



Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting NO. 217 OF BUCKLAND AND CHIPPING PARISH COUNCIL. Held on Monday 10th May 2010 at 8.00pm in St Andrews Church Buckland

Present: Councillors: D. Hall, J. Kenyon (Chairman), Councillors Jeff Jones: Mrs M. Ling: Mrs B. Little: John Noades

Also in attendance: Mr D Smith Parish Clerk and 5 Members of the Public

216.1. To receive apologies for absence. There were none

216.2. To receive Members Declarations of Interest. Cllr Jones **declared** an interest in item 5 as a payee.

216.3. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council No 215, held on 2nd March 2010 and to authorise the Chairman to sign them as a true record. Cllr Little commented that Minute 215.6 did not make it clear that the paper "Councillors Areas of Lead Responsibility for Consultation Documents" had been agreed. What had been referred to HAPTC for their opinion was the draft of the "Aims and Aspirations of the Council" This would be further discussed under item 6. Proposed by Cllr Noades seconded by Cllr Jones that they were the true record. **Agreed** The chairman signed the minutes.

216.4. To receive a report from The Chairman. The chairman reported that the two picnic benches had been installed, one on Buckland Common and one at the junction of the A10 and Whiteley Lane. Standing orders were suspended to allow Mrs Houchim from Whiteley Lane to voice her disapproval of the sighting of a picnic bench on the junction. On the proposal of Cllr Noades seconded by Cllr Ling it was agreed to discuss the location in six months time to decide if a more appropriate location in the villages could be agreed. This was **carried**, with one vote against. Standing orders were resumed.

216.5. To approve payments. Payments were agreed to: HAPTC; British Legion; Allianz insurance and Cllr Jones for light bulbs **for the Chipping Telephone Box** and telephone calls in connection with the advertising in the village newsletter. Proposed by Cllr Ling seconded by Cllr Noades **carried**.

216.6. To discuss Aims and Aspirations of the Council. After discussion and amendments suggested by Cllr Little, the "Aims and Aspirations of the Council" were **agreed**. Proposed by Cllr Little seconded by Cllr Jones.

216.7. To discuss issues relating to the newsletter. Cllr Ling reported that two errors had appeared in the newsletter. In future she would produce the newsletters in PDF format. It was reported that the newsletter will appear on the website. The chairman commented on the quality of the newsletter and the fact that other parishes had passed favourable comments.

216.8. To discuss issues relating to Herts Highways. The Southbound Chipping Bus Shelter. A letter had been received from Raj Goutam. This suggested that the police were unhappy with the sightlines from our proposed site and suggested moving the site further northwards. Cllr Hall said he would contact the residents concerned. Proposed by Cllr Jones seconded by Cllr Ling the clerk write to Herts Highways pointing out that it was still policy of the council to site a bus shelter on the southbound side of the A10 in Chipping. To point out that no changes in sightlines had occurred since Highways letter of 2008, and to request a meeting between highways: the police and appropriate councillors. **Agreed**

The reply had also been received regarding the extension of the speed limit on the Barkway road. The council reluctantly accepted that this did not have a high priority for Herts Highways. The clerk was **instructed** to write requesting that the village signs be replaced on the Barkway road and the signs on the entry to Chipping village from the south were repaired.

Cllr Hall presented facts about Vehicle Activated Signs. Fixed and semi-permanent equipment was available. After discussion it was **agreed** that Cllr Hall would talk to the police and highways about possible places for the fitting of such signs.

216.9. To consider planning applications received, progress reports & decisions. The refusal decision from East Herts regarding 23 Hillview had been received. Standing orders were suspended to allow Mr and Mrs Harrington to question the councillors. The position of the council regarding its powers in planning were explained. Mr and Mrs Harrington had appealed against the decision.

An application had been received for 1 Chipping Court. This was to fit garage doors to an open garage space. **There were no objections.**

216.10. To receive an update on the Bus Shelters in Buckland and Chipping. The **North bound** bus shelter in Chipping had been washed. The bus shelters in Buckland would be done shortly.

216.11. To receive an update on the village telephone kiosks, Cllr Jones had replaced the bulb in the Chipping kiosk. **Both kiosks will** be painted when the weather improves.

216.12. To discuss issues relating to the Parish Web Site. Cllr Jones said he had now supplied the information needed for the site to go live. He hoped this would happen before the next meeting.

216.13. To discuss possible By-Laws for Common Land in the Parish. It was **agreed** that Cllrs Hall, Jones and the clerk would produce a proposed set of bylaws for all common land in the parish at the next meeting. It was **agreed** no action would be taken on displaying notices regarding dog fouling. Cllr Noades commented on the fact that he had never heard Back Lane described as Bury Weir Lane. It was marked on the definitive path as a public right of way. It was not maintained by Herts highways nor was it under the curtilage of the parish council.

216.14. To approve and authorise The Chairman to sign the 2009/2010 Year End Accounts. These were **approved** and signed.

216.15. To approve and authorise The Chairman to sign the Annual Governance Statement. This was **approved** and signed.

216.16. To Discuss a Summer Event for the Parish. It was proposed by Cllr Hall and seconded by Cllr Noakes that permission be given to hold the event on council controlled land. Further that £50 funding being available for the organising committee. This was **carried** with one abstention. It was suggested that the organising committee could consider holding a dog show.

216.17. To receive matters for report and or referral to next agenda. To discuss the numbering of properties in Chipping.

216.18. To note correspondence received. There were none.

216.19. To invite Members of the Public to address the meeting. There were none.

216.20. To resolve under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public be excluded from the meeting for item No.20 on the agenda because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of possible commercial conflict.

- 216.21. Confidential Matters. The clerk reported on the ownership of all land adjacent to Buckland common. There would be further discussion at the next council meeting.
- 216.22. To agree date of next meeting. 5th July 2010. The meeting closed at 9.42