



# Buckland & Chipping

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## Summary of Council Meeting 216 held on May 10th at St Andrew's Church

**Picnic Benches:** The chairman reported that the two picnic benches had been installed, one on Buckland Common and one at the junction of the A10 and Whiteley Lane. Standing orders were suspended to allow Mrs Houchin from Whiteley Lane to voice her disapproval of the sighting of a picnic bench on the junction. It was agreed to discuss the location in six months time to decide if there was a more appropriate location in the villages.

**Southbound Chipping Bus Shelter:** A letter had been received from Herts Highways. This suggested that the police were unhappy with the sightlines from our proposed site and suggested moving the site further northwards. Cllr Hall said he would contact the residents concerned.

It was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Ling that the clerk write to Herts Highways pointing out that it was still policy of the council to site a bus shelter on the southbound side of the A10 in Chipping. To point out that no changes in sightlines had occurred since Highways letter of 2008, and to request a meeting between highways, the police and appropriate councillors.

**Roads:** A reply had also been received regarding the extension of the speed limit on the Barkway road. The council reluctantly accepted that this did not have a high priority for Herts Highways. The clerk was instructed to write requesting that the village signs be re-placed on the Barkway road and the signs on the entry to Chipping village from the south be repaired.

Cllr Hall presented facts about Vehicle Activated Signs. Fixed and semi-permanent equipment was available. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Hall would talk to the police and highways about possible places for the fitting of such signs.

**Planning:** The refusal decision from East Herts regarding 23 Hill View had been received. Standing orders were suspended to allow Mr and Mrs Harrington to question the councillors. The position of the council regarding its powers in planning was explained. Mr and Mrs Harrington had appealed against the decision.

An application had been received for 1 Chipping Court to fit garage doors to an open garage space.

The North bound bus shelter in Chipping will be cleaned. The bus shelters in Buckland would be done shortly.

**Website:** Cllr Jones said he had now supplied the information needed for the Parish Web Site to go live. He hoped this would happen before the next meeting.

**Common Land:** Cllrs Hall, Jones and the clerk will produce a proposed set of bylaws for all common land in the parish at the next meeting.

No action would be taken on displaying notices regarding dog fouling. Cllr Noades commented on the fact that he had never heard Back Lane described as Bury Weir Lane. It was marked on the definitive path as a public right of way. It was not maintained by Herts highways nor was it under the care of the parish council.

**Village Day:** It was agreed to hold the Summer Event at Buckland Church and that permission be given for £50 funding being available for the organising committee. It was suggested that the organising committee could consider holding a dog show. (*This idea was changed due to the short time but will be considered for next year Ed*)

**Meeting 217** was held June 1st to discuss the resubmitted plans for 23 Hill View. No objections to these 2nd plans. Cllr Jones expressed his disappointment at the positioning of the 2nd picnic bench at Whiteley Lane & felt that it should have been placed in Chipping, as the expenditure is in only 1 village.

**Walking in Herts** is a website packed with useful information for walkers.

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**Members of the public are cordially invited to attend  
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday 5th July 2010 at 8.00pm  
At St Andrew's Church Buckland**

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The agendas for the meetings are on both village notice boards.

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