

Buckland Monachorum Parish Council

Minutes of the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** of
BUCKLAND MONACHORUM held **REMOTELY** on **Tuesday 4th May** at **7.00pm**

Present: Cllr's G Baird (Chair), V Bolitho, R Cheadle, S Woollacott, A Cunningham, R Houston, D Foley, M Sheridan and M Fowler

Apologies: Cllr's Challis, Cornthwaite, West

In Attendance: 2 Representatives for Airband Community Internet
Katharine Griffiths (Parish Clerk)

138/21 **CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION AND REPORT**

Cllr Baird welcomed all to the Annual Parish Meeting and gave an overview of the Parish activities during the past year (report attached as **Appendix A**).

Cllr Woollacott gave thanks to all the councillors that helped with walking the footpaths to complete the P3 survey and enable the grants from DCC for maintaining and upgrading the footpaths.

139/21 **PRESENTATION: AIRBAND COMMUNITY INTERNET**

A presentation was given on Airband Community Internet and how it operates and can benefit rural communities. If you would like further information please go to their website <https://www.airband.co.uk/>

140/19 **OPEN QUESTIONS**

No further questions were raised.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

APPENDIX A

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Chairman's Report

Clr Baird gave the following report.

Conducted on a ZOOM meeting.

Welcome everyone to our Annual Parish Meeting. Well, what a year it has been for everyone. We, as your council, and like many other councils, found ourselves last year having to cancel this Annual Parish Meeting due to the Governments restrictions and the beginning of the national lockdowns.

That notwithstanding, we continued to conduct Parish Council business over virtual meetings, which have been highly successful which also includes this evening's meeting. We have welcomed 4 new councillors, Martin Sheridan, Rob Houston, Darren Foley and Alastair Cunningham to the council which has now brought us up to full strength. I would like to thank all our outgoing councillors over the past year.

To that end we have continued to maintain our Parish Paths and in particular Path number 3 in Buckland Monachorum had an upgrade with the renewing of a section of the pathway and the installation of a new set of metal gates. Just to say that your council employs a lengersman who carries out a variety of work around the parish, including clearing allotted drains, path clearance and hedge trimming.

The Buckland playpark had a new fence installed and just recently some new playpark equipment was put in place for toddlers to enjoy. There are plans to upgrade the equipment in the Crapstone playpark later this year.

The contract for the Buckland Monachorum Grounds Maintenance, was renewed and awarded to Tony Benger Landscaping. We look forward to working with them to maintain all our public spaces. Many thanks to our outgoing contractor.

A joint venture with the Devon Air Ambulance has resulted in the provision of a night landing site adjacent to the tennis courts in Yelverton. This will enable Devon Air Ambulance to land during the hours of darkness so that clinical teams can reach patients much more quickly and safely. Thank you to everyone that donated funding to this project.

These are just a few of the highlights of the year. Lots of work continues by your councillors to improve many aspects within the Parish and I thank them all on your behalf.

So, in closing, I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their support throughout my Chairmanship. It has indeed been a very different year and my thanks to our Parish Clerk, Kathy for getting us up and running with all of our virtual meetings and to all your councillors for using their various pieces of technology for attending those meetings. We now look very much forward to holding our future meetings in the parish village halls, still following the government's current advice and welcome you to attend those future meetings.

Thank you for attending this evening.