

# BUCKHORN WESTON & KINGTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 7.30pm in Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

Item	Present: Parish Councillors	Action
	Ms Pippa Chapman (PC), Mr Kevin Aldred (KA), Mr Nigel Osborne (NO), Mr Rob Crittall (RC) Mr John Havill (JH), Mr Bob Dolan (BO), Mrs Christine Wynne(CW), Mr Graham Hinks (GH), Ms Cathy Hamilton (CH), Mr Anthony Jenner (AJ)	
	<b>In attendance:</b> Internal Auditor: Michael Ross, Parish Clerk: Clare Baird, Members of the public 7	
01/13	<b>To Elect the Chairman of the Parish Council:</b> RC proposed KA, PC Second, all in favour and accepted	
02/13	<b>Apologies:</b> Andrew Cattaway, Geoffery Miller, Maureen Hayward	
03/13	<b>Election of the Vice Chair:</b> BD proposed CW, KA second, all in favour and accepted	
04/13	<b>Election of Responsible Financial Officer:</b> KA proposed AJ, JH Second, all in favour and accepted	
05/13	<b>Election of Highways Officer:</b> BD proposed NO, AJ second, all in favour and accepted	
06/13	<b>Election of DAPTC Area North Representatives:</b> It was proposed that either BD or KA would attend these meetings and if they could not a substitution should be sent.	
07/13	<b>To Appoint the following</b> <b>07.01/12 Internal Auditor:</b> Michael Ross was proposed by KA, GH second all in favour. <b>07.02/12 Volunteer for War Memorial garden maintenance:</b> Len Roberts has provided this service, clerk to contact to ensure he is happy to continue. <b>07.03/12 Volunteer Footpaths Officer:</b> Tim Cox is the current officer for Kington Magna, PC has agreed to represent Buckhorn Weston <b>07.04/12 Volunteer Tree Officer:</b> Ben Carver has accepted the Parish Council's wish for him to continue this role, all were in favour.	Clerk
08/13	<b>Minutes of the Previous Parish Council Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> March 2013) and Buckhorn Weston Annual Meeting (8<sup>th</sup> April 2013):</b> Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting 4 <sup>th</sup> March – All happy these was a true representation. Minutes for the Buckhorn Weston Annual Meeting 8 <sup>th</sup> April – All happy these were a true representation.	
09/13	<b>Matters arising from the previous minutes:</b> To follow up the discussion on speeding in the Parish	AJ
10/13	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> No declarations of interest.	
11/13	<b>District Councillors Report:</b>	

	No District Councillor present, however Mr Miller has stated his continued support for the Parish Council	
12/13	<p><b>County Councillors Report:</b>            No Country Councillor present, however Mr Cattaway has expressed reservations over the Police and Crime Commissioner's commitment to supporting a speed limit in the parish</p>	
13/13	<p><b>Police Report:</b>            No incidents to report.</p>	
14/13	<p><b>Public Session:</b>  <u>Mrs Janet Powis</u>: Will we still be sent a questionnaire regarding the development of the Old Cross Garage site? Yes Clerk to arrange.</p> <p><u>Mrs Anne Ledgerwood</u>: Due to continued problems on the village green regarding dog waste the village green committee and village hall committee have agreed to meet to discuss how to work together to resolve the issue. <u>JH</u> Would there be any support to an approach that this is a facility for people and not dogs? The councillors discussed the merits of excluding dogs from all or some of the play area. <u>CH</u> it is quite common for dogs to be banned from play areas or at least parts. <u>PC</u> there are a lot of local residents who use the area and are responsible and this would impact on them. <u>KA</u> Would you like the Parish Council to enquire about acquiring a dog waste bin? <u>AL</u> yes please. <u>PC</u> it would be worth asking The Stapleton Arms to also put up information regarding dog owners picking up after their dogs.</p> <p><u>John Westbrooke</u> – Can anything be done about Filley Brook on Hartmoor Hill given it is always blocked? <u>PC</u> – has already enquired as to whether the responsibility lies with the Environment Agency, the local council or landowner. The Environment Agency state that as it is not a, or near a, major water course they would not clear. <u>JH</u> the village husbandry fund should be used to support such works especially where chasing landowners is proving difficult, <u>PC</u> could we, by accepting responsibility, land the Parish Council with a large bill in the future? <u>John Westbrooke</u> – why can't we organise our own working group and clear it? <u>JH</u> We need to quantify the work to be carried out first.</p> <p><u>Steve Scott</u> – Can we have a report back from the Henstridge planning meeting? <u>AJ</u> SSDC approved most of the planning application with the applicants needing to sign a new section 106, they have not approved acrobatics but this would be allowed within a five mile radius. Having attended the meeting with several residents we are not happy with the way the meeting was conducted or the way amendments were made to the application during the meeting. It felt as though a large proportion of the opposition comments and letters were not listened to at all. We feel there are grounds for a formal complaint to be made to SSDC if the Parish Council are happy to support that. <u>All agreed Approved</u>. The applicant has now put forward a new application which would allow for amendments to existing conditions rather than signing a new section 106. <u>KA</u> asked <u>AJ</u> to send our</p>	Clerk

	objection to new application and complaint regarding the planning meeting.	
15/13	<p><b>Planning:</b>  A brief overview given by the Clerk of the fifteen applications received over the past 12 months, 13 were supported by the Parish Council, two were opposed and one the Parish Council requested further information.</p>	
16/13	<p><b>Dog waste bins:</b>  This matter was discussed at some length in the public session so no further comments were made.</p>	
17/13	<p><b>Grit Bins:</b>  Mr Steve Scott asked: Can the Parish council consider increasing the number of grit bins? It was very noticeable that the parish is no longer gritted by county other than when the bus is due through the Parish on a Thursday. <u>PC</u> would there be any mileage in asking for less money to be spent on grass cutting to increase the support during the winter months? <u>JH</u> sadly there is no joined up thinking when determining which highways issues are addressed. We must also ensure NDDC are held to account for the grit taken from the BW bin on Church Hill. <u>MR</u> we have set aside some money in the budget to purchase more grit and bins. It was agreed to purchase two further grit bins, one for Kington Magna and one for Buckhorn Weston.</p>	
18/13	<p><b>Chairman's Report:</b>  Many thanks to the work the previous chair has done over the last two years, last year wasn't an easy one. Thanks also to CW, AJ, MR and clerk for their work and support to the Parish Council.</p>	
19/13	<p><b>Responsible Financial Officers Report:</b>  <b>19.01 Internal and External Audit:</b>  <u>MR</u> I have completed the internal audit and am satisfied with the accounts. <u>AJ</u> The audit has been completed and seen by the RFO and Clerk and is ready for the Chair and Clerk to sign. AJ read from the Audit document as requested to do so; the Clerk and RFO are available to discuss the audit and accounts should any resident wish to do so.  <b>19.02 Insurance:</b>  Nothing to report on the Insurance  <b>19.03 Review of Standing Orders:</b>  A review of the standing orders has been done and is satisfactory  <b>19.04 Review of Financial Regulations:</b>  A review of the Financial Regulations has been done and is satisfactory.</p>	JB & Clerk
20/13	<p><b>Clerks Report:</b>  20.1 Correspondence received – Email request from Blackmore Vale Broadband looking for support for them to apply for funding from Defra to help with the implementation of the superfast broadband project, ALL happy to respond with support. Emails from a gentleman who had written a book on Dorset and Somerset railway as well as a community printing group looking for further work. Agreed to pass contacts on to those interested.</p>	

	20.2 Items to note – It was agreed at the previous meeting to pay the maintenance grant to St John's the Baptist and that would be done in the next month.	
21/13	<p><b>Other reports</b></p> <p><b>21.01/12 Highways / Traffic Management Issues:</b>  Speeding - NO we need to generate a formal application to start off the process of getting a speed limit in the parish regardless of any agreement from DCC. AJ can we put together a working group from the two villages to start this off, CH and NO from the parish council will work alongside residents, Ben Carver and John Westbrooke along with an invitation to Jo Rose to join the group.</p> <p>Roadsigns – CH can the repair or replacement come from the village husbandry budget? JH no we should badger the highways department to fund this one themselves as there are already too many concessions.</p> <p><b>21.02/12 Footpaths:</b>  PC – The officer looking in the clearance of land along the railway bridge in BW is happy with progress so far. There is an issue over a gate, they have asked us to look into funding but PC has informed that this has not been precepted for and perhaps a stile would be more appropriate to allow access. CH – we are having problems with damage to footpaths and fences and gates left open.</p> <p><b>21.03/12 Upkeep of Parish Burial Ground:</b>  AJ this is being kept well by Tim Cox, we are looking into an area for ashes interment with the cemetery. Still waiting for the rangers to arrange for the new sign.</p> <p>Vote to suspend standing orders to extend the meeting by 5 mins</p>	NO
22/13	<p><b>Matters for Consideration:</b></p> <p><b>22.01 Footpath improvement KM:</b>  Mrs Alma Floyd – Would like to extend the tarmac path to the play area in Kington Magna, to match the work there already completed. Would this be the kind of work the Parish Council would consider under the Husbandry budget? JH with the cessation of funds to River Meet there would be some potential to put forward help towards a project such as this. However unless it would be beneficial to both villages then the village would also need to consider raising some of the funds itself.</p>	
23/13	<b>Date for the next meeting: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013 at Buckhorn Weston Village Hall</b>	
	Meeting closed at 21.38	
	<b>Signed</b> ..... Chairman <b>Date</b> .....	