

BUCKFASTLEIGH WEST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th June 2024 at 7.00pm **in Scoriton Village Hall**

Present – Cllrs Feasey (Chairman), Le Marchant, Owen & Rolls
List Cllr Pannell & the Clerk - Karen Gilbert One member of the Public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - The member of the Public had attended to discuss the proposal to purchase some land from the Parish Council . It was **NOTED** that the areas offered v requested differed . A site meeting was requested and confirmed by the Council - to discuss / consider options although no opinion / decision will be made at that time

Full reports available from the Clerk - all reports circulated to Cllrs in advance

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL - FULL REPORT AVAILABLE FROM CLERK

Are your residents ready to vote?

As polling day for the general election rapidly approaches, there are key dates for your residents to put into their calendar if they want to ensure they can vote in the way they want to.

The key dates they need are:

Register to vote - before 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday 18 June

register online here

It only takes five minutes. They'll be asked for their National Insurance number (but they can still register if they do not have one).

Vote by post - Deadline for applications is before 5 p.m. on Wednesday 19 June

Apply to vote by post

Useful if they know that they won't be able to get to the polling station on polling day, they can vote by post.

Vote by proxy? Deadline for applications is before 5 p.m. on Wednesday 26 June

Apply to vote by proxy

They can ask someone they trust to cast their vote on their behalf if they're unavailable to vote.

Photo ID. Essential to vote in any election

Apply for a Voter Authority Certificate - Deadline for applications is before 5 p.m. on Wednesday 26 June

apply for free voter ID

If they don't have any accepted photo ID, they can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

Changes to voting for British citizens living overseas

Changes to overseas voting. The 15 year limit on voting rights for has now been removed. The registration period has been extended to three years. This means that overseas voters will only need to register to vote every three years.

POLLING DAY

7 a.m. - 10 p.m. on Thursday 4 July [Remember their photo ID]

DEVON COUNTY - Cllr Dan Thomas

New leader and deputy confirmed

Devon County Council's deputy leader has become the new leader of the authority. James McInnes has been chosen by the ruling Conservative group to replace John Hart. Long-standing Cabinet member Andrea Davis has become deputy leader. The changes were ratified at the council's annual meeting on Thursday 23 May. John Hart was nominated to become chairman of the council at the same meeting.

£12 million boost to pothole repairs

A new multi-million pound investment in repairing potholes and boosting road drainage in Devon has been agreed. Cabinet was already set to discuss a £10 million boost to pothole repairs and pre-emptive road drainage work at the meeting on Wednesday 8 May but councillors have now agreed to add a further £2 million to the total after hearing that the overall county budget for 2023/24 has come in underspent. So the county's budget for repairing potholes and drainage work will be boosted by a total of £12 million overall.

Devon County Council and Torbay Council have formally submitted our joint proposal for a Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority (CCA) to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP. But of course the calling of a General Election has rather scuppered County's plans and the proposal was not heard in the winding up proceedings.

DNPA

The meeting was advised that proposed changes to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, as amended, does not affect development with Dartmoor National Park. There will therefore be no relaxation in Permitted Development rights

24/06/01 Apologies for absence. Cllrs Knowling, Niering, and Brent & County Cllr Thomas

24/06/02 Approval of Minutes - The Minutes of the regular meeting held on 7th May 2024 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record

24/06/03. Declarations of interest - None **Dispensation requests** None

24/06/04- PC admin - None

24/06/05 Clerks Report - Highways issues see below

24/06/06- Planning - Various enforcement cases were briefly discussed

NO NEW PLANNING

24/06/07 Finance -

a) **Approval of cheques** - **AGREED** by all

Zurich Insurance	Insurance premium for 2024	£241.00
Kevin Feasey	Website costs	£41.71
Karen Gilbert	Expenses	£44.99

A letter had been received from Lloyds Bank

ACTION ; CLERK TO WAIT FOR RELEVANT GUIDANCE BEFORE WRITING FOR CLARIFICATION

24/06/08 Councillor reports

a) Tree Warden report. - None

b) Councillors reports from other meetings. The Village Hall Committee was to hold an AGM in the near future - details to be confirmed

c) Footpaths Warden Report. - No issues .

24/06/09 - Village Matters - Highways

Councillors confirmed that the sink hole by Scoriton Farm had not been repaired - another such hole had now appeared on the other side of the road

In addition , there was now another a sink hole outside Littlecombe Farm (actually in Holne Parish)

ACTION ; CLERK TO REPORT

It was NOTED that reporting highway issues online to Devon County was highly effective

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/>

24/06/10. Parish Council Meeting 2nd July 2024 at 7.00pm

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.15 pm