

**Minutes of the Buxhall Parish Meeting held
on 21st May 2018 in Buxhall Village Hall**

Councillors' Present: Cllr. Steed (Chairman), Cllr. Mitson, Cllr. C Hall, Cllr. Arthur Hicks, Cllr Anne Hicks, Cllr. M Manning, Cllr. J Taylor

In Attendance : Tina Newell (Clerk), District Cllr. Matthissen, and fifteen members of the public

- 1. The Chairman of Buxhall Parish Council welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting**
- 2. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2017 as a true record** Minutes of the meeting on May 15th 2017 were approved as a true record of the meeting and decisions made with all in favour and signed by Buxhall Parish Council Chairman Cllr David Steed
- 3. County Cllr Penny Otton had sent her apologies due to holiday commitments.** The Parish Council Clerk read her written report to all in attendance, Buxhall Parish Council chairman expressed thanks on behalf of all the Councillor's for County Cllr Otton's constant support.
- 4. District Councillor John Matthissen had sent his apologies for a possible late attendance and his report was read by The Clerk to the Parish Council** Appreciation for Cllr Matthiessen was expressed by the Chairman of Buxhall Parish Council.
- 5. Annual Reports from local organisations:**
 - A report from St Marys Church, Buxhall was given by the Rev'd Childs
 - The co-ordinator for the Shelland & Buxhall Church Fete confirmed the date for the 2018 fete is August 4th 2018. A number of volunteer roles are still available and anyone interested should visit there Facebook page and/or the website
 - Cllr Manning gave a report as the Buxhall Footpath Officer. Dog fouling remains a problem within the village and members of the public were reminded that it is their duty to clean up after their dogs.
 - A report on behalf of the Buxhall Community Council (BCC) was read by the Chairman of the BCC. Thanks were given to the committee members and those that supported the events. Last year was another busy year which included the traditional Produce Show in August. A huge thank you was offered to Hubert Mitson for his auctioneering skills. A total of £424.40 was raised. A profit of £426.56 was made from the Firework Display and thanks were given to all those who helped in the organisation and running of this event. Bangers, Beans and Bingo also proved extremely popular with two successful evenings in the year. During the past year BCC were able to donate £500.00 to Gt Finborough Primary School which went towards their playground refurbishment. Consideration for financial requests from local organisations are also within the remit of the BCC and applications are invited throughout the year. Events organised for the

coming year include the return of the Produce Show on 1st September, Fireworks Display 3rd November and Bangers, Beans and Bingo on 1st December.

- Cllr Arthur Hicks gave a report on behalf of the Village Hall Committee.
- A report from The Garnham and Salter Trust confirmed the trust is in a healthy financial position and welcomes applications for grants at any time during the year
- Buxhall WI celebrate their 70th year in 2018. A report was given confirming the WI has a subscription of 41 and continues to welcome new members. Buxhall Parish Council Chairman gave thanks to the WI for their annual litter pick

6. To receive the annual report from Buxhall Parish Council:

The Council keeps residents informed through editorials and adverts in the Buxhall Broadcast, on the website at www.buxhall.onesuffolk.net, and on the newly created facebook page. The Precept for 2018/19 was set at a level resulting in a modest increase of £0.63 per Band D household in the Parish Council portion of the Council Tax (the Precept is the difference in the Councils expected income and expenditure) and this was in spite of the decrease in the number of dwellings that contribute towards the Council Tax. The Council were once again pleased to be able to provide financial assistance to the Buxhall Broadcast. During the year the Parish Council held 13 full Council meetings with a further 3 extra ordinary meetings to discuss planning applications. It is important to bear in mind that the District Council make the final decisions on planning applications, and the Parish Council submits comments and recommendations having taken on board the views of the public who often attend its meetings. The Chairman thanked the Parish Councillor's for their time, effort and commitment. Many people don't realise that this is given on a voluntary basis. Whilst all Councillor's have different interests and skills that they bring to the work of the Council they all share a real desire to help our local community.

7. Any other business raised by members of the Parish

- A number of residents expressed dissatisfaction at the non-collection of recycled rubbish bins over the previous two weeks
- Members of the Mad Cow Motorcycle club confirmed their desire to use the playing field for a local meet from Saturday September 15th to Sunday September 16th 2018. There would be between 25 and 30 people arriving from 5pm on Saturday leaving at 10am on Sunday. They would use a personal stereo to play music keeping noise to a minimum. Barbecues would be used to provide food and reassurance was given that ashes would be taken away. Alcohol would be drunk from 7pm – 11pm and the hire of the village hall for toilet facilities was confirmed. No public liability insurance certificate was available.

8. Meeting closed at 19:51 hours