

Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

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DRAFT FOR APPROVAL BY ELECTORS PRESENT AT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, MAY 2022

MINUTES OF THE BUCKLAND AND CHIPPING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2021

Wednesday 5th May via Zoom at 7pm (under Covid legislation)

Present: Parish Councillors Jeff Kenyon, Penny Baxter-Newman, Aubrey Holt, Robert Arkle and 4 other members of the public.

Clerk: Colin Marks, Clerk to Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

Cllr Jeff Kenyon, being Chairman of the Parish Council and present, presided.

- **1** Apologies for absence: Cllr Jeff Jones.
- 2 Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting, 13th May 2019

Following a proposal and second, parishioners present unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th May 2019 were a true and accurate record.

Note: due to Coronavirus legislation, no meeting was held in 2020.

3 The Parish Council Chairman's report for 2018/19

Cllr Jeff Kenyon presented the following report:

The Coronavirus pandemic caused many challenges and difficulties over the past year. Although parish councils were not allowed to meet in person, an emergency Act of Parliament enabled virtual meetings to be conducted and consequently the Parish Council held its six meetings via Zoom. All essential business was transacted with planning comments being passed to East Herts Development Management. In the absence of a ceremony, on Remembrance Sunday, the Parish Council's poppy wreath was laid at the war memorial in St Andrew's Church, Buckland. On 7th May this year, the Coronavirus Act expires and the Parish Council's meetings will begin to be held face to face again, but subject to any further legislation that the government deems necessary for public health and safety.

Cllr Jeff Kenyon, Chairman of Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

4 Future village events

- 1. Summer event: A Summer/Autumn "show" will be held on Sunday 12th September at St Andrew's Church, Buckland. Parishioners of all ages will be invited to participate. The theme will be around anything to do with the garden flowers, fruit, and vegetables (no prizes just for fun), garden art, plus photographs, cakes and rounded off with a BBQ. Cllr Stan Bull said the idea of event is appreciated and he agreed to support it with a £200 grant if the Parish Council made an application through EHC.
- 2. Autumn event: It is hoped to again hold the annual bonfire/fireworks/BBQ evening in early November on Buckland Common. Full details will be published nearer the time. The Parish Council welcomes anyone who is willing and able to help with these events.

5 Buckland Waterwheel

The Parish Council wants to apply to have the small parcel of land registered with Land Registry. This has proved difficult to date and despite every effort, no owner of the land has been found or come forward. It was agreed that the wellhead should remain at its present historic location where it once provided the main water supply for the village. It was agreed that the Parish Council should pursue registration of the land.

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6 Questions from members of the electorate

• It was requested that the newsletter be sent out in time for the Parish Council meeting details to be noted. It was also asked whether the agenda could be sent out with the newsletter, but that is not practical. The agenda is published on the notice boards the week before the meeting, and on the Parish Council's website.

There being no further questions, Cllr Kenyon thanked everyone for attending, invited all to remain for the Parish Council's Annual Meeting which was following immediately, and which in turn would be followed by the May Ordinary Parish Council Meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting was closed at 7.19pm.

Signed......Date....

