

BUCKFASTLEIGH WEST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st October 2024 at 7.00pm in Scoriton Village Hall

Present – Cllrs Brent (Chairman), Feasey , & Rolls

Clerk - Karen Gilbert. No members of Public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE

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

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL - FULL REPORT AVAILABLE FROM CLERK

Digital phone - Land lines

As you will be aware, we have been told the copper phone network is being switched off and replaced with digital technology. This is because it is old and becoming harder and more expensive to maintain.

The phone network in the UK is owned by BT and will be retired by January 2027. This means other providers that use BT's network must follow the same timescale.

Other companies with their own networks such as Virgin Media plan to follow a similar timescale.

Over the coming months BT is targeting the SW region to help people switch over to digital phones. For many of us this will not be an issue, but it could cause anxiety for people with poor mobile signal and poor broadband.

It was Suggested that the Parish Council should contact the MP Caroline Voaden to ascertain what measures would be put in place for those not receiving Fibre Broadband

DEVON COUNTY - CLLR DAN THOMAS

Consultations on local transport, cycling and walking

Transport Planning team officers will shortly be collecting feedback on two important transport strategies.

Between 1 October 2024 and 30 November 2024 consulting will take place on:

- The draft Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 4: 2025-2040
- The draft Devon Countywide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

The Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) is the strategic document that sets out the priorities for transport across the county between 2025 and 2040.

From 1 October, you can view the full LTP4, a summary video, a summary document, the accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment and complete the consultation questionnaire on the Have Your Say webpage or by searching: devon.cc/LTP4.

Four online webinars are being hosted during the consultation period. Two are specifically for stakeholders and two are open to the general public. Come along to watch a presentation about the LTP4 and ask the project team any questions you may have.

- Stakeholder Webinar - 8th October 2024 4pm-5pm.
- Public Webinar – 8th October 2024 6-7pm.
- Stakeholder Webinar - 18th November 2024 4pm-5pm.
- Public Webinar – 18th November 2024 6-7pm.

Register via devon.cc/LTP4

DNPA

1. The Darwalls' appeal over the Appeal Court ruling in favour of backpack camping on Common Land will be heard in the Supreme Court on Tuesday 8th October. Judgement is likely to be reserved until a later date.
2. DNPA has supported National Parks England response to the Government's consultations on proposed planning reforms. It broadly welcomes them but has reservations particularly over the method for identifying housing need, which is assessed by Local Authority areas, with no distinction made for areas within National Parks and National Landscapes (former AONBs). The response also addresses the need for more affordable and social housing.

24/10/01 Apologies for absence Cllrs Knowling , Owen and Le Marchant & Dist Cllr Pannell

24/10/02 Approval of Minutes - The Minutes of the regular meeting held on 3rd September 2024 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record

24/10/03. Declarations of interest - None **Dispensation requests** None

24/10/04- PC admin - There were no Co-option applications to consider

24/10/05 - Clerks Report

The Clerk advised that the DNPA Ranger had visited the Right of way and commented that the PRIVATE LANE sign at the end of the Bridleway in the Village centre - Two Moors Way - had been removed. It was **NOTED** that Complaints regarding this sign had also been sent direct to DNPA

24/10/06- Planning - NONE

24/10/07 Finance -

a) Approval of cheques - AGREED by all

Karen Gilbert	Expenses for September	£41.00
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Rattery Sawmills	New bench	£797.28 inc VAT
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b) To decide whether to purchase a bench at a cost of £664.40 + VAT delivery £23 + VAT

It was **NOTED** that a grant of £300 had been kindly made by Cllr Dan Thomas (DCC) as had Grants of £150 each from Cllrs Pannell and Hancock (SHDC)

The Council thanked all Councillors for these generous offers

It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk order the bench - collection by Cllr Rolls - **ALL IN AGREEMENT**

ACTION - CLERK TO ORDER NEW BENCH FROM RATTERY SAWMILLS

24/10/08 Councillor reports

a) Tree Warden report. - An Email from a Parishioner had been received advising that trees from Brook Wood were overhanging the adjacent road

ACTION ; CLERK TO CONTACT LANDOWNER

b) Councillors reports from other meetings. NONE

c) Footpaths Warden Report. - NONE

24/10/09 - Village Matters

Highways - **NONE.** Village Hall - **NONE**

24/10/10. Parish Council Meeting 5th November 2024 at 7.00pm

24/10/11Exclusion 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**24/10/12. Confidential matters**

MATTERS WERE DEBATED BUT NO DECISIONS WERE MADE

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.25 pm