

# **Buckworth Parish Council ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**

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The Parish Council had been holding regular meetings via Zoom since the commencement of the first Covid-19 lockdown in March. We have now reverted to face-to-face meetings.

All of the planned events for 2020, and early 2021 including the major celebration of VE day, had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 epidemic. In May 2021 we felt that Covid restrictions were easing, and we expected to be able to re-start activities, but were unable to do so as further restrictions were applied. There have been no events to report on during 2021/22

The Parish Council received a request from the Church Parochial Council earlier this year to support village wide celebrations to commemorate Her Majesty the Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. A separate working group has been formed with representation from the Church Parochial Council, Buckworth Cricket Club and the Parish Council to organise these celebrations and the Parish Council has agreed to underwrite some of the costs of the celebrations.

The parish council has recently received requests to:

- a) Provide dog poo bins
- b) Refurbish the Postbox
- c) Refurbish the well on Hamerton Rd

As these requests could not have been fully addressed before the scheduled Parish Council elections it was decided to defer decision on these requests until after the new Parish Council is formed.

There will be major changes in the make-up of the Parish Council from May 2022 as two Councillors are retiring, and Alastair Henderson-Begg will be moving out of the village. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alastair, Fiona Morrison and Maggie Hateley for their support and service over many years.

Bob Hart    Chair Buckworth Parish Council

# WHO & WHAT IS THE PARISH COUNCIL?

Buckworth Parish Council has unpaid Councillors representing the electorate of. Once elected, parish councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years and if they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election.

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings and may speak during Public Forum on matters that are on that meeting's agenda. The Parish Council is not permitted to decide on matters that have not been duly advertised to the public unless any matters are considered urgent or are authorised in the Parish Council's standing orders.

The Parish Council's major role is to represent the parish on issues affecting us to the District and County Councils, and to regional and central government, and other agencies. It is responsible, some parish grass cutting, its own street furniture (noticeboard) and through the Parish Paths Partnership, ensures that registered Rights of Way are open and maintained. The Parish Council considers and comments to the Local Planning Authority on all planning applications (statutory consultee). The Parish Council supports other charitable groups and organisations which work within the village.

## Buckworth Parish Council Year End Account Summary

|  |           |
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| Cash in hand 01/04/2022                    | £5,785.90 |
| ADD  |           |
| Receipts 01/04/2021-31/03/2022             | £3228.43  |
| SUBTRACT                                   |           |
| Payments 01/04/2021-31/03/2022             | £3253.93  |
| Cash in Hand 31/03/2022<br>(per Cash Book) | £5760.40  |
| Cash in hand per Bank Statements           |           |
| Petty Cash            31/03/2022           | £0        |
| Unity Bank            31/03/2022           | £5760.40  |
| Less unrepresented payments                |           |
| Plus unrepresented receipts                |           |
| Bank Balance                               | £5760.40  |

# YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS 2020/21

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As of April 2022, we have one Parish Councillor vacancies.

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