations under Class Q - Barn B
Agreed unanimously
- iv. 1/0208/2023/AGMB Great Gorwood, Buckland Brewer, Bideford, Devon
Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 1no.
dwellinghouse and associated building operations under Class Q - Barn C
Agreed unanimously
- v. 1/0513/2022/REMM - Street Naming Reference: N2022/87 Proposal requested
from BBPC for new street name adjacent to Cross Park (Allison Homes).
BBPC suggested that the traditional field name should be reflected so “Lower
Greenings” proposed. **Agreed unanimously.**

b. Planning Decisions:

- i. 1/1217/2022/FUL East Hele, Buckland Brewer, Bideford, Devon
Roof over existing livestock yard. **(Decision outstanding @ 3 March – additional new application above)**
- ii. 1/1174/2022/LBC: Change In Time, Buckland Brewer, Bideford, Devon
Regularisation of alterations to internal layout and installation of external soil pipe **(Decision outstanding @ 3 March)**
- iii. 1/1283/2022/FUL: Little Colling Down, Buckland Brewer, Stationing of a mobile home for elderly parents (Variation of condition 1 of planning approval 1/0611/1982) (Occupancy restriction) **Granted 1 March 2023**
- iv. 1/0832/2022/FUL: Additional 5 houses Hillpark **Granted 1 March 2023**

846. Coronation Mugs – Decision regarding PC funding. Deferred funding decision but order will be placed.

847. Accounts:

- i. Bank balances as at 31st January 2023* (£68,579.57):
 1. Parish Council Current Account was £26,231.51
 2. Thornhillhead Moor Account was £15,025.20
 3. Savings Account was £27,322.86

* February statement not received @ 7 March
- ii. Fund balances as at 7th March 2023 (£59,468.97):
 1. General Account - £44,443.77
 2. Thornhill Head Account - £15,025.20
- iii. Payments for February/March 2023 (Since last meeting: £1252.35 + VAT)
 1. J Miles – January salary - £620.29 (inc £112.20 PAYE & Expenses)
 2. W Ainscough – January salary - £146.52 (inc £29.30 PAYE)
 3. British Gas – electricity - £13.54 + VAT
 4. M Fry – Grass cutting and paths - £205
 5. Methodist Church – Room & equip hire (Aug – Mar) £267.00
- iv. Receipts and Payments for February/March 2023 - £0

There being no further business, the public meeting was formally closed at 8:15pm

Dates of Future Meetings – all 7pm at the Methodist Chapel unless stated:

Allison Homes Meeting Thursday 20th April (2pm, Methodist Chapel)

Personnel Committee, Tuesday 21st March – 7pm JM; 7:45pm WA

Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday 12th April

Annual Parish Council Meeting, Thursday 25th May

Signed as a true record: **Date:**