



## **Buckminster & Sewstern Parish Council**

*Parish Council Chairperson Councillor L.Exton*

### ***Parish Council Meeting***

***Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016***

***Buckminster Buckminster Hall at 7.00pm***

### ***Minutes.***

***Present : Cllr L.Exton ;Cllr G.Arnold ; Cllr K.Bygott ; Cllr G.Exton ;***

***Cllr E Woodcock.***

***Borough Councilor M Graham. Also present were 16 Parishioners.***

***35/16-17 : To receive apologies of absence and non attendance.***

***Apologies received from : Cllr R.Clark ;Cllr B.Rhodes;***

***36/16-17: The Clerk announced that Cllr R.Clark was due to come tonight but unfortunately was not well enough to attend. The Council thanked Cllr R.Clark and wished her all the best in her recovery.***

***37/16-17: To receive declarations of interest both personal and prejudicial on matters arising from the agenda :***

***There were no declarations received from Councilors.***

*38/16-17 : To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016.*

*The minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were approved and duly signed by councilors.*

*39/16-17: Public Participation :*

*Adjournment of the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public to express views on any matters of interest.*

*Cllr L.Exton explained to residents how parishioner's time worked and then opened it up for residents to participate.*

*Residents were still concerned over continual flooding in the western end of Sewstern and no matter how many times residents complain ,nothing seems to be done how many more times have we got to complain before something gets done. This item was brought up at the previous Parish Council meeting but problems are still ongoing. ( **Councilor Graham suggested that perhaps a supply of Sand bags might reduce the flooding.**) It was not the answer that was wanted but at least it was a start.*

*With reference to the Culvert flooding 63 years on and still it overflows .In response Cllr Exton explained that the council were continually talking to Highways and have actually had County Highways out to inspect. The Council is working very hard to sort the problem out.*

*Speeding was also an issue through Sewstern this was also brought up at the last Parish Council meeting and as residents we were not happy that the Police were not present here tonight.*

*Heavy Vehicles are also on the increase and the residents are concerned about the state of their properties (Council is still looking at 7.5 tonne weight limit we have already discussed this with our County Councilor.)*

*Street lighting is also a problem (Clerk is still in discussions with both parties.)*

*Residents could not understand why the Parish Council was not doing their own Parish Plan.*

*Clerk stated that it was a very expensive. You would need to do a lot of work as it would cover Highways, Social Housing ,Schools , Shops , and all the Parish infrastructure you*

*would be required to do a traffic survey all of these items are costly and as a Parish Council we would be unable to afford.*

*Chairman Councilor Exton welcomed their participation and looked forward to moving on and working together.*

*Councilor Graham stated that he was pleased to see so many residents at the meeting*

**40/16-17: County Councilors report :**

*No report received.*

**41/16-17: Ward Councilors report :**

*Councilor Graham gave a brief report about the current financial state of the Borough Council*

*stating that savings will have to be made over the next year or so to enable the Council to fulfill its obligations.*

*After listening to residents feelings regarding flooding he would contact Highways to try and get some sand bags but obviously they will need to find somewhere to store them*

**42/16-17: Chairman's report ;**

*Chairman reported that she still had reservations on the way Planning were handling the building of the new build next to 10 Timber Hill.*

**43/16-17: Clerks report :**

*The finances of the Council were good and were on budget*

**44/16-17; To receive a report from the Police :**

*There was no report from the police.*

**45/16-17: Buckminster Village Information :**

*Meetings regarding the bus service were still ongoing and progress is being made.*

**46/16-17: Sewstern Village Information :**

**47/16-17: Planning Applications :**

***A ) Applications for consideration :***

*There were no planning applications to consider.*

***B ) Applications Approved : None***

***C ) Applications Refused : None***

***D ) Applications for Enforcement : Number 10 Timber Hill is still causing concerns as the permission given along with conditions is still being ignored by the applicant and not being enforced by Planning. (Clerk to ascertain why Planning are not enforcing the conditions put on the property)***

*At this point of the meeting P C Mark Longdon entered the meeting and gave his apologies for being late as he was at another meeting else where.*

**48/16-17: Finance :**

*Current Account £4386.93*

*Deposit Account £1151.80*

*Total Account Balance £ 5538.73*

**32/16-17: To approve and sign the bank reconciliation for the period ending the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016**

*The bank reconciliation was approved and duly signed.*

**33/16-17: Correspondence received no action to be taken : None**

***34/16-17: The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on the Tuesday 28th February 2017 in Buckminster Village Hall.***

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