



BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

13th March 2019 - KEY MESSAGES

- 1. Parking Charges** - Teignbridge District Council has increased charges for parking in town for longer than one hour, as well as for monthly and annual parking permits. The Town Council does not feel that its concerns about off-street parking have been considered or responded to satisfactorily and will protest to Teignbridge about the way it makes decisions about parking.
- 2. Bike Bus Initiative** - The Council voted to support the continuation of this project this year. 3 sessions will be offered. Last year it enabled those with children and disabilities to enjoy off-road cycling and was grant funded so did not cost the Council anything. This year's sessions will draw on these funds plus £60 from the Council.
- 3. Flood Management Pilot Project** - Buckfastleigh and its watercourses the Dean and the Mardle have been selected by the Environment Agency as a pilot area for natural flood management. This will involve work in the uplands such as bog restoration, planting of trees in river valleys etc. A film about the project, "High Water, Common Ground" will be shown in the Town Hall.
- 4. Climate Emergency Motion** – The Council unanimously approved this motion which states that humans have caused irreversible climate change and current plans and actions are not enough to limit global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Beyond this level of increase the consequences will be devastating. Therefore all levels of government should commit to achieving carbon neutrality as quickly as possible. The motion proposes that the Council pledge to do whatever is in its power to make the town of Buckfastleigh carbon neutral by 2030. As a first step it will set up a Citizens' Assembly (working group) to make recommendations for action, as well as working with other local authorities to find best practice methods to limit climate change.
- 5. Buckfast Village Hall** – At the recent meeting it was announced that the Abbey has offered to refurbish the old canteen as a replacement for the Village Hall. A vote will be taken on the Abbey's proposals and it will be open to everyone over 18 who lives in either Buckfastleigh or Buckfast.

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