

BUXHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 20th May 2013 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr. Hubert Mitson Cllr Derrick Gant
 Cllr Anne Hicks Cllr. Peter Jordan
 Cllr Keith Proctor Cllr Chris Hall
 Cllr David Steed

Paula Gladwell – Clerk 10 members of the public

- 2013/357 **Nominations and Election of Chairman** – Cllr Mitson stated that he had reflected on the many years he has served as chairman and had decided that he would not seek re election. Councillors strongly urged him to reconsider and finally he agreed. Cllr Mitson was nominated, Proposed by Cllr Jordan, Sec Cllr Proctor. Cllr Mitson was duly elected with all in favour.
- 2013/358 **Acceptance of Office of New Chairman** - Cllr Mitson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 2013/359 **Nominations and election of Vice Chairman** – Cllr Jordan was nominated and elected as Vice Chairman. Prop. Cllr Proctor, Sec Cllr Hall with all in favour.
- 2013/360 **Apologies for Absence** – None
- 2013/361 **Declarations of Interest** – None
- 2013/362 **Minutes of Parish Council Meeting** – It was proposed by Cllr Mitson that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting were approved with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of 15th April 2013 were signed as a true record.
- 2013/363 **Adjournment for:**
Public Session – It was brought to councils attention that the hedge between Copperfields and Elmfields was overgrown and causing a hazard on the Brettenham Road. The clerk will report this to SCC Highways.
Meeting resumed:
- 2013/364 **Meeting Schedule** – The meeting schedule for 2013/14 was approved.
- 2013/365 **Play Equipment Inspection** – It was agreed that MSDC be asked to arrange the annual play area inspections for 2013 at a cost of £51.70 Prop Cllr Mitson with all in favour.
- 2013/366 **Planning** – It was resolved to send a NO OBJECTION response to MSDC for application no. 0378/13 Construction of a tennis court, Buxhall Vale, Purple Hill. There were no MSDC decisions to note.
- 2013/367 **Finance** – The clerks financial report for May was approved.
- 2013/368 The following payments were approved with all in favour: Clerks salary & Exp for April
- 2013/369 MSDC Bin Emptying £54.00
- 2013/370 Salc Website training £27.00
- 2013/371 **Correspondence** – There were no comments to correspondence tabled.
- 2013/372 **Village Hall** – It was agreed that an AGM must be called as soon as possible to establish a proper structure to the management committee. The clerk will contact the secretary of the committee to ensure arrangements are made.
- 2013/373 **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council** – The clerk confirmed that the new sign for Mill Road was on order and would be delivered directly to Cllr Jordan when ready.
It was noted that the six months time limit was up for the removal of the caravan at Cottage Farm and Cllr Matthissen would be asked to ensure MSDC followed up this breach of the planning enforcement.
It was agreed to accept the kind offer of a £100 donation from the Great Finborough & District Garden Club and to purchase daffodil bulbs for the entrance to Edmunds Road. The WI has kindly agreed to help plant the scheme later in the year.
Great Finborough Primary School have asked to use the playingfield for their youth team matches whilst their pitch at the school is out of use during the renovations. Council are pleased to agree and wish them well.
Following discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting regarding the lack of affordable homes in the village it was suggested that Suffolk Acre be asked to attend a
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subsequent parish council meeting to provide information on carrying out a Housing Needs Survey.

Following discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting regarding the suggestion of erecting "Take litter home" type signs for the verges throughout the village it was considered that this would not be a suitable way forward to prevent litter and that SCC Highways would not permit this type of signage. It was noted that the provision of more litterbins would be unlikely to help and did have a considerable cost attached to purchase and subsequent emptying.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7.30 on Monday 22nd July 2013.