

BUCKHORN WESTON & KINGTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 3rd November 2014 at 7.30pm in Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

Item	Present: Parish Councillors Mr K Aldred (Chair) Ms Pippa Chapman (PC), Mr Bob Dolan (BD), Mr Tim Wilton (TW), Mr John Havil (JH), Mr Anthony Jenner (AJ) (Vice Chairman), Matthew Hoskins (MH), Mr Nigel Osborne (NO), Parish Clerk: Sophie Franks.	Action
	In attendance: Members of the public 5	
54/14	Apologies: Mr Graham Hinks (GH),	
55/14	Declarations of interest: None	
56/14	Minutes of previous meeting: All agreed a true record	
57/14	Matters Arising: Anthony said that all internet banking forms have been submitted.	
58/14	District County Councillors report: Geoffrey Miller was in attendance and apologised for not being at the recent meetings. Geoffrey said that North, West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland councils are looking to join forces to save money. Geoffrey advised that the Broadband coverage for North Dorset is looking to be brought forward from 2016 to 2015. Geoffrey said that all council wards within Gillingham will be changed soon. Geoffrey said that he is not looking for re-election in May and we will therefore have a new member. Geoffrey asked what the councils' view was to the planning application at White Oak Cottage, Kevin said that this was not approved by the Council and that the council would like it to go to committee. Geoffrey said that the Council would need to send a representative to the site meeting. Bob said to Geoffrey that there are problems with motorbikes at Stour Cross Farm and neighbours have been complaining. Anthony asked if this could also be an environmental problem as well as noise. Geoffrey to talk to the Officers. Anthony asked Geoffrey about merging and whether it could be a move to a similar way as Wiltshire? Geoffrey said that more authorities will move towards unity. Geoffrey said that although Dorset Waste Partnership are in financial difficulties they should not collapse as Weymouth and Portland joined a year later and it should work itself out. Matthew asked why the cost savings? Geoffrey said have to cut costs down to needs.	GM GM

59/14	<p>County Councillors report: Andrew Cattaway was in attendance. Andrew echoed Geoffrey's comments regarding the Broadband and the voting boundaries.</p>	
60/14	<p>Police report: None present</p>	
61/14	<p>Andrew Brown - Highways: Andrew Brown – Traffic Engineering Team Manager was in attendance courtesy of Roger Gosney. Andrew said that he took this opportunity to attend as they would like to start to get out to communities. Roger has been working with Andrew on the crossroads at West Stour as it is an accident cluster site due to a number of accidents. Andrew has set up a camera to get speed accounts of traffic. Roger has suggested that vehicle activated warning signs should be put at the junction. Obviously this would also need the support of the Stours Parish Council. Andrew Cattaway said that he is sure they would give their support. Anthony asked if a speed limit could be introduced as it is on the other side of the Stour with a new 40 mph restriction prior to the cross roads down to the 30 mph limit at West Stour. Anthony thanked Andrew for attending and said that it is important that static signs are in place as well as flashing lights. Andrew said that there is a lack visibility on the A30 to the junction. Pippa asked if there could be better mirrors or if the one there can be cleaned? Dorset Highways are looking into this. The drainage is always blocked on the junction, Andrew will contact Roland Skeats about this. A lot of large good vehicles are using the C21 as a shortcut to Wincanton. It was asked if Andrew could look into installing a sign stating 'Unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles'. Anthony asked Andrew about the resurfacing of South Street/West Street through Kington Magna and also Nyland Road. Nigel Osborne asked if the speed limits in Kington Magna and Buckhorn Weston were being considered as they have been petitioned for 10 years,</p>	
62/14	<p>Public Session: Steve said that the grit bins were approved by Roland Skeats. SF to notify the council and the bins will get filled.</p>	SF
63/14	<p>Planning: Nothing to report.</p>	
64/14	<p>Chairman's report Since the last meeting Christine Wynne resigned on September 23rd due to moving house. Christine has been involved in the Five Bridges and the repeated travellers saga. Christine was also involved in the various planning applications at Henstridge Airfield. Christine will be missed by us all on the Parish Council and we wish her all the best in her new home.</p>	

	On 9 th October our Clerk, Anthony and myself attended a Planning Seminar at Kingston Maurward College. This turned out to be a very worthwhile day.	
65/14	<p>Responsible Financial Officers report:</p> <p><u>15.1 Bank reconciliation</u> – the Current Account balance is £18,973.25</p> <p><u>15.2 Payments</u> – A total of £3195.62 made in payments so far this year.</p> <p>AJ said that at we should be considering the budget for next year and that Capital projects can be considered as we are encouraged not to harbour a lot of monies.</p>	
66/14	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk read out a letter from Hastoe Housing.</p>	
67/14	<p>Other Reports:</p> <p>Highways: See above</p> <p>Public Footpaths: Pippa will get in touch with the County Council to get a sign and access sorted for Hartmore Hill and Fillybrook. With regards to the millennium footpath Pippa asked if there would be some liaison as it is not passable. Because there is a fence between the land and the footpath it may not be the responsibility of the land owner. Pippa will ask Tim Cox if he can come to the next meeting.</p> <p>Public transport: Nothing to report</p> <p>Parish burial ground: Nothing to report</p>	PC
68/14	<p>Kington Magna Conservation Area:</p> <p>We have still had no report back from Kevin Morris. SF to chase again.</p>	SF
69/14	<p>Henstridge Airfield:</p> <p>Anthony reported that the airfield owner has produced a draft Management Agreement for South Somerset District Council (SSDC) which if introduced would severely worsen the environmental impact of the airfield on Kington Magna and the other North Dorset villages close to the airfield. One proposal was to allow aerobatics on a twice daily 40 minute basis directly over the airfield. A local group of people from the North Dorset villages were invited to discuss the management agreement with officers from SSDC and strongly rejected the owner's draft management agreement. SSDC have sought an opinion from a top planning QC. Planning conditions drafted by this QC were supported by the group yet SSDC seem reluctant to implement them. John Hammond from North Dorset District Council (NDDC) also attended the meeting with SSDC and agreed to link with SSDC with regard to the environmental impact as regards our villages. Anthony attended the annual but unsatisfactory Airfield Consultative Committee meeting on behalf of the PC. The independent Chair and the Vice Chair were absent and the meeting was chaired by the airfield owner. No formal resolution was passed to allow Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna PC to be represented on the committee to replace the erroneous Fifehead Magdalen and Kington Magna PC . It was agreed that</p>	

	Anthony be the Council's representative on this Committee. Proposed by Bob, seconded by Kevin. All were in favour. John Havill asked if everything was being dealt with in an above board manner? Anthony responded by saying that in order to be sure that this was the case, a number of local residents were paying for legal advice from a local specialist planning solicitor in association with neighbouring villages and Parish Councils.	
70/14	<p>Burial Gound: The clerk and Anthony to review the burial ground charges to be in line with other churchyards. Suggestions to be put forward at the next meeting. The land is being well managed and Anthony has recently planted special seeds in the flower meadow which hopefully will reduce the amount of invasive grass in this area</p>	
71/14	<p>Hedge at bottom of Hartmore Hill: Kevin is going to look into getting the hedge cut back at the bottom of Hartmore Hill.</p>	
72/14	<p>Budget 2015/2016: Sf to send a copy of the new budget to all. Pippa asked if we have budgeted for Dog Poo Bins.</p>	SF
73/14	<p>Dorset Waste Partnership on Street Cleaning and Litter: Pippa asked if we can check if the villages are cleansed weekly?</p>	
73/14	<p>Election of Vice Chairman: Kevin proposed Anthony Jenner as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by Nigel Osborne. All were in favour. SF has put a notice up for a councillor in Kington Magna.</p>	
74/14	<p>Items for next agenda: Budget 2014/2015</p>	
75/14	<p>Date of next meeting Monday 5th January 2015 Kington Magna Village Hall 7.30 pm</p>	
	Meeting closed at 21.40.	
	Signed Chairman Date	