

BUCKHORN WESTON & KINGTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 4th November 2013 at 7.30pm in Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

Item	Present: Parish Councillors Ms Pippa Chapman (PC), Chair Mr Kevin Aldred (KA), Mr Bob Dolan (BD, Mrs Christine Wynne(CW), Mr Anthony Jenner (AJ)	Action
	In attendance: Internal Auditor: Michael Ross, Parish Clerk: Clare Baird, Members of the public 3	
62/13	Apologies: Mr Nigel Osborne, Mr John Havin, Mr Graham Hinks	
63/13	Declarations of interest: None	
64/13	Minutes of previous meeting: All agreed a true record	
65/13	Matters arising: KA – We have now had the resignation of two Parish Councillors, Cathy Hamilton resigned in September; her position in Kington Magna is now available for co-option. This evening we also received the resignation of Rob Crittall due to work commitments, an advert will be placed on the notice board. The Parish Council thanks both for their time and wishes them well in the future. CW - Contacted DCC on Friday with regards to the eviction of the travellers at Five Bridges. The eviction has not taken place because the lease for the site in Shaftesbury has not been signed and this could take another week. Because of this the site on the road between Gillingham and Wincanton has not been cleared either. CW spoke with Paula Clover at DCC who believed the eviction will take place within the week. AJ – Not much has changed regarding Henstridge, we are still waiting to hear back from the legal team regarding the legality of some of the issues surrounding the application. CW – The motorcross has been stopped, however a new planning application has gone in to increase the number of days that this activity can take place.	
66/13	District County Councillors report: None present	
67/13	County Councillors report: None present	
68/13	Police report: None present t	
69/13	Public session: Mr Chris Wildey – I have had concerns with regards to the role out of the superfast broadband within the NDDC area. Currently it has begun in the south of the county but nothing has taken place so far within the district and we would not want to be in a situation where the funding has run out. I have contacted the Superfast	

	<p>team and take some encouragement in their plans; they have stated that they would be willing to discuss these with the community. Would it be possible to invite them to attend a Parish Council meeting to show the strength of support for the initiative and to ensure we are not forgotten about? BD – This was raised at the last Northern Area DAPTC meeting, there have been mail drops out around the parish to publicise but inviting them to a meeting is a good idea. All in favour.</p> <p>Mr Steve Scott – I would like to express my gratitude to CW for all of her efforts regarding the travellers at Five Bridges and Henstridge. Was any reason given by DCC for not putting up a barrier? CW – the main reason is cost but they have indicated that there are also implications for access and moving the issue to other parts of the county. That site was on the 'to be considered' list as an approved travellers site.</p> <p>Mrs Janet Powis – Is there any progress with the field along the railway line as not much seems to have changed? PC – Over the last 12 months I have had good contact with the various members of the team that have been responsible. There was a delay due to the ground conditions however that should have been resolved by now. My recent communications are going unanswered so I am going to try further up in the department to see what the delay is.</p> <p>Mr Steve Scott – When it comes to December it will be a year for this application to be dragging on. There was a recent area meeting for the Airfield but sadly no-one from our parish was able to attend. I believe the applicant will use this to his advantage in suggesting the Parish is not interested. AJ – there was very short notice given for the meeting, will make every effort to attend in future.</p>	Clerk
70/13	<p>Report on Old Cross Garage site:</p> <p>There were 28 responses to the questionnaires sent out, which is just over 25% return. The majority of respondents felt that something needed to be done to the site. The Parish Council when discussing the results felt that a few issues that arose from the responses needed to be addressed. Firstly that the site would not be considered as out of the village boundary given that there are houses beyond the site and secondly it is not a greenfield site given its previous use as a garage and therefore suitable for redevelopment. The majority of responses showed that a mixture of residential and commercial were favoured and that it should include some form of shop. Now at this meeting we are looking for an agreement as to whether the landowner should be invited to look at the results and then explain his intentions. This was put to the meeting and All in favour.</p>	Clerk
71/13	<p>New meeting dates to be agreed:</p> <p>The meeting dates had been sent out previously by the clerk to all the councillors. The Parish Council agreed to all the dates, opting for Feb 24th for the March meeting and requesting a change to April 14th for the Buckhorn Weston Annual Parish meeting. The clerk to circulate all the agreed dates.</p>	Clerk

72/13	<p>Chairman's report</p> <p>KA –. Two planning applications have been discussed since the previous meeting one in each village. I was asked to contact Dave Abbott at the last meeting regarding maintaining the roads, he is currently very busy and would not have the time to complete these tasks. I have had reports about missing sign posts around the villages and may be as suggested we set up a volunteer group. The council has discussed the results of the questionnaire, I have been asked to see if Hopkins would sell the land, the answer is yes. A Western Gazette reporter would like to see a copy of the minutes, they can be found online. Thanks to the clerk for the burial ground information, however we will have to pay rates. The situation at Five Bridges is ongoing.</p>	
73/13	<p>Responsible Financial Officers report:</p> <p><u>15.1 Bank reconciliation</u> – the Current Account balance is £10,498.60</p> <p><u>15.2 Payments</u> – A total of £2885.49 made in payments so far this year.</p> <p><u>15.3 Budget / Precept</u> – Please look through the proposed draft budget, as you will see we have made a few minor changes where we think we will need to make adjustments. It was felt that there are now sufficient funds to buy a projector for the planning meetings, clerk to arrange purchase. The Parish Council has also been in contact with the play area committee in Kington Magna. They are struggling in to cover the cost of the insurance which leaves little to consider the replacement of equipment. Clerk to investigate if the addition of the play area to the Parish Councils insurance would be an option. There are however concerns if there is enough interest with in the village to continue to provide this service, AJ to issue an article in Here hear to get feedback.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>AJ</p>
74/13	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Two applications discussed: 2/2013/0976/PLNG Peasedene which the Parish Council Objected and 2/2013/1007/PLNG Pill Orchard which the Parish Council Supported. The Peasedene application has since been withdrawn. Two new applications have arrived in this week a separate meeting will take place to discuss.</p> <p>AJ – we have been contacted by Kevin Morris to review the conservation area of Kington Magna village. We are due to meet on 21st November at Old Bakery Cottage.</p>	
75/13	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>I have received the summer newsletter along with the request for annual subscription, do we wish to continue with this? All in favour. Dorset Community Action have sent an email requesting ideas as to how an £80 million fund can be spent. Information has been received through NDDC regarding people sleeping rough within the area, this will be put up on the noticeboards. Finally we need to get purchase the grit and new grit bins, this will be arranged this week.</p>	

76/13	<p>Other Reports:</p> <p>Highways: BD – The A30, the stretch that wasn't repaired from the junction down to the Ship Inn is now developing some considerable potholes.</p> <p>Public Footpaths: PC – As stated earlier, have heard nothing from John Williamson regarding comments made about the state of footpaths so will take it to the next level up.</p> <p>Public transport: Nothing to report</p> <p>Parish burial ground: Clerk – the burial ground has been given a rateable value of £100, which would mean a charge of around £46-£47 per annum.</p>	
77/13	<p>Items for next agenda:</p> <p>Co-option of new councillors New Clerk</p>	
78/13	<p>Date of next meeting Monday 6th January Kington Magna Village Hall</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 21.15</p> <p>SignedChairman Date</p>	