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Draft MINUTES OF MEETING OF BUCKWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD
On Monday 2 September 2019 in Buckworth Cricket Club

PRESENT Chairman Hateley, Cllrs Morrison, Henderson-Begg, and RFO Mrs H Cooper
Members of public, Mr John Davison and Mr John Ward

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Warrener

1. **OPEN FORUM** This will last for 10 minutes. Members of the public may ask question or raise points on items on this agenda or, for inclusion at the next meeting. Council Members may speak concerning items for which they are declaring a prejudicial interest. Once the meeting starts, members of the public are reminded that they may not speak. Two members of the public were present and the following issues were raised.

1. It was proposed that the Council adopts a policy with regards to crime and disorder following concerns that the churchyard is being used for drug consumption. The council agreed to look into this as part of review of all the council's policies, to pursue the community police officer for a meeting and to examine how the council might be more pro-active in these matters, if considered appropriate.

2. The danger of collision at the bottom of Barham Road on the bend due to poor visibility was brought to the attention of the meeting. The possibility of a mirror being erected was brought up. Highways' concerns are a Cambs County Council issue. The council agreed to contact the landowner to see if trees can be cut back to improve the visibility as an interim measure.

1.b **COUNCILLOR'S INTERESTS** To receive from Councillors declarations as to personal and/or prejudicial interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any Agenda items. See also flow chart from HDC, a copy of which has been given to each councillor for reference purposes. None received

2. Minutes of the last meeting – 22 July 2019 was agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Matters arising

a. Cooption of new parish councillor – It was agreed that Sharon Ward be co-opted to the council and this now means that after a year the council is now back at full strength

b. Appointment of Parish Clerk – It was agreed to continue this as an agenda item

4. Agenda Items

a. Review of standing orders and policies. It was agreed that council would meet out with the meeting to review in detail all standing orders and policies currently in place and ascertain if other policies needed to be adopted.

b. Village defibrillator – it was agreed that David O'Brian be contacted regarding service and maintenance of same

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5. Finance and General Purpose and cheques for signing

- a. Latest financial update was circulated by the RFO and the statement of accounts reconciled with the bank statements and all duly signed
- b. Payment for approval cheque number 100517 £115 to Beam for grass cutting, cheque number 100518 to Beam for grass cutting £170
- c. Hazel Cooper verbally handed in her resignation as RFO which was accepted. Cllr Henderson-Begg agreed that he would take on this role.**
- d. The condition of footpath along bottom of former cricket field was brought up and it was agreed that the landowner be contacted**
- e. It was agreed that if Cambs Acre were agreeable the Cricket Club would share membership with the Parish Council.**
- f. Cllrs Begg and Ward would look into councillor training**
- g Dates of next meetings -21 October and 25 November 2019**

The meeting ended at 20.50pm

Fiona Morrison

Acting Clerk

