

BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Buckland Parish Council was duly convened and held in the Reading Room on Monday 15th March 2010 at 8 pm.

Present: Councillor Husband (Chairman), Councillors Mrs. Copeland, Mrs. Dart, Day, Dr. Eisinger, Horden, Longstaff, the Clerk, Sheena Boyce and the retiring Clerk, Iain Laurenson.

1. Apologise for absence

None.

Prior to the meeting proper, a report of one crime for the period from 18th January to 15th March was delivered by PC Dominic Loraine. Fraud Offence: £500 taken fraudulently as a fee for processing a loan.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on January 18th having been circulated were taken as read and accepted by those present as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

At the November meeting of the Parish Council, the renovation of a notice board outside the Village Shop was suggested in order to allow for the charging of commercial advertisements. The Clerk, having investigated options and spoken with Janine Lindsey-Jones from the Village Shop tabled a proposal to spend £207.98 to renovate the notice board. Janine has undertaken to manage the use of the notice board, charging a modest weekly fee. For an initial period of 6 months 50% of the income will be refunded to the Parish Council in lieu of a contribution toward the cost of the notice board.

4. Accounts

Cheque number 230: Sheena Boyce: clerk's salary £184.25, expenses £22.72, total £206.97. Proposed Councillor Husband and seconded by Councillor Dr. Eisinger.

Cheque number 231: James Day £ 11.49, being the production cost of ten copies of the Welcome Pack. Proposed by Councillor Husband and seconded by Councillor Dr. Eisinger.

Cheque number 232: Grippit UK Limited £207.98. Proposed Councillor Husband and seconded by Councillor Day.

5. Planning

Councillor Dr. Eisinger advised there were no significant planning applications to review. Two applications were noted:

MO/2010/0118/PLAH: Erection of a replacement rear conservatory at 13 Tranquil Dale, Buckland. The design statement explains that the proposed structure will replace an aluminium single glazed lean-to with a modern build, pitched roof conservatory while maintaining the same floor area. No objections raised.

MO/2010/0056/EBC: Reinforcement of overhead power lines to increase power supply to DMRC Headley Court. The planning application is categorised "For consultation purposes only". The Clerk advised that having spoken to Buckland Estate Office that EDF Energy are liaising with local landowners to arrange access for works and to ensure the work is scheduled to minimise damage to the land and arable crops. No objections raised.

6. Correspondence

Surrey County Council - Part restoration and part extinguishment of Footpath 483. This proposal was passed to the footpath warden, Jim Docking (who did not raise any objections to the proposed changes) and to Nigel Husband who undertook to liaise with neighbouring properties in Rectory Lane. **Action:** Clerk to write to SCC Countryside Access team to advise that the Parish Council has no objection to this proposal. The response should state that an absence of objection to this proposal should not be taken to indicate any lack of commitment to preserving any public right of access across areas of Common Land and along remaining footpaths within the Parish.

Mole Valley District Council - Local Development Framework Consultations announced a consultation period to run to 31st March on two discussion papers: the Dorking Town Area Action Plan and the Land Allocations Development Plan. The clerk had previously circulated a LDF Newsletter which provided an overview of the content of the papers and details of an exhibition on the Dorking Town Area Action Plan which was staged in St Martin's Walk from 4th-6th March. The clerk confirmed that Buckland does not presently appear on the list of sites submitted to the council for consideration as future land allocations and advised the two documents are available to view and comment on via the Consultation Portal at <http://molevalley-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/>.

Surrey County Council Proposal to amalgamate Brockham and The Acorns Schools. The clerk had previously circulated notification for a consultation period to run to 26th March and highlighted public meetings scheduled for Thursday 25th February at Brockham and Wednesday 3rd March at Leigh and Betchworth. Several Councillors expressed concern that the amalgamation proposal could raise the risk of a location review leading to the closure of one of the current school sites. **Action:** Councillor Longstaff to submit a response to the Consultation expressing the Council's concern to maintain the school in Betchworth.

On Thursday 25th March, the Surrey Strategic Partnership is hosting a public question time event, "Have your Say", from 7-9pm at Dorking Halls. Panellists from Surrey County Council, Surrey Police Authority, district and borough councils, and the business and voluntary sectors are inviting people to submit questions and to come along and hear the answers. The clerk had previously circulated a copy of the promotional poster and confirmed the poster has been displayed on both the Parish Notice Board and in the Reading Room.

Betchworth and Buckland Society, at the request of the Betchworth Parish Council has been asked to sponsor a purse/wallet-sized card with police contact numbers. B&B Society has agreed to undertake to design and pay for printing of a card with this information on it, subject to the agreement that it also carries the society's logo, strapline and web address. It has been suggested by B&B Society that the cards could perhaps be delivered with Parish Magazines to every house in the two villages. **Action:** Clerk to confirm to Duncan Ferns that this initiative would be supported by Buckland Parish Council and to suggest the information also be passed to Richard When for publication in the Parish magazine.

7. **Welcome Pack**

No new residents reported to require a Welcome Pack.

8. **Annual Parish Meeting**

Arrangements have been made for the meeting set for Monday 19th April 2010. Through Surrey Community Action, we have arranged for John Walshe DL to attend next month's AGM. John has been a judge of the Surrey Village of the Year competition for a number of years and is active in his local community of Thursley, a village very similar in size to Buckland. John will be speaking to us about the competition and what it offers and we hope a lively discussion will follow.

Iain Laursen advised that the bank balance currently expected as at 31st March 2010 is £1350 and confirmed that the precept for the 2010/11 financial year has been set at £4,000. Iain commented that the current year's expenditure will reflect the £3,000 investment on granite sets for the green, partially offset by a combination of donations and a grant. A further one off expenditure of £250 for repairs to the church floodlighting was incurred. **Actions:** Iain Laursen to provide a financial report to the Clerk for inclusion in the Notice for the AGM. The Clerk to liaise with Ian Laursen to finalise the AGM Notice and to circulate copies to Councillors for onward distribution to all households in Buckland.

9. **Any other business**

Iain Laursen asked for a volunteer to assume responsibility for the church lighting. Councillor Day volunteered to assume responsibility with immediate effect.

Councillor Dart expressed concern about the state of Bridleway 464, particularly along the stretch of bridleway closest to the village centre. **Action:** The Clerk to liaise with Jim Docking to ensure Councillor Dart's concerns are incorporated into his communications with the Surrey County Council Countryside Access team.

Councillor Longstaff has noticed increased aircraft noise from commercial craft passing over the village centre on a north to south route. **Action:** The Clerk to investigate potential means of following up Councillor Longstaff's concerns. Councillor Longstaff to note the date and times at which he experiences disturbance between now and the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 17th May 2010.

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