



# Buckland & Chipping

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## **Rubbish Collection**

The Chairman reported contacts with East Herts regarding this as there had been complaints about the delays due to the weather.

## **Transport Consultation**

Councillor Little reported on a Transport Consultation meeting she had attended. She agreed to respond to the draft plan when it is published.

## **Rural Parish Conference,**

It was agreed to register our interest.

## **Buntingford Community Voice**

The Chairman reported he intended to attend the Community Voice meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> Jan in Buntingford. (see later)

## **Police**

The Chairman invited Hertfordshire Police representatives to address the meeting. They raised the following points:

They would like to attend the Parish Annual Meeting; Inspector Kennedy and Sergeant Wallace with Constable Dave Millar supported by 3 CSO's cover 140 sq. miles; There are 2 special constables in Buntingford; The old Sainsbury's Depot is used for cross border vehicle checks; They are running a Public Order Attitudes and Community Pride Projects; The big problems in the area are Hare Coursing and Poaching. The public were urged to dial 999 if they suspected these were taking place. They commented that the current Hunting Act gives the police significant powers to deal with these crimes: It was reported that PC N Hunter was to discuss the shooting incident on Buckland Common with the Gardners; Under the Rural Watch Scheme, land owners are equipped with pagers to report suspicious behaviour or vehicles; A reduction of 22% in crime in our area was reported for 2009.

Comments were made about the Met police using the A10 as a training run.

The Police were asked to investigate the possibility of the Council being lent mobile speed guns. They were thanked for their attendance.

*( I was amazed at the number of miscreants caught in the police cross border vehicle checks: no insurance, no licence or MOT, cannabis, bald tyres etc. It shows how useful this is. ED)*

## **Highway Issues**

The Chairman will bring up the council's position on extending the speed limit on the Barkway Road at a meeting with County Councillor Jane Pitman and Raj Goutam of Herts Highways. He will also try to ascertain the current position regarding the southbound Chipping Bus Shelter.

## **Planning**

A planning application was discussed for No 2 Chipping Hall Barns to which there were no objections.

## **Telephone Kiosks**

A glass pane needs replacing in Buckland and the light in Chipping. This will be done when the weather improves.

## **Parish Web Site.**

Councillor Jones sent a message that he was awaiting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft of the Parish Web Site.

## **Community Grants**

It was agreed to apply for a Community Grant for a picnic table on Buckland Common and one by the junction of the A10 and Whitley Lane

## **Common Land**

The Chairman and the Clerk will visit the Hertfordshire records office and the Land Registry to ascertain ownership of the Common and land surrounding it. Councillors Hall and Mrs Little agreed to study Draft By-Laws for Common Land and report back.

It was agreed that letters would be written to landowners surrounding Buckland Common regarding the duck shooting and the council's view on this. A letter was also to be sent to the person who arranged the actual shooting. The Local Development Framework "call for sites" had not produced any sites in the parish.

The date of next meeting will be Tuesday 2nd March at the Crown Inn Buntingford. **Please note this is a Tuesday**

## **Dog Fouling**

Unfortunately yet another complaint has been received about this problem, again in the Church yard but also on the route to the churchyard along Rectory Close from the A10 by the black barn. The local residents are also complaining that their front gardens are affected as well. It is understood that this is caused by local dog owners. The residents keep the grass cut opposite their houses as well as their gardens and it is most unpleasant when there is dog fouling.

We know from the local press that this is a problem outside the local schools. It is so easy for owners to carry bags to take home the mess from their dogs and in this case the dogs and their owners are apparently known and can be identified.

So, please, please, be responsible and clear up after your dogs. (Ed)



Rectory Close on a wet day!