**Buckland Parish Council**

**Minutes of Meeting of 12 February 2018**

Present: Alex Wildman (chair), Marjorie Talbot, Fiona Bartholomew, Mark Jepson, Roger Podbery, Chris Langham, Judith Heathcoat

In attendance: One resident

1. Apologies none
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. The minutes of the BPC meeting of 6 November 2017 were approved and signed.
4. MATTERS ARISING

A. Precept - Clerk reported £7000 was submitted.

B. Christmas tree - Clerk reported that he had sent an e-mail thanking Mr McNally.

C. D of E - The applicant did not take up the offer.

D. Village Signage – Nothing allowed by the council, there followed a discussion regarding a school

Sign for summerside at the Buckland Road end. Alex to e-mail Judith with a request for sign.

E. BGG Weeding - This was done next day.

1. OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Judith referred to her monthly report and explained the Housing and Growth deal agreed with Government. 100,000 houses were required between 2011 and 2013 of which at the moment are short by 4000. In addition, c.£150m will be received for new infrastructure.

1. VALE of WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COUNCIL

No Report

1. LOCAL PLAN

The clerk reported that he had visited the exhibition and there were no plans apparent for material development in Buckland. Local development would of course be likely to continue to increase traffic on A420.

MT took summarised the NHS local plan which had been circulated and explained that the WI will be taking a role to raise awareness and offer assistance in conjunction with the school to elderly and those less familiar with working online.

1. The BGG Quote was agreed.
2. CHARITY of JOHN SOUTHBY and OTHERS

Alex spoke about the role and remit of the charity, the history the land at Grove and the change to

Wantage that enabled this land to be sold for development. The charity as been able to broaden its reemit

To be for the benefit of Buckland. The charity as received just short of £3.25million for the land and as already given £20,000 to the church to fill the shortfall on the amount they needed for the roof.

FB Thanked the trustees for all their hard work and RP and JT thanked Alex saying without him this

Would not have happened.

1. BANK CLOSURE

The clerk reported on the closure of Lloyds in Faringdon and said that there may be a mobile Bank two or three times a week. FB said the bank was keen to hear from anyone who felt adversely affected.

1. GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

The Parish Council agreed to take part

1. There was no correspondence.
2. AOB
   1. JT will attend a transport meeting next Monday, and from the 19th Feb there will be some changes to the Bus timetable.
   2. RP was concerned about the village being used as a rat run. He also agreed to obtain quotes for repointing the base surround of the War Memorial.
   3. MT reported on the meeting with Go Active Gold and the outcome was a 10 week programme of Tai Chi.
   4. FB suggested we reconsider buying anti-speeding stickers for bins and will get a quote. DP will then e-mail the village list to gauge interest.
   5. AW mentioned a planning application had been refused in Gainfield

Council agreed to support an appeal .DP to check with applicant

* 1. CL asked to purchase a portable power washer for £14.99 for signage cleaning. This was agreed

1. Next meeting – Monday 14 May 2018, 7.30 pm in Buckland Memorial Hall which will be the Annual Parish and AGM meeting.

DP 14.02.18