



CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL,

PHIL COOPER, REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITIES

OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014

Members of the Parish Council..... Phil Cooper

(Chairman), Peter Waterhouse (Vice Chairman),

Fiona Morrison (Acting Clerk to the Council),

John Davison (Responsible Financial Officer) and

Margaret Warren.

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Chairman on 890982 or Fiona Morrison the acting

clerk on 890885

Council held 7 Meetings during the year which

were located in the Church during summer and

the Cricket Club for the rest of the year.

2013 has been a quieter year following the

extensive and well supported 2012 Jubilee

celebrations. As usual the Parish Footpath Walk

was held on May Day Bank Holiday Monday; over

20 people and dogs enjoyed the walk in good

weather and many shared in the soup and rolls

available at the Cricket Club. The Collection for

Maps and Refreshments was donated this year to

the local Hospital at Home charity.

The "red" telephone box has been re-painted and,

together with the newly planted "60" Jubilee tree

and commemorative guard, highlights the corner.

Council agreed to support the initiative of the

Sowers and Growers/Cricket Club for Buckworth

2014 Open Gardens scheme; some areas of the

village have already been improved with the

addition of flower planters, plants etc.. Further

work is planned to add floral decoration to the

entrances of the village and to supply advertising

banners nearer the event date of June 8<sup>th</sup> 2014.

FINANCIAL REPORT

At the start of the financial year, Council had

£4,715 in the bank. Major items of expenditure and

budgeted for 13/14 were £1,615 grass cutting and

£1,300 for the salary of a clerk.

The major source of income for the year was the

parish precept. This was set at £2,538 at the

October 15 2012 Council meeting, and was an

increase of £30 from the previous year. Other

sources of income included £228 towards grass

cutting from Cambs County Council.

At the end of the financial year Council had

£5,131 in the bank, versus a planned balance of

£3,966, a net savings for the year of £1,165. The

most significant under spend was due to the role

of the clerk remaining unfilled, saving £1,300.

This role is currently carried out by Cllr Morrison

as Acting Clerk and Cllr Davison as Responsible

Finance Officer who, as councillors, are not

allowed to be paid for this work. We thank them

for the time they dedicate to village affairs.

Work has started on a new easier to manage web-

site [www.buckworth.m.e.uk](http://www.buckworth.m.e.uk)

Cllr Waterhouse will be rolling out the info on

data entry etc. to the council members. Please be

patient with any early difficulties or errors!

Many thanks to Hazel and Neil for their time and

effort establishing and maintaining the original

website which will now figure as a repository for

the pre 2014-15 archives.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held at

7.30pm on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in All Saints

Church followed immediately by the ANNUAL

MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

Agendas and minutes for all 2014/15 council

meetings will be found on this (new) web site

REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Another busy year; English Heritage has taken over

the restoration of the Church. Some other grants

have been obtained; Church members and friends

continue their phenomenal fundraising and must

raise more to match a percentage of EH's funding.

Survey work has been done to the porch, tower &

"drainage". The bat ladies finished their evening

vigils..and there are one or two bats; work has been

delayed until 14 May so as not to disturb them & they

now have their own bat boxes. Many thanks to Glyn

Popeley for continuing to project manage so well.

Rev'd Mary Jepp & Mandy Flaherty continue to look

after our spiritual needs along with 6 other parishes

in the group! Services 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays each

month although the congregation is sparse.

Fundraising this year included St George's Day, a

further "One Hundred Club" draw, the Amici concert,

Garden Party, Harvest Supper, Tratalgar Night &

cake stall at the Christmas Bazaar. So much goodwill

and community enjoyment! Many, many thanks to all

who contribute time and money to make these events

so successful!

Grateful thanks to the ladies/gentleman who clean

and help to maintain the Church, its services and

provide wonderful flowers.

Next year's fundraising will be more difficult with the

Church possibly out of action because of building

works & no Amici concert. The Garden Party will be

at Manor Lodge...change of venue after over 25

years. A new event is to take place in June and we

do hope that you will help and support us.....see

Sowers & Growers. Many thanks to the Parish

Council and Cricket Club for the support they give.

Are you signed up for Gift Aid? Any donation you

make to the Church can be increased by 25% if you

sign up and are a UK tax payer. Buckworth Church

desperately needs your donations, trying to keep the

building standing becomes more difficult each year.

Even if you don't come to Church regularly your

donation WILL help.

LADIES GROUP

shows which everyone enjoyed are a thing of the

past....the firm selling the clothes did not take

enough money at the May show.

BUCKWORTH BROWERS Meetings have

continue regularly at the Cricket Club although

attendance has been disappointing Some meetings

now include a film. We look forward to the usual light

hearted meetings in 2014. Meetings are fun with