

BUCKHORN WESTON & KINGTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 4th January 2016 at 7.30pm in Kington Magna Village Hall

| Item | Present: Parish Councillors | Action |
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| | Mr Anthony Jenner (AJ (Chairman), Mr Tim Wilton (TW), Roger Gosney (RG) Ms Pippa Chapman (PC), David Clasby (DC), Eunice Dale (ED), Matthew Hoskins (MH), Valerie Standing (VS), Mr Nigel Osborne (NO) (Vice Chairman), Mr K Aldred (KA) Parish Clerk: Sophie Franks. Paula Field | |
| | In attendance: Members of the public | |
| 1 | Apologies: Belinda Ridout & Vicky Levy | |
| 2 | Declarations of interest: RG – Play Area MH – Play Area & Village Hall Kington Magna VS – BW Church TW BW Hall AJ KM Hall & KM Church | |
| 3 | Minutes of previous meeting: All agreed and signed by Chairman | |
| 4 | Matters Arising: No matters arising. | |
| 5 | District County Councillors report: David Walsh (Cllr) local planning has been reviewed for the past 5 years. There is an emergency meeting on 15 th Jan 2016 before a planning appeal on the 19 th January in which Pegasus are to challenge the local plan and the amount of houses needed in the Gillingham expansion. AJ asked whether education facilities had been taken into consideration DW reported that St Marys was to expand and a second school would be built. There were also plans for a new Medical practice with 2.5 GP's The important impact of the new plan to our villages was the removal of settlement boundaries. In effect this meant that there would be a "washover" and the two village would be regarded as countryside with no further expansion allowed. There was a facility to opt back into having local boundaries allowing development and the Parish Council could make an application. RG: Said that we wanted reassurance that we could opt in for development as there is the need for villages not to stagnate but we want a degree of control, on what development will take place | |

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| | ACTION: An additional meeting to be organised with David Walsh and planners to discuss the issue of village development in more depth. | |
| 6 | County Councillors report: None present | |
| 7 | <p>Police report:</p> <p>Vicky: 1 crime 25.11.15 – Vehicle broken into and purse stolen at Bye Farm.</p> <p>KA: Barfoot Farm had 4 scramblers (value 25k) and a transit van stolen from property last night.</p> <p>AJ: In Kington Magna reports of people doing door to door collections for Battersea Dog and Cat home, no ID and only interested in signing up for Direct Debits not interested in cash donations.</p> <p>Sophie: Reports of that also in Gillingham</p> <p><u>Highways</u></p> <p>Sophie: 5th November fatal collision on A30 queries whether road surface/condition.</p> | |
| 8 | <p>Public Session:</p> <p>Alma Floyd: Requested funds for funding for the strimming of Kington Magna church ground as this is a focal point of village and needs to be done once a month to keep tidy. It's been costed at £37.50 per month for two hours work. Alma's husband has cut the grass for 35 years and has had volunteers to also help to do the maintenance. Total cost is £375 per year (work done 10 months of the year.)</p> <p>AJ: Having a vested interest directed this to NO as vice chair.</p> <p>MH: Asked why no grant application had been submitted as others had been.</p> <p>AJ: Pointed out that this was ongoing revenue funding rather than capital funding and as such would be added to the Kington Magna precept.</p> <p>AJ: Asked Alma to put the bid in writing</p> <p>RG: Supported the proposal as the church is a focal point and a listed building, John Floyd puts in a huge amount of voluntary work into the maintenance of the churchyard so all credit to him.</p> <p>MH: Also supported the proposal but must follow the process. It also seemed sensible to consolidate the 3 to 4 separate suppliers under one group.</p> <p>RG: Suggested a community person to set up a group to fund the gaps which Highway's maintenance are not dealing with.</p> <p>NO: Also agreed that the Church needed to put in a formal request and can be considered.</p> <p>Beverley Osmond: Buckhorn Village Hall, as Buckhorn now has broadband, would like to increase community facilities but there is no phone line in there. It could be used as an opportunity to train and have a hub and services for the community. As it is not a private building, there may be cost implications in terms of having a business line from:</p> | |

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| <p>BT £1,332 over 24 months unlimited and would install a fixed phone line which would be a community asset.</p> <p>PC: Could laptops be taken there and are there any PC's to be set up?</p> <p>Beverley Osborne said she could approach groups to make this happen.</p> <p>PC: asked if this was community hub, is there possible funding?</p> <p>Beverley Osborne: Towards equipment then yes but none for ongoing costs.</p> <p>PC: If the Parish Council own it – can claim VAT back!</p> <p>VS: Are there any other places to raise funding?</p> <p>Beverley Osborne: Village Hall will provide space free of charge and not fundraise</p> <p>MH: need to consider age demographics for use.</p> <p>AJ: Thought this was a brilliant idea and we need to consider how to take this forward.</p> <p>RG: Felt that we need an indication of the level of support.</p> <p>Chris Wildey: The border between two villages survived on mobile broadband, involved in a council project, spoke to Theresa Barton (Skills & Learning) her job is to teach people, there is a launch event in February focused on Buckhorn Weston but open to both villages. BT broadband superfast team will also attend. This needs to be promoted locally with leaflet drops etc. A follow on may be regular workshops for email, internet and how to use a smartphone. However, cannot plan this until we know the demand for the service. Need to find out for launch event demographics to know what's required.</p> <p>Pippa: Suggested that questionnaires be sent out to determine.</p> <p>Beverley: Also budgets.</p> <p>Kath Freeman: There is a phone line already in Kington Magna, she researched and it would cost £25/30 per month to have a BT Hotspot there. An option to charge for tea and coffee to help fund.</p> <p>Bev: Installation cost for BT at Buckhorn are £123.80.</p> <p>Anthony: Item 14 also now merged.</p> <p>Experience has meant that the promised 23 Bytes are not achieved and I have 16 Bytes. BT advised is a network problem and will take 2 days to be fixed now I have highlighted problem.</p> <p>Eunice: Will we be able to discuss in the February meeting the fact that Nyland will have no fast broadband?</p> <p>Chris Wildey: Looked at Nyland issue – it may be an idea to look at Satellite, it is not an ideal solution not just because of cost but also connection. Alternative is a private fibre solution (expensive though) or Wessex internet – local radio based. There is also a power supply issue and where a box might be located. Ask BT if they can do anything as no date set for if/when they will have broadband.</p> <p>Anthony: In order for the area to discuss it should be put in Hear Here to raise awareness and discuss further.</p> <p>Steve Scott: At the 4-way junction of Breaches Lane, the rain water should go into the ditch but it goes into Marilyn's garden and up to her door. Can she get help with this as previous works were only a temporary fix to problem.</p> | |
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| | Roger is to speak to Marilyn regarding this issue. | |
| 9 | <p>Planning:</p> <p>Anthony: In planning meeting - Application to Greener Cottage, Tunnel Head is subject to conditions of North Dorset County Council – reduce visibility of development then agrees. Sophie to email and it is on NDCC website.</p> <p>Kingstag Limited – requires a separate planning meeting as previously had planning permission and it would like houses to be placed on this site – consisting of a mix of houses, bungalows, communal low cost. Which we would welcome view at a meeting.</p> <p>Sophie: Mr Pink who owns the land, rang to discuss, advised he has drawn up no plans and would like to meet councillors before arranging any drawings and said he would like to work with the village regards his retirement project.</p> <p>Roger: Any thoughts, need to arrange a meeting.</p> <p>David Walsh (Cllr) raised this today, not a good idea as outside settlement boundary, after 15th no boundary. Previously there was commercial planning agreed. He needs to get advice.</p> <p>Pippa: It's a wider issue – before Mr Pink discusses things further with the PC she needs to talk to planning.</p> <p>At NDDC.</p> <p>Nigel: Safety issues for under the bridge.</p> <p>Pippa: It is adjacent to the railway line; demand may be an issue.</p> <p>Anthony: Mr Pink to speak to planners. Useful for Hannah North Dorset to attend.</p> <p>Matt: Will be good to hear concept.</p> <p>Kevin: Mr Pink is not a builder he bought it for retirement.</p> <p>Anthony</p> <p>ACTION: write to Mr Pink and advise that he needs to inform NDCC planners should be his first step.</p> <p>Pippa: NDDC Planning should attend any future meeting the PC has with Mr Pink.</p> <p>David: SILL – infrastructure – build affordable housing cannot get 106 contribution with no infrastructure.</p> | |
| 10 | <p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>Anthony: Positive news regarding the cross roads.</p> <p>Capital Bids were discussed Saturday and report to follow shortly. This is to ensure we are not sitting on large sums of money but giving it back to the community in terms of Projects. Nigel has produced the criteria regards to the Bids</p> | |
| 11 | <p>Responsible Financial Officers report:</p> <p><u>15.1 Bank reconciliation</u> – the Current Account balance is £21,875.59</p> <p><u>15.2 Payments</u> – A total of £5,370.03 made in payments so far this year.</p> | |

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| | <p>Budgets 16/17 Anthony: by 29th Jan 2016 request to NDCC with what we wish to levy from Council Tax. Monday 11th - meeting with our Auditor to discuss. Item 16 and grant applications in together. Draft precept raised and mainly as draw down – Sophie?</p> <p>Following discussion Councillors agreed both the draft joint budget and those for each of the villages.</p> <p>Grant Applications PC reported on the meeting to review the Capital Bids All the bids in Buckhorn Weston were approved with the exception of the notice board element in the Bid from Buckhorn Weston Village Green and the repair to tombstones in the bid from Buckhorn Weston Church. In Kington Magna all the bids were approved with the exception of £700 to be held in reserve by the play area. There was however much discussion on the bid by the Village Hall and Club Committee for upgrading the kitchen in Kington Magna Village Hall.</p> <p>DC stated that: Village Hall/Club had more money than the Parish Council and in the past Hall/Club paid for developments out of profits and has only once had funding. The village hall is an asset but only a few people who use it are members of the Club. Previous Hall/Club committees had tried to increase membership/events but nothing has changed. AJ: reminded councillors that the original bid for £5k had been reduced to £2k. VSG: The church clock is getting less money than the hall/Club yet it is an important heritage, DC said the Hall has stood on its own feet does it require assistance? David: Agree need to be done but not for the amount. Eunice: It's a Health & Safety Issue AJ: Said that in order to move forward the Council should take a vote on this particular bid KA: Proposed a motion that the bid for £2k from the Hall/Club Committee be accepted. RG seconded the motion? All in favour – Accepted £2k for the kitchen. VSG and DC did not support the size of the bid and AJ abstained as he is a member of the Hall and Club Committee.</p> <p>On a vote the motion was carried and the Club/Hall Committee's bid for £2,000 was agreed. .</p> <p>The total amount of bids grants approved were £3458 Buckhorn £4700 Kington Magna</p> | |
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| | <p>There followed a lengthy discussion on the fair allocation of resources to both villages following the bid application process and as Kington Magna had bids exceeding the original budget of £4,700 for 2016/17 it was only fair that Buckhorn Weston were offered the same amount.. AJ reported that he was meeting with the Internal Auditor and the RFO when the final budget would be drawn up taking on board the Councils wishes. Following this meeting he would email councillors with a final budget and the implications with regard to Council Tax precepts for both Parishes.</p> <p>The final budget would be placed before Council at the next meeting in March.</p> <p>RG: Speed limit issue, asked whether we could get signs -please drive carefully, there is one in BW but not in KM. AJ: Agreed In principle but this could only come from 17/18 funding. Anthony requested a 10-minute extension.</p> | |
| 12 | Clerk's Report: Covered elsewhere | |
| 13 | <p>Other Reports:</p> <p>Highways: RG: Passing bay at Church Hill – over blinding laid over the road stone and bay now completed Grit bin- agreed to be replaced (Sandley road) Crossroads on A30 and a slither of land to improve visibility as well as a flashing vehicle activated sign on the main road to warn drivers of the hidden junction. – sent an email to Parish Councillors, meeting with council and landowners – agreement in principle to cut the hedge and a slither of land to improve visibility. Finance for 15/16 should hopefully be rolled over if not used.</p> <p>Public Footpaths: PC: Thanked to D. Clasby for the footpath maps both BW and KM. One was available one for every council member and clerk distributed. They are clearly numbered and Council were very happy with them. A member of the public asked whether they are available for the public? PC: We are not in a position to distribute them more widely</p> | |
| 14 | Superfast Broadband: Discussed previously | |
| 15 | Henstridge Airfield: David Walsh (NDDC Cllr): reported that South Somerset District Council would not be considering the latest planning application for the airfield until March 2016 | |
| 16 | Project Review | |

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| 17 | Nyland: Nothing to report | |
| 18 | Kington Magna Play Area: | |
| | Any Other Business: Anthony: Meeting to thrash out the finances. ACTION: Send meeting dates out to all. | |
| | Items for next agenda: | |
| | Date of next meeting: 7 th March 2016 at 7.00pm Buckhorn Weston Village Hall | |
| | Meeting closed at 10.00 pm SignedChairman Date | |