

Buckland Dinham Annual Parish Meeting - Minutes 20th May 2024

Present	Councillors: John Reckless, Alan King, Sarah Barnett, Ian Blair, Elisita Kemp, Susie Hicks
Attending	Approximately 60 members of the Village, Parish Clerk Diane Sleigh
	Comment
1.	Welcome and Introduction from John Reckless, Chair of Buckland Dinham Parish Council (BDPC)
	The Annual Parish meeting is organised by BDPC for the Village to gather to hear news from various groups from the previous year, their plans for the future, to bring ideas to Council, groups and offer help where they would like to.
	The precept is raised from residents via council tax to support village activities identified to the Parish Council for the benefit of villagers. No change to the amount this year.
	There were 2 minute talks from the various groups who have displays around the hall.
	A brief roundup of activities completed by Council included the Parish Plan, assessing Somerset Council (SC) opportunity of taking on devolution of services, being active with the Vale of Frome LCN, meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding road safety, appointment of the Clerk .
2.	Flooding and Emergency Strategies
	Report of homes, gardens being flooded. Residents and BDPC engaging with Somerset Rivers Authority, Highways, Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group and others to find solutions. None implemented, to be continued by BDPC and residents.
	Suggest residents prepare an Emergency kit bag - medications, clothing, what else and how quickly, easily could you evacuate your home if need if flooded, power cuts.
3.	Community Speedwatch and Speed Indication Devices
	Thanks to the team who installed the devices.
	Noted that the devices record data all the time. They are in display mode for 2 weeks in every 6. It is a requirement of SC that the devices are not in display mode for longer.
	Thanks to the roadside team who have completed 75 sessions this year.
	Pleas for volunteers.
	Please help encourage other vehicles by adhering to the legal speed limit to allow residents to safely walk our narrow pavements, access their homes.
4.	Communication
	There are several Buckland Dinham Facebook pages. BD Church and Village is a public page with many members, not all residents, widely used for news and events considered useful by the Admins. Clerk posts Council and other news on BD Parish Clerk page.
	Current website is mainly BDPC related and needs updating with more relevance to the Village. More on this from the Parish Plan.
	5Alive is news from 5 parishes not a church magazine, please read it to find out what's going on and support the advertisers if possible.
5.	Social Activities
	History Group - Plea for members and help with the archive as this previously active group now has only 2 members.
	There is a large archive in the Simon Bird room in the Village Hall.
	Monthly Tuesday lunch club is fully subscribed, thank you to the volunteer team providing for this group.
	Buckland Buddies have formed from the demise of the WI. Please come along to the talks, 1st Tuesday monthly. Open to all.
	Coffee mornings in the Church are the 3rd Saturday monthly, £5.
Amended	A grant has been received for the installation of a toilet.
	The above grant is historical. Noted here as if received in the last year, it was not. My apologies for my misunderstanding.
	Short mat bowls group meet weekly on Wednesdays 2.30pm-4.30pm and would welcome more members.
6.	Committees
	Changes to the organisation of the Church management provide for Village level decisions on use of the building, maintenance, an exciting new era.
	The 'Friends of' group look after the fabric of the building and have started fund raising for repairs to the Lychgate.

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	Interestingly, St Michael's has 8 bells when 6 is more usual. There have been visiting teams to enjoy this configuration.
	Does BD want their own team?
7.	Playing Field Association
	Nets and posts are needed, being replaced.
	What else do you want at the Playing field?
	Thank you to the health & safety and maintenance team.
8.	Village Hall
	Plea for help, committee members. Only 2 meetings a year. Lower hire rate for residents. Ideas for events please.
9.	Projects
	Frome Missing Link has received a pledge of match funding. Tarmacked to the Elliots, ideas for fund raising please.
	Walks leaflets - 6 walks have been reviewed many times, latest meeting suggests more photos may be needed.
	Leaflets are paid for by BDPC who will have final approval of the content.
10.	The Bell
	Quiz night has been very successful, many thanks to the Evans family. More ideas coming.
	The team continue ideas of themed nights, breakfasts, honing opening hours and Clarkson's cider soon.
11.	Parish Plan
	There was extensive reporting on the findings from the Plan survey.
	There will be meetings and displays arranged for all to attend to discuss and review the findings in more detail.
	The Plan will be fully published at the end of November when the project officially ends but work begins.
	Main, common themes - Traffic, Communication, Community Amenities and Environment.
12.	Closing remarks
	John Reckless - please talk to people at the tables, in the hall. Small amounts of volunteering add up. There are lots of ideas and lots to do.
	This part of the meeting was closed, all encouraged to chat with those at the tables, view displays, chat with all and enjoy the refreshments.