

**BUCKLAND TOUT SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of meeting held at St Peter's Church at 6pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**July 2023**

**Present: Councillors Diane Jones, Jane Harrison, Andy Brunner-Ellis.**  
**County Cllr Rufus Gilbert. Helen Hamilton, Clerk.**  
**There were 4 members of the public in attendance.**

*Before the meeting was opened, Chair Jones asked for a minutes silence in memory of ex-councillor Harry Kerswell.*

*'It is with great sadness that I must inform you all that formed councillor Harry Kerswell passed away at the weekend. I had nothing but the highest regard for Harry, he was a fine man and it was a privilege to have known him. I am sure I speak for everyone when saying he will sorely be missed by all in our community'. The funeral will be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August, Charleton Church at 1pm.*

**1 APOLOGIES – nil**

**2 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

Dan Bridger and Angela Smaridge were co-opted onto the Council; proposed by Chair Jones and seconded by Cllr Harrison. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed by both.

As a way of introduction, Cllr Smaridge shared information about her life, interests and work for the PC.

**3 ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – nil**

**4 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**County Cllr Gilbert**

A Trading Standards report had been shared with the Clerk for distribution to the cllrs, however due to an error with the attachment Cllr Gilbert is awaiting another document to share. Cllr Gilbert urged cllrs to read this document as had some interesting information in the report, including information regarding Made In Devon, of which Cllr Gilbert has been heavily involved with.

Mobile libraries are due to close, however, this decision has been 'called in' for further investigation by the Scrutiny committee for further recommendations. Mobile libraries currently serve approximately 3000 individuals across the whole of Devon. These numbers have fallen by half in the past 7 years. The three vehicles which service this now need replacing at a cost of £150,000 - £200,00 each. It is suggested the money from mobile libraries be invested into the static libraries.

Chair Jones advised that large vehicles are getting stuck in the lanes in the Parish and sought advice as to how this could be dealt with. Cllr Gilbert advised in the first instance the Clerk should contact Adam Keay at Highways for advice and propose a visit to the area to see what may be able to be done. Cllr Gilbert offered to attend such a meeting. Clerk to co-ordinate.

*Cllr Gilbert left at 18:15*

*Cllr Brunner-Ellis arrived at 18:15*

**5 MINUTES** The minutes from the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 had been circulated and it was agreed that they be approved as a true record of those proceedings. Chair Jones signed them accordingly.

**6 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Clerk read out payments made in June to be minuted:

HMRC	PAYE – June	£39.40
H. Hamilton	Clerk Salary – June	£157.93

**a. Expenditure to be approved**

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

HMRC	PAYE – July	£39.60
H. Hamilton	Salary – July	£157.73

The clerk confirmed that the bank balance as of 17/07/23 was £6105.26. Chair Jones signed a hard copy of the finance spreadsheet for records.

**7 PLANNING**

**a. 1951/23/ARC, Lower Sigdon, Coombe Lane, Kingsbridge TQ7 4AB**

To minute that the PC had no objection to the approval details of planning consent 1673/22/LBC.

**b. 1876/23/FUL, South West 4X4, Torr Quarry Industrial Est TQ9 7QQ**

The cllrs had no objection to the change of use proposed in this planning application.

**8 CHARIMAN AND COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Chair Jones advised that there are currently various lots of land for sale at Torr Quarry Industrial Estate. This was to highlight that there may, in the future, be more planning applications for businesses.

The PC had been approached in between meetings from a MofP who was interested in buying land in the parish and developing this for eco-farming and a cattery. The Clerk had responded to the email, advising that with such limited information it was difficult to provide a response as to whether there might be parish support and that the PC would be happy to discuss this further. The Clerk advised that there has not been any further communication.

**9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting, Full meeting, is on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm at St Peter's Church.  
*Please note the change of date from the scheduled 19<sup>th</sup> September to 26<sup>th</sup> September.*

Meeting closed at 18:45

Helen Hamilton, Clerk