

## BUCKHORN WESTON & KINGTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7.30pm in Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

Item	Present: Parish Councillors	Action
	Mr Bob Dolan (BD) Mr Kevin Aldred (KA) Mr Anthony Jenner (AJ) Mrs Christine Wynne (CW) Mr Nigel Osbourne (NO) Ms Phillipa Chapman (PC) Ms Cathy Hamilton (CH) Mr Graham Hinks	
	<b>In attendance:</b> County Councillor Mr Andrew Cattaway (AC), Internal Auditor Mr Michael Ross (MR), County Councillor David Milstead (DM), County Council Head of Service David Ayre (DA) and County Council Officer Paula Clover, Chairman of DAPTC and Councillor from The Stours Parish Council John Parker (JP), members of the public 28	
62/12	<b>Apologies:</b> Mr Rob Crittall, Mr Geoffrey Miller	
63/12	<b>Matters arising:</b> No matters arising from the previous minutes	
64/12	<b>District Councillors report:</b> In Geoffrey Miller's absence David Milstead reported back that the Silton Wind Farm appeal had been dismissed.	
65/12	<b>County Councillors report:</b> The national scheme for superfast broadband has been cleared by the EU where 95% of the population should be able to receive it. <b>In Dorset the scheme now needs the population to show their expression of interest by completing the online survey on the 'Dorset for You' website.</b> There is no financial commitment needed now, the CC just needs to see that people are interested in the scheme. JH – Will we be effectively paying for this twice, firstly through the council tax and then via a provider once installed? AC – Yes that is the assumption.	Clerk
66/12	<b>Police report:</b> none present	
67/12	<b>Public Session:</b> The Chairman asked for comments from the public regarding Henstridge Airfield to be held back and included in the next section : Planning. <b>Mrs Anne Ledgerwood</b> – There was some money left over from the successful Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. This is being gifted to the KM to be spent as seen fit, KM village also have a stake in the tug of war rope purchased. There will be a ceremony in December to bury the time capsule. <b>Mr Ben Carver</b> – A reminder for all to please be aware of the current concerns over Ash Dieback Disease. Please contact him if concerned. <b>Mrs Janet Powis</b> – Could the PC please contact the owners of the land adjacent to the former garage for it to be cleared and tidied again? Agreed that this will be looked into.	Clerk
68/12	<b>Planning: Henstridge – CW</b> On the SSDC website there are around 26 letters of support of this application but many more opposed citing noise pollution, disruption and concerns over wildlife as the reasoning behind the objections. Correspondence with the Civil Aviation Authority shows that currently the airfield is unlicensed and the CAA will not comment on a planning application for an unlicensed airfield. If the application is approved they will then investigate as a licence would be required for the increased business that would result should the application be approved. <b>AJ</b> All North Dorset villages will be affected by the concentration of noise should training (touch and go), aerobatics and the lifting of weight	

<p>restrictions guiding the aircraft using the site. Currently there are restricted hours of use however a change to these is planned. Given parishes in the NDDC area will be most affected it is important that they are encouraged to take on the residents views. So far all NDDC surrounding parishes have opposed the application whilst the only affected SSDC parish has approved it despite opposition from the residents. The PC has requested a copy of the noise assessment taken last week. <b>JP</b> The view of The Stours PC is that the application does not put any restriction on the numbers of aircraft flying at any given time. <b>DM</b> Request that residents copy letters to NDDC when writing to SSDC and in doing so the matter will be brought to the attention of NDDC Planning committee meeting next on 27<sup>th</sup> November. <b>Mr Jameson</b> Is there any support for the application and is there anything else we can do to protest against it? <b>Steve Scott</b> Had a phone conversation with Adrian Noon – there are legal issues surrounding the distance limits. <b>Susanna Cooke</b> There are already planes in the airspace completing aerobatics from Compton Abbas ?? Also aircraft from Yeovilton. <b>David Clasby?</b> What are the long term plans for the airfield? <b>JH</b> We cannot speculate as to what will come, we need to be pragmatic in addressing the real amenity of the villages and find holes in the commercial element. <b>CH</b> Is there likely to be any jobs created? <b>Steve Scott</b> This has been asked before and not directly answered previously. <b>BD</b> – We have in the past had a working group to look into the application. Propose to reinstate this group – Seconded <b>CW</b>, All agreed. Propose that the PC continues in the meantime to object to the application. Seconded by All, Agreed.</p> <p><b>Stapleton Arms – Richard Williams</b> Spoke to ask the PC to consider the possibility of accepting an application to lifting the ties that go with the currently approved planning permission. Due to the economic changes since the original application raising the money to complete the building of the two houses, lifting the tie to allow the sale of one of the properties would enable the business to gain funding for the build. The aim of the build would be to provide new accommodation for the pub manager and his family as well as increase the number of letting rooms and thus expand the business. <b>JH</b> There was concern in the village with the original application of the level of infill that was taking place. The tie was put in place to ensure that the owners of the pub were not looking to make a profit out of the build but provide acceptable accommodation for staff. <b>BD</b> said that as there was no formal application, no decision was required tonight. He invited Richard Williams to discuss it at a future Parish Council Planning subcommittee meeting.</p>	<p>CW, AJ, BD, NO, PC  Clerk</p>
<p>69/12 <b>Progress report on removal of travellers from Five Brigdes</b> – David Ayre and Paula Clover in attendance to elaborate on the progress and answer questions. <b>DA</b> – Provided an update and tried to put the current situation into the context of the wider issues surrounding illegal travellers sites within the county. It is difficult to evict directly as the CC has to provide a duty of care to the travellers and it is difficult to balance this with the needs of the resident population and legitimate users of the site. <b>DA</b> requests that the PC and any residents gather any evidence of nuisance behaviour and pass that on to the CC and were necessary the police. Evictions are difficult as we do not have enough authorised sites within the county to direct travellers to, currently 11 illegal encampments within the</p>	

	<p>county. Construction on the site at Shaftesbury has begun, this will only provide 8 pitches and these will be awarded to travellers families on merit. <b>BD</b> What is the shortfall of pitch numbers? <b>DA</b> Anecdotal evidence suggests around 40-50 would be needed as well as 1 or 2 transit pitches for seasonal changes. <b>Mr Jameson</b> More transit sites would surely increase the number of travellers coming to the county? Five Bridges was recommended as a potential transit site, however, in the same report the detrimental impact was also highlighted, further assessment and consultation is due to come. <b>JP</b> The CC mange to give the police the power to mover travellers on during the Steam Fair and Olympics why can these powers not be permanent? During these events temporary permission was granted for the use of fields, they would not get permission on a permanent basis, due to this availability travellers can be redirected to these sites or evicted. <b>GH</b> Five Bridges is the only point on the A30 between Salisbury and Yeovil that allows for lorries to stop overnight and this should be protected as they are bringing money into the economy. <b>JH</b> Should we be spending money helping people who have chosen to opt out of society, can we not spend that money to prevent re-encampment. <b>DA</b> to continue to liaise with <b>CW</b></p>	DA & CW
70/12	<b>Play Area in Kington Magna:</b> <b>AJ</b> Money was set aside in the last budget and again for this budget to support the play area. It was not claimed this year but there are concerns over the book keeping. In the past John Bellamy sat on the committee, should we as a PC continue to provide support? Can we also ask that our Internal Auditor see the accounts to check that public money previously provided is appropriately accounted for? There is also an issue with access to the play area, currently through the kissing gate as the main is locked, this needs to be resolved. <b>CH</b> agreed to become the PC representative to the Play area committee and report back on the situation.	MR & CH
71/12	<b>Chairmans report:</b> <b>BD</b> Official confirmation of the clerk's contract. Many thanks to Michael Ross in help during the preparation for the budget and precept. There are currently many issues with mud on the road. There are now dates for the new waste project, this can be flagged up for a future meeting.	
72/12	<b>Responsible financial officers report:</b> <b>Clerk</b> Report back on current financial position of the PC. The new budget was put before the PC with a note to show the local community that we will be asking for less money in our next precept. <b>MR</b> we now need to approve in principle, the full budget needs to be accepted at the January meeting. <b>BD</b> propose that we make the final payment to GLCT now, <b>AJ</b> second. All agreed. <b>JH</b> can we ask now if there are any proposals from the community for projects within the community. We need also to now appoint a new RFO, propose that this be <b>AJ</b> , <b>CW</b> second, All agreed.	Clerk AJ
73/12	<b>BD</b> – Can we suspend standing orders to extend the meeting for a further 15 mins. All agreed	
74/12	<b>Clerks report:</b> At the request of NDDC we have displayed information about the forthcoming Police Commissioner elections, the polling stations will be at both village halls. There is a copy of the New Plan for Dorset, please contact the clerk to request to see it, there is a consultation process ongoing which can be found on the Dorset for you website. The Annual report from DAPTC has been	

	sent, if anyone would like to view it please contact the clerk.	
75/12	<p>Other reports: <b>Highways</b> – NO Has reported as much of the problem areas regarding the flooding and some action has been taken, please feedback any areas that still need attention. The S bend in Sandley at Tunnel Head now has markings on the road and clear signage although Highways have not informed the PC about this.</p> <p>Clerk Received a letter back from the Traffic Commissioner regarding WS Scrap metal – the PC is not in a position to complain, if we have an issue we need to contact SSDC.</p> <p><b>Footpaths – PC</b> We have a new representative at NDDC he is looking into the issue of the Land Adjacent to the Railway line in BW, has set out a new timescale for clearance and has spoken to the owner at length during a site visit to ensure compliance. Needs to be completed by Feb 2013.</p> <p><b>Public transport – CH</b> Great concern over the arrangements for school transport where primary school children in KM are expected to travel on the secondary school bus, not only is the length of journey unacceptable but so is the huge range of ages on the one bus with no responsible adult other than the driver. Children are leaving home at 8.15 and not being returned until 4.30, the afternoon journey taking over an hour. AC to find out more and report back</p> <p><b>Parish burial ground – AJ</b> Very pleased with the work carried out by Tim Cox our contractor, we are currently waiting for some new signage other than that all is well.</p>	NO PC CH AC
76/12	Items for the next agenda – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caravans parked on the land next to Court Cottages</li> <li>• Paths for Communities</li> </ul>	KA CH
77/12	<b>Date of next meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013 Kington Magna Village Hall</b>	
	Close of meeting 9.50  Signed ..... Date	