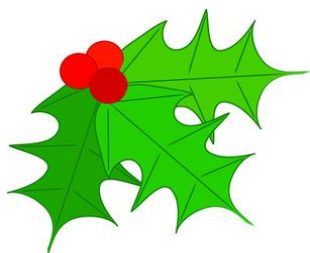




BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 13 DECEMBER 2017 - KEY MESSAGES

- 1. Parking issues** – concerns regarding the lack of parking, parking restrictions and traffic calming measures were again highlighted to the Town Council by residents from Jordan Street. Parking problems around the parish will be discussed as an agenda item at the next Environment and Transport meeting scheduled for **Wednesday 3rd January 2018 at 7.00pm** and further comments and suggestions from the public would be very welcome.
- 2. Grants** – The Council was pleased to agree a £1.050 grant from the Community Development Fund to West Devon Art Workshops and to support an application to the Elector Fund on behalf of Buckfastleigh Community Care.
- 3. Planning Committee Dissolved** – The Council took the decision to dissolve its Planning, Environment and Transport Committee as it is felt that our residents are misled into believing that we can influence decisions made by the three planning authorities – Dartmoor National Park, Devon County Council and Teignbridge District Council
- 4. Budget for 2018/19** - Members unanimously agreed to increase the **precept** by 3.72%, which equates to 6p per week for a Band B property. This will help to support and develop existing projects such as the Citizen's Advice outreach service which has already generated £119,722 for residents, the Town Ranger, free activities for young people, the Town Hall, Victoria Park, the swimming pool and provide grants to local groups and organisations. We are also pleased to announce a new Culture and Events budget to fund a programme of events that will support cultural and artistic activity which will promote and strengthen our community.
- 5. Freshers Fair** – The Council will be hosting a Freshers Fair on Saturday 10th March 2018 to facilitate a networking and showcase event for local voluntary groups and organisations who are encouraged to register their interest with the Town Clerk.



Councillor Pam Barrett would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Councillors and staff to wish all our residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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