

BUCKFASTLEIGH WEST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd July 2024 at 7.00pm **in Scoriton Village Hall**

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

The Chairman advised the Meeting that he had received the resignation of Frank Niering as Councillor . Frank had commented that he had felt it an honour to serve as Councillor for the Parish . The Council stated that Frank's contribution had been greatly appreciated by Councillors and Parishioners alike

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

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL - FULL REPORT AVAILABLE FROM CLERK

Ruth Leonard-Williams, Project Manager at Sustainable South Hams, in collaboration with Cllr John McKay, Lead Member for Climate Change and Biodiversity at South Hams District Council, and Adam Williams, Principal Climate Change Officer, are offering support and advice for Parish Councillors on climate action. A significant number are keen to help enable more community action around climate and nature. We are planning to develop a support package for councillors to help with this - but want to make sure that it meets councillors' needs and understand better what forms of support would be useful and the sort of content they would like it to contain.

1) Save the Date! Fri 11th Oct, Follaton House. We are coordinating a Symposium for South Hams parish, town and district councillors. The event will showcase a whole range of practical projects to inspire, connect and support action on climate and nature. More information to follow soon.

2) We would really welcome the opportunity to have 1:1 conversations with some councillors. Do you have one (or more) councillors who would be available for a half hour conversation with me or one of my colleagues? The aim is to gain a better understanding of how councillors/councils could be better supported in enabling community climate and nature action. The conversations will be fully confidential with no names or places identified in any results. We are hoping to hold the last of these by Wed 24th July. If they are willing to have a call with us please can they fill in their availability using the link sent to your Parish Clerk.

3) Quick questionnaire. For those who don't have time to have a conversation we would welcome input in the form of a quick questionnaire. Those we have the conversations with will not need to complete this. Again obtain the link from your Clerk. The results will be kept confidential and not published or shared

DEVON COUNTY - Cllr Dan Thomas

Cllr Thomas advised that he had a new locality budget of £8000 to be shared amongst the Parishes he covers . He urged the Council to apply to this fund for any suitable projects Hr added that his report was limited due to the period of heightened sensitivity caused by the imminent General Election

DNPA

Buckfastleigh Moor

Following a successful funding bid, Dartmoor National Park Authority is pleased to announce it has acquired Buckfastleigh Moor.

The new acquisition, consisting of 858 acres of common land, ensures long-term protection of the National Park's special qualities in this distinctive part of Dartmoor.

In November 2023, Defra announced a new capital grant scheme for land acquisition in protected landscapes that would support management of water resources. The Authority applied to the fund and was successful in securing a 100% capital grant to purchase Buckfastleigh moor which had been for sale on the open market.

The total area acquired is 858 acres and all of it is registered common land. Accessed from Chalk Ford, Lud Gate or Water Oak Corner, the acquisition area runs in a northwest direction to Ryder's Hill – the highest point on Southern Dartmoor – before tracking south east to Snowdon and Puper's Hill. As well as sections of the Two Moors Way and Abbot's Way, it contains rivers such as the Mardle and Dean Burn – already identified as priority areas for reducing flood risk. The acquisition adjoins Holne Moor, part of which the Authority already owns.

Officers have met with Buckfastleigh West Commoners Association and are keen to work with commoners to develop a joint management plan and to get the moor into an agri-environment agreement.

24/07/01 Apologies for absence. None

24/07/02 Approval of Minutes - The Minutes of the regular meeting held on 4th June 2024 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record

24/07/03. Declarations of interest - None **Dispensation requests** None

24/07/04- PC admin - None

24/07/05 Clerks Report -

The Clerk reminded the Councillors of the need to set up the.gov emails

She also enquired whether the Flower show was still happy to fund the replacement Village bench
- she was advised that the funds had been granted elsewhere

ACTION : CLERK TO SOURCE SUPPLIER AND COST/ APPLY FOR LOCALITY GRANT

24/07/06- Planning - Various enforcement cases were briefly discussed

NO NEW PLANNING

24/07/07 Finance -

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

Kevin Feasey	Website costs	£41.71
Karen Gilbert	Expenses	£61.99

ACTION : CLERK TO PREPARE FORMS FOR NEW SIGNATORY

24/07/08 Councillor reports

a) **Tree Warden report.** - None

b) **Councillors reports from other meetings.** NONE

c) **Footpaths Warden Report.** - No issues .

24/07/09 - Village Matters - Highways

It was **NOTED** that the sink holes near Littlecombe Farm had been marked up for repair

It was **NOTED** that the plaque in memory of Leyton Juste had been placed in the Phone box

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/>

24/07/10. Parish Council Meeting 3rd September 2024 at 7.00pm

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

24/07/11 Exclusion of Press and Public

It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies. (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the agenda item 12 owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and that the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information.

NO PUBLIC PRESENT

PART TWO

24/07/12. Confidential matters

The area of land offered for sale had been amended following a site meeting

It was **AGREED** that this was acceptable - all in agreement by show of hands

Negotiations to continue

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.11 pm