**BUCKLAND PARISH**

 **Minutes of the Meeting of Parish Council held on Tuesday 4th November 2014 at the Buckland Village School**

**Present:**

 Roger Podbery Alex Wildman Terry O’Brien Karen Coombs

Mel Westmorland

County Council Judith Heathcoat

District Council Anthony Hayward

**1. In Attendence**

Joe Turner

**2 Apologies for absence**

None

**3 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations

**4 Election of Chairman**

Alex Wildman was proposed by Roger Podbery and seconded by Karen Coombs and with no other nominations was duly elected

**5 Election of Vice Chairman**

**Karen Coombs was proposed by Alex Wildman and seconded by Mel Westmorland and with no other nominations was duly elected**

**6 Tribute to Tony Willis**

**Every one present spoke of their memories of Tony and how he had served Buckland in many ways from the Pc the Church the Cricket Club and had been a generous benefactor the like of which we will probably not see again.**

**There then followed a minutes silence after which all agreed he would be sorely missed.**

**6 Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2014 having been circulated, were approved and signed.

**7 Matters arising from the previous minutes**

Community Lunch

The Clerk reported that Mr and Mrs Moon had not attended the Lunch but had received their award. A glowing report on their contribution to

Buckland and been posted in the Seven Voices by Terry.

Styles Footpath

The Clerk reported that he had been to see Mr and Mrs Organ reference

The fallen wall and the situation was ongoing.

Lime Tree

Karen reported that we do need planning permission to remove dangerous

Branches and the clerk under took to make sure it was the pc’s responsibility.

Dog Bins

The Clerk reported that the new bins were in place and were being well used.

Dog Letter Template

Alex produced two versions that we can send to offender’s owners if the need arises.

**8 Oxfordshire County Council – Judith Heathcoat**

**Judith referred to her latest report and highlighted one or two things.**

**The road works around Oxford causing traffic problems was not the fault of the**

**County Council but of Central Government who said that the money allocated**

**For road repairs was time active so had to be done now.**

**Network Rail is due to finish on time ie 5/6th Dec at Challow Station Bridge.**

**9 Vale of White Horse District Council Anthony Hayward**

 Report by District Councilor.

The plan now delayed until Jan(hopefully) due to new criteria from the Government. In an answer to a question Anthony reported that any large scale development in Buckland would not be sustainable. In a discussion it was felt that the footpath to the B P if it went ahead may make the shop included in the village making it more likely rather than less.

**10 Half Year Budget Review**

This was presented and approved by the council

**11 Precept**

The clerk reported that this was due by the end of the year after discussion the only extra item that may be required was financial help for the First Responder

**12 Dog Fouling**

Mr and Mrs Jupe were invited by the Chairman to follow up their letter regarding the problem with dogs fouling outside their House to inform the meeting about the conditions they have to contend with.

The council were very sympathetic and the following conclusions were reached.

A Sign saying “Please keep your dog on a lead until passed cottages by request of the Parish Council”.

Also to ensure the school did all they could do discourage parents from outside the village walking their dogs down the lane.

**13 Christmas Tree on the Green**

The council decided against.

**14 Western Vale Villages**

The Council confirmed the action taken between meetings to donate £250.00 to this fund (However not yet paid)

**15 Correspondence**.

It was agreed to donate £50.00 to both South and Vale Careers and The Citizens Advice Bureau and to give councilors more information on the Independent Advice Centre. The Letter from N.H.S. England was noted and it was decided not to have Santa’s Mobile Grotto.

The Clerk reported that there were grants available for the War Memorial and it was agreed to look into it.

Mr David Jackson was invited to speak on his e-mail to the council requesting closer ties between the two bodies .Although the Hall financially was on an even keel, major repairs in the near future would require a large grant. It was agreed a member of the Hall committee would attend P.C. meetings and a councilor would attend a Hall committee meeting.

This would be done on a pro rata bases.

The clerk reported on advice from our insurance company ref snow clearing.

**Any Other Business**

Joe Turner said OCC cuts may impact on the Bus routes

Alex reported that he had not been able to attend any neighborhood meetings.

Karen said she had joined the PC in Field of Trust.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

1. **Next Meeting**

Tuesday 11th Feb 2014 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_