

## Buckland Monachorum Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **BUCKLAND MONACHORUM PARISH COUNCIL** held  
on **TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022** at **7.30pm** at **Yelverton Memorial Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs R Cheadle (RC), A Cunningham (AC), M Sheridan (MS), A West (AW), J Burnie (JB), S Woollacott (SW) and G Baird (GB)

**In Attendance:** Katharine Griffiths (Parish Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

<b>299/22</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs K Cornthwaite, F Coulshaw, M Fowler and DCC Cllr P Sanders</p>
<b>300/22</b>	<p><b>Declaration of Interests and Register of Interests</b> None other than what is on the register.</p>
<b>301/22</b>	<p><b>To consider and approve the minutes, of the following meetings:</b> <b>The full council meeting held on 27th September 2022</b> The above minutes were <b>agreed</b> as a true record.</p>
<b>302/22</b>	<p><b>To receive a report from the WDBC Cllrs for this ward</b> Cllr Cheadle gave an update: Mary Tavy Parish Council has asked DCC to repaint their virtual pavement markings. However, DCC have said that they no longer support virtual pavements as they have considered them dangerous. This has raised the question as to what they will put in their place or do with the ones they currently have. Hopefully more information will be provided soon. WDBC are providing a cost-of-living fund to help communities cover costs of providing Warm Spaces. Yelvicare will be increasing the number of lunches they hold for older citizens throughout January and February.</p>
<b>303/22</b>	<p><b>To receive a report from the Devon County Councillor</b> Cllr Sanders has given his apologies.</p>
<b>304/22</b>	<p><b>Following a walk around, to consider a proposal from the Buckland Monachorum Community Nature Project.</b> A walk around has taken place and each area considered in turn. A general discussion was held and the following agreed to be trialled next year. The new Green Burial area will be managed as a meadow, with the possibility of trees being considered at a later date. The Upper Cemetery: the left-hand side (looking up from the gate) will be managed as a meadow. A strip approximately 1m or a mowers width will be cut around the perimeter. The right-hand side will be No Mow May. The Parish Meadow: the bottom section will be managed as a meadow, with suitable paths cut through it. The top section will be cut short. The playpark bank and roundabout will be No Mow May and Let it Bloom June, consideration will need to be given to the visibility splay and this may need to be reviewed if there are any safety concerns. The Old Cemetery: the lower quarter on the right hand side will be No Mow May, the area around the ashes will be kept short. The Middle Cemetery will be considered at a later time. Other factors that need to be taken onto consideration are the number of spring flowers that are in the cemetery. Also the management of the areas needs to be made clear as to who is doing what.</p>

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<b>305/22</b>	<p><b>An update with regard to the access to St Andrews School playing field out of school hours.</b>            Cllr Cheadle gave an update, there has still been no formal response from DCC. A response is still required. Consideration is being given to a public meeting to be convened by a member of the community. This will enable an update to be given to the public and also any ideas can be put forward. A date will be arranged, and the clerk will book the village hall.            Highways have been written to for a safety review to be carried out.</p>
<b>306/22</b>	<p><b>To consider if there is anything the council can do to help with the cost-of-living crisis.</b>            WDBC will give some support towards warm hubs that organised by community groups.            YelverCare and Buckland Food Hub are considering what can be done.            There is still an issue with reaching the right people.            Consideration was given to inviting a member of WDBC to give a talk at the warm home events as to what help is available. It was also suggested that they might like to go to the coffee morning that is held at Briar Tor. Cllr West will look into this.</p>
<b>307/22</b>	<p><b>To agree that a pond can be installed in the wildlife area at Crapstone with appropriate signage.</b>            An update was given by Cllr Coulshaw, it was proposed that a gate was installed to prevent access to children. The proposal was discussed at it was resolved that the pond would be installed. A grant from TVAONB has been received towards the costs.</p>
<b>308/22</b>	<p><b>To consider signing the NALC “Civility and Respect Pledge”</b>  <a href="https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/civility-and-respect-project">https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/civility-and-respect-project</a>            It was <b>agreed</b> that the council would sign the pledge.</p>
<b>309/22</b>	<p>It was <b>agreed</b> to bring item 20.1 up the agenda.  <b>20.1. To discuss the gate that has been put in next to the path alongside the Parish Meadow</b>            Cllr Woollacott enquired about an area of hedge that has been removed next to footpath 6 in Buckland Monachorum and a gate has been put in. Cllr Woollacott objected to the lack of council procedure and general objection to the work that had been carried out without the permission of the full council.            Cllr Cheadle gave an update. It was reported in the summer that work was being carried out on the old allotment site behind the pub. Cllr Cheadle, Fowler and Baird visited and indeed found that the hedge had already been removed. An on the spot discussion was had and the member of the public realised that they should have asked permission. Whether permission would have been given or not is a different matter. An old gate that the PC were not using was given to the member of the public to put in the gap where the hedge had been. It was noted that there should be no motorised vehicles on the footpath. It appears that a digger has been taken down the footpath and into the old allotment area. The fence has also been damaged and repaired on a different line. The member of the public will be written to confirming that no vehicles should be taken on the footpath. Also that the hedge should be reinstated. The three councillors were acting in the best interest of the council at the time. A letter will be sent to the person responsible for the removal of the hedge reiterating that no motorised vehicles are no go on the footpath.</p>
<b>310/22</b>	<p><b>To confirm arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.</b>            All arrangements are in place. Cllr Woollacott requested to lay the wreath. The clerk has ordered the wreath and will pass it over.</p>
<b>311/22</b>	<p><b>Finance</b>  <b>a) To agree the payments for October 2022 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 (£)
Perfect Pastures – invoice 4001	658.87	131.77	790.64
Tony Bengier – Oct 22	1350.08	270.02	1620.10
KG Wages and expenses	1130.98		1130.98
HMRC	57.35		57.35
Devon Pension Fund	297.12		297.12
Clearbrook VH Hire	25.00		25.00
Yelverton Hall Hire	40.00		40.00
GreenScheme Bench BM play park	718.00	143.60	861.60
DALC – AGM and Conference	35.00	7.00	42.00
		TOTAL	4864.79

The following payments made since the last meeting were NOTED.

Recipient	Amount
Perfect Pastures 3087 and 3089	£1,581.28
Tony Bengier 32257	£1,620.10
KG wages and expenses	£1,168.83
Defib pads reimbursement	£131.98
HMRC	£57.55
Yelverton Hall hire	£16.00
Iclean windows - Yelverton Bus shelter	£30.00
PKF Littlejohn external audit	£360.00
SLCC membership	£186.00
WDBC - bin emptying	£716.04
DCC pension fund	£297.12
E.on	£18.34
Bank Charges	£8.00

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

The bank reconciliation was noted along with the following receipts.

Cemetery   £1390.00

Field Rent   £110.00

**Yelverton:**

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<b>312/22</b>	<b>An update with regard to the maps and display boards. (Cllr Sheridan)</b> Cllr Sheridan has all in hand, there are a few amendments required then they will be ready for printing.
<b>313/22</b>	<b>To Agree the Christmas Tree Lights can be put up on Yelverton Roundabout.</b> This was agreed, it was confirmed the lights are low energy and always look
<b>Cemetery:</b>	
<b>314/22</b>	<b>To agree to put mulching around the Yew Hedge and replace a couple of the trees.</b> There are five yews that need replacing as they have not survived the dry summer. It was agreed that the trees would be mulched but this would now be left until the spring.
<b>Playparks:</b>	
<b>315/22</b>	<b>Buckland Monachorum Playpark</b> All fine, the gate needs adjusting slightly, Cllr Baird offered to do this.
<b>316/22</b>	<b>Crapstone Playpark and wildlife area.</b> Quotes for the pond have been obtained and all is in hand. All else is fine.
<b>317/22</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b> Nothing Further
<b>318/22</b>	<b>BMPC Communications (newsletters, social media, press articles)</b> The Tavistock Times could be contacted when the public meeting takes place for the school.
<b>319/22</b>	<b>Update on Parish paths (P3) and other footpath matters.</b> These are currently being walked, this needs to be done before the end of November.
<b>320/22</b>	<b>Highway matters: any to be reported and updates.</b> More potholes are appearing and can be reported through DCC at: <a href="https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/">https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/</a>
<b>321/22</b>	<b>Items for the next agenda</b> Please let the clerk have any items.
<b>322/22</b>	<b>Future Meeting Dates:</b> Wed 9th November 2022 - Planning Committee at 7.00pm followed by Finance Committee Buckland Monachorum Village Hall Tuesday 22nd November 2022 – Planning Committee at 7.00pm, followed by a full council meeting, 7.30pm at Buckland Monachorum Village Hall.
	<b>Meeting finished at: 21.05</b>