

## BUCKLAND DINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held remotely on Thursday 29 April 2021

**3683 Present:** Councillors: John Reckless; Sue Palmer. Alan King; Viv Street.  
**In attendance:** Gill Pettitt (Clerk); 1 member of public was present

**3684 Resolution:** To approve (or not) suspension of Standing Orders to enable the AGM to be held in April.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Suspension of the Standing Orders to enable the AGM to be held in April

**3685 Resolution:** To appoint Chair.

**RESOLVED:** John Reckless to be appointed Chair for the year 2021/22.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office will be signed at a later date.

**RESOLVED:** Alan King to be appointed Vice Chair for the year 2021/22

**3686 Apologies:** Cllrs Ian Blair; Elisita Kemp.

**RESOLVED:** To accept Cllrs Blair and Kemp's reasons for absence.

**3687 Declarations of Interest:** There were no Declarations of Interest

**3688 Open Forum:** A member of the public spoke to the meeting about concerns regarding the A362 between Mells Lane and Terry Hill crossroads about which he had approached SCC. He was able to offer a number of approaches to the problem, which Council will take into account.

**3689 Exclusion of the Press and Public:** Noted item 16.v.c is confidential and requires exclusion of press and public.

**3690 Minutes of Full Council 1 April 2021:**

**RESOLVED:** Minutes of Buckland Dinham Full Council 1 April 2021 Approved

**3691 Annual Report:** Cllr Reckless spoke to the tabled Annual Report. Cllr Street noted the good news that The Bell Inn, Buckland Dinham has reopened.

**3692 Local Authority Reports:**

- i. **Avon and Somerset Police** – Report noted.
- ii. **Somerset County Council** – No report
- iii. **Mendip District Council** – No report

	Action
<b>3693 Delegations to other Authorities and groups:</b> None	
<b>3694 Unitary Authority:</b> There are two options: A single authority (One Somerset), favoured by Somerset County Council, or two authorities (Stronger Somerset), favoured by each of the current District Councils, split between the east and west of the county. Noted that the size of One Somerset would be an issue, being one of the largest in the country with the centre in Taunton. Stronger Somerset could possibly have a centre in Yeovil. The decision will be made by Government and is expected in June.	
<b>3695 Planning Applications:</b> <b>2021/0889</b> Swallow Barn – could not be considered as it was not on the agenda. Clerk to ask for an extension. <b>2021/0856 RESOLVED:</b> Approved <b>2021/0820 RESOLVED:</b> Approved <b>2021/0821 RESOLVED:</b> Approved	Clerk
<b>3696 A362 Speed Restrictions:</b> 20mph TRO – Once in place the Council will replace the existing Speed Indicator Device (SID) at the east end of the village, moving its site if necessary according to the start of the new speed limit. <b>RESOLVED:</b> The Council to consider purchasing a second SID for the west end of	Cllr Blair

<p>the village, Cllr Blair was investigating. Cllr King will liaise with Cllr Blair. The situation between Mells Lane and Terry Hill was discussed. Council feels the traffic risks are a danger and this has been notified to Somerset County Council Highways dept. The Council would wish to hear the county's suggested amelioration and is prepared to support appropriate methods such as an extension of the double white lines.</p>	<p><b>Cllr King</b></p>
<p><b>3697 Somerset Climate Emergence Application on behalf of the Village Hall:</b> BDPC has accepted a grant from SCC for installation of solar panels and battery storage at the Village Hall. The Clerk is in receipt of the agreement that requires signing once it is completed. A time frame will be drawn up in conjunction with the Village Hall Management Committee.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>3698 Councillor Vacancy:</b> No one has come forward. Council continues to seek interested members of the public.</p>	<p><b>All Councillors</b></p>
<p><b>3699 Clerk's Report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Noted Councillor responsibilities almost finalised</li> <li>ii. Bank Mandates – Noted this is now complete</li> <li>iii. End of Year accounts</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To appoint Simon Pritchard as the Internal Auditor.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> To approve the Summary Receipts and Payments Balances for the year 2020/2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iv. <b>Hall Booking:</b> Noted. The QR code system seems to be difficult – noted that there is a signing in system as well.</li> <li>v. <b>Payments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>Zoom:</b> Resolved to approve monthly payment of Zoom share until cessation of use.</li> <li>b) <b>StellaSoft: RESOLVED:</b> To approve payment for 2021/22 web hosting support. Noted Cllr Blair will report to next meeting.</li> <li>c) <b>Salary: RESOLVED:</b> To approve monthly salary payments.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Blair</b></p>
<p><b>3700 Dates of Next Meetings:</b> The Annual Parish Meeting will be held <b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b> in the Village Hall – <b>7:30pm</b></p>	