



Buckland & Chipping COMMUNITY

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MINUTES of the BUCKLAND and CHIPPING ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 11 May 2026

7pm at St Andrew's Church, Buckland

Present: Cllrs Jeff Kenyon, Penny Baxter-Newman, Mark Seymour

In attendance: Caroline Scott (Clerk), District Cllr Vicky Burt, 2 members of the public

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** Cllr Dauris
2. **To approve as a true record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting on [12 May 2025](#):** Resolved to approve, proposed Cllr Kenyon seconded Cllr Seymour

3. To receive an overview of the Council year from Cllr Kenyon, Parish Council Chairman:

The Parish Council held 6 meetings, 3 in Buntingford in the winter months and 3 here in the summer months – the PC dealt with a number of local issues and submitted comments to EHDC on all planning applications in our area.

During the year the PC organised the 80th Anniversary Celebrations of the end of WWII, I laid a wreath at our war memorial on 11 November in the church and we oversaw the annual, ever popular, bonfire and fireworks evening, for which I would like to offer my thanks to all who helped at these events.

In response to concerns from parishioners, the PC held a public meeting here at the church to discuss traffic issues in and around our villages. Our MP and District Councillor were in attendance and an outline plan was drafted to take issues raised forward to the appropriate powers. This will be an item on the following PC meeting agenda.

And finally it's "Hello and Goodbye time". In the last year we have said goodbye to Cllr Robert Arkle who resigned for business reasons. Dale Holt and family as litter pickers in Chipping and finally our PC Clerk Caroline Scott. All of them will be sorely missed.

But we also say hello to Cllr Mark Seymour, new PC Clerk, Sarah Kubica who starts in earnest tomorrow and Abby Arkle who will be taking on the Chipping Litter picking.

And finally a big thank you to Cllrs Penny Baxter-Newman and Helen Dauris for their help and enthusiasm

4. Future village events:

1. Summer Event – Nothing has been planned for this yet. An idea has been put forward for a B&C Browse and Collect event, involving people displaying items that they would like to swap or give away to other villagers. Cllr Burt suggested getting in touch with the planners of the Buntingford Music event in order to put something similar together in the parish. Something to look seriously at this year for the Summer 2027
2. Proposed Bonfire and Fireworks event – a healthy band of helpers join the team to run this event and it is planned again for November 2026
3. Remembrance Day – 11 November is a Wednesday this year
4. Christmas Carol Service – hopefully the church will be organising this event
5. Spring 2027 Event

5. To consider questions from Members of the Electorate

A parishioner brought up the large amount of illegal dumping that had happened in 2025 and Cllr Burt will look into it further

Meeting closed 19:19