

BUCKLAND TOUT SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held at St Peter's Church at 6pm
on Tuesday 25th April 2023

Present: Chair Diana Jones, Councillors Jane Harrison and Andy Brunner-Ellis.
Helen Hamilton, Clerk.

There were 11 members of the public in attendance.

1 APOLOGIES – Apologies had been received from Cllr Gilbert and Cllr Bridger

2 MINUTES The minutes from the meeting on 21st March 2023 had been circulated and it was agreed that they be approved as a true record of those proceedings. Chair Jones signed them accordingly.

3 EXPENDITURE TO BE APPROVED

It was agreed that the following items of expenditure be approved:

HMRC	PAYE – April	£39.40
H. Hamilton	Salary – April	£157.93
D. Jones	Refund – Coronation items	£25.00
DALC	Annual Renewal	£86.67
D. Jones	Refund – gift	£55.00
M. Moore	Refund – Coronation item	£6.50

The Clerk also minuted the payment for the Coronation mugs:

Stubbs Mugs	36 x Coronation mugs	£252.00
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The clerk confirmed that the closing bank balance for the year April 2022 – March 2023 was £5084.96. Chair Jones signed a hard copy of the finance spreadsheet for records.

4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

This has been the year of 'New Beginnings' for our community, trying to get back to normal after Covid. We have now settled in to our new home for meetings, in these lovely surroundings of St Peter's Church.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

On the 5 June 2022 we organised a memorable celebration to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Committee comprising of; Andy Brunner-Ellis, Ruth Fretton, Jane Harrison, Diana Jones, Madeline Moore, Maggie Smith and Anne Williams set about organising a day of celebrations to remember. The Welcome was given by Shelagh Miles, a royal toast by Baroness Amanda Sator and grace was led by Councillor Harry Kerswell. The Big Lunch was served by members of the committee and followed by afternoon teas with a raffle in aid of the Kingsbridge food bank that raised £460.00. Photos of this event can be viewed on the website.

Buckland-tout-Saints Parish Book

It was decided that it would be appropriate to produce an updated version of the 2012 Diamond Jubilee Parish Book to mark the Platinum Jubilee. Our grateful thanks go to all those on the Buckland-tout-Saints Parish Committee who researched, collated and published this wonderful memento. There are a few copies still available to purchase by contacting either Ann Lidstone or Madeline Moore.

Superfast Broadband has finally come to Buckland tout Saints

We continued to have monthly update meetings direct with Openreach, the organisers of the roll out until finally the installation of super-fast broadband was completed during December. We agreed to be interviewed by a member of Openreach's press office as they wished to use us as model case study for future customer / client relations.

Planning applications

Planning Applications have been received and discussed for:

Hill Crest, Goveton

Centry, Kingsbridge

Multiple applications from Lower Sigdon Farm

Higher Sigdon Farm

Wellcombe Cottage, Goveton

Cummings containers, Torr Quarry Industrial Estate

Torr Hill Park, Torr Industrial Estate

A Parish Christmas Lunch Party

A Parish Christmas Lunch Party was held at Orchard House on 10 December 2022 and was well attended. The £12 ticket price entitled those who came to a glass of mulled wine, a choice of hot main dish, puddings, wine and soft drinks. Thank you to all of those who gave their time to make it a success.

My thanks also to Councillor Bridger for decorating a Christmas tree in telephone box.

Sustainable South Hams

We have so far taken part in two very well attended Sustainable South Hams Assemblies. One concentrating on the climate emergency and bringing down the carbon footprint of our area. The other working to make the South Hams' rivers amongst the cleanest and most wildlife friendly. We are signing up to help monitor water quality and supply information on plant and wildlife in our Parish with The Westcountry CSI. We will continue to report back on any further initiatives relating to our area. My thanks to Councillor Harrison for heading up this initiative.

Flood Alleviation Work

Jonathan Harrison and Councillor Harry Kerswell have spent a considerable amount of time keeping the gullies in Sandy Lane and at Blackridge Cross clear of debris to avoid road flooding during the winter months. I am also grateful to Jonathan for kindly installed the all new metal dog foaling signs around the area.

Another 'New Beginning' to celebrate this coming May will be The Coronation of his Majesty King Charles III - to mark this occasion we are hosting an Afternoon Tea Party on the lawns of Buckland Court starting at 2pm. The celebrations will kick off with a glass of punch and the loyal toast by Councillor Harry Kerswell. Activities such as pebble painting and face painting by Alice Blount will be supplied to entertain the children and there will be a raffle the proceeds of which going to the Kingsbridge Food Bank.

Bone China commemorative mugs have been produced for all under 16 year old children living in the Parish. A sample of which can be seen here today.

That now brings me to the final part of my presentation.

Today the most well-respected member of Buckland-tout-Saints Parish Council, Councillor Harry Kerswell has decided after many years to step down. Having lived in this parish all his life, since being born at Bearscombe Farm in 1945, Harry followed his father Bob onto the Parish Council.

He has served as a councillor for this community for the best part of 30 years and for part of this time was chairman. A well-liked and respected farmer who, ahead of his time believes in sustainable farming methods. He is a keen golfer, race horse owner and enjoys football - especially Torquay United. Over the years he has always given us good sound advice, from a farmer and passionate local man's perspective on numerous issues that have come before the council. We have always respected his opinion and judgement and he will be sorely missed on this council. As a thank you for all the hard work and years of service on the Buckland-tout-Saints Parish Council from everyone in the Parish, we'd like you to accept this gift.

5 ANNUAL REPORTS FROM CLLR GILBERT & FOSS – nil

**6 GUEST SPEAKER – BEN HARRIS, HOME ENERGY ADVISOR
SOUTH DARTMOOR COMMUNITY ENERGY**

Ben Harris provided an informative chat regarding how to make your home warmer and energy efficiency measures.

Following the meeting parishioners enjoyed tea, coffee and cake

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting, Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 23rd May, 6pm, St Peter's Church

The meeting closed at 6.50pm

Helen Hamilton, Clerk