



# BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

## 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018 - KEY MESSAGES

- 1. Barn Park Housing Development** – The Town Council is objecting to the planning application to build 28 dwellings on land west of Barn Park. The reasons for the objection include: flood risk, lack of genuinely affordable housing, impact on services, access issues, absence of sustainability in the design, and lack of biodiversity protection. Members of the public present expressed similar concerns, particularly around parking and congestion issues.
- 2. Precept for 2019/20** – The Town Council approved a proposal to increase the precept next year by 6.63%. This equates to 15p per week for a Band D property and 11p per week for a Band B property.
- 3. Buckfastleigh Traders** – The Town Council had organised a meeting with the traders in town to discuss the downturn in trade this year. Various suggestions came up to promote more local shopping, such as a loyalty scheme, cotton bags with the town logo, a monthly antique/bric a brac market.
- 4. Community Christmas Lunch** – Plans for the Community Lunch on Christmas Day are progressing well. Buckfast Abbey is donating and cooking the food, and the meal will be served in the Town Hall.
- 5. Development at old Axminster site** – Buckfast Abbey are proposing to develop a care village on the old Axminster site. Representatives of Buckfast Village Hall have met with the Abbey to discuss the option of removing the hall to make way for an access road. There will be a public meeting to discuss this in January.

Full minutes will be available on the website after the next Town Council Meeting.