

# **.BUCKHORN WESTON & KINGTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm in Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

Item	Present: Parish Councillors  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.	Action
	<b>In attendance:</b> Members of the public 7	
49/15	<b>Apologies:</b> Belinda Ridout	
69/15	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> Anthony Jenner declared an interest in Kington Magna Village Hall Grant application as he is a member of the KM Village Hall Committee.	
70/15	<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b> Anthony ran through the minutes of the previous meeting and they were agreed by all. AJ said that he would put up a notice requesting that any bids are to be submitted to the Parish Council by 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2015 for the following financial year.	AJ
71/15	<b>Matters Arising:</b> No matters arising.	
72/15	<b>District County Councillors report:</b> Apologies were sent from Cllr Ridout, however a report was circulated to all Councillors from Cllr Ridout and read through and discussed.	
73/15	<b>County Councillors report:</b> None present	
74/15	<b>Police report:</b> None present	
75/15	<b>Public Session:</b> Mr Mole asked for a Broadband update. AJ said that he will update the Council under item 14 on the agenda.	
76/15	<b>Planning:</b> Nothing to report.	
77/15	<b>Chairman's report</b> Anthony reported that most items will be covered in the agenda items. AJ did state that he is sorry to be losing the Parish Clerk, Sophie due to work pressures. AJ also reported that there is no water under the bridge in Buckhorn Weston since the works have been carried out.	
78/15	<b>Responsible Financial Officers report:</b> <u>15.1</u> Bank reconciliation – the Current Account balance is	

	<p>£22,415.67</p> <p><u>15.2 Payments</u> – A total of £4,529.95 made in payments so far this year.</p> <p>The budget for 2015/2016 was looked at. The new precept for 2016/17 was discussed with the Councillors. It was decided that for 2016/17 the Capital Project budget would be split between the two villages i.e £2500 each per year, however if these amounts were not spent in the financial year to which they relate to any underspend will be put back into the central fund.</p> <p>SF said that she would create a new spreadsheet to cover the KM Play Area expenditure and budget. Roger added that the Play Area would also require £760 per annum for maintenance.</p> <p>KM Hall &amp; Club Committee reported that they are looking for a donation from the Parish Council to upgrade the kitchen. Cath Freeborn the Chairman of the Committee said the original kitchen was installed in 2001 and they are looking to install the new kitchen in June 2016. The current kitchen has had a lot of use but it is not very well laid out. There is a double sink and no draining board and it would also make life easier with a hatch. The committee are also trying to fundraise towards this as well. RG asked if they would be dependent on this grant from the Parish Council. Cath said that if they did not get it they would have to fundraise for about 18 months. KM Hall and Club Committee are willing to match the amount the Parish Council would give them by fundraising. RG asked if they had thought about making the kitchen larger, they replied to this saying that would be very difficult given the space that they have. Dave Clasby suggested that Councillors wait and see what other grant bids the Parish Council receives before any decisions are made. Dave C said that there is a hatch in the door and he also has other questions that he would like to ask.</p> <p>MH asked how they are being pro-active in getting more of the community to use the Village Hall. They replied by saying that they had a community day in the summer and they asked the people that attended to fill in a questionnaire. New activities are also hiring the hall. It has also been suggested that a film evening takes place and a film/supper club.</p> <p>Terry Mole said that the hall has been extended as much as possible. A Harvest Supper was held recently and the kitchen can cope with it however, it is falling apart. RG suggested that the Club and Hall Committee submit a letter to the Parish Council showing the limitations of the kitchen and how much money you are ideally looking for. Dave C asked how much it would cost to ensure that the facilities met with hygiene regulations. Cath said if it was legally compliant maybe it would be harder to use as its very small and could only be used for limited catering. MH asked if a larger project may be better to get maximum impact that would last even longer. AJ said that it's about the long term objectives i.e. to prepare hot food to</p>	SF
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	<p>hygiene regulations. If a large project to extend the kitchen into the car park was undertaken it would have major capital expenditure implications.</p> <p>KA added that the BW Short Mat Bowls Club are looking for 2 x new motors to be fitted to roll up the mats. This is likely to cost in the region of £4000-£5000, they have raised some of the monies however, they will be looking to put a grant application in.</p>	
79/15	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b> Covered elsewhere</p>	
80/15	<p><b>Other Reports:</b> <b>Highways:</b></p> <p>SF read out the report with regards to the salt route through Sandley on the C21. It was discussed with the Councillors and PC said she will contact DCC to gain permission for a salt bin at this location.</p> <p>RG reported on his meeting of 7.10.15 with Roland Skeats. The passing place at the top of Church Hill is going to be sealed with fine grit, Roger Bell is going to action this.</p> <p>Eunice reported that the hedge/verge at Nyland has been actioned.</p> <p>RG reported that works have been completed at the railway bridge in Buckhorn Weston. It was found that the drain was blocked with a tree root. A new drain has been excavated with a large chamber which should remove the water and clear the situation of water laying under the bridge.</p> <p>Speed limits within the villages were discussed and upon a discussion with Roland Skeats and no budget is available for this with DCC. RG suggested that we put up 'Please drive carefully through our village' which would cost between £300-£500.</p> <p>RG also asked Roland Skeats about advance signs of junctions into Kington Magna and Nyland. Roland said that these are information signs only and are not regulatory only advisory. If the Parish Council decided to fund these they would be in the region of £1000 each.</p> <p>RG also reported on the crossroads on the A30, as the project is in DCC budget for this year RG has been pressing for action. Andrew Bradley has appointed Andrew Brown as project manager. The first suggestion is to put a visibility splay on the junction however, this would require the cooperation of the landowner. RG is concerned that we are now six months into the financial year and the funding is secure in this financial year and it will be dependent on the new budget as to whether the finance can be taken forward into the next financial year. AJ suggested that if it moves out of the budget perhaps we can get the County Councillor involved. AJ also asked if we are getting the support of the Stours Parish Council. AJ said that it seems we have reached a stage where the Parish Council should help to move this forward. RG said that we should give Andrew Brown a chance to come up with a programme. RG said that he</p>	

	<p>will keep pressing him. If nothing happens RG will report back and get the Parish Council and the Stours Parish Council to write a formal letter with the District Councillors support.</p> <p><b>Public Footpaths:</b> PC reported that the footpath at the bottom of Hartmore Hill now has a stile in it. PC also reported that the fingerboards have nearly been completed.</p> <p>AJ and MH walked along the Millennium Footpath some time ago and found it very overgrown in areas. AJ will identify what areas need to be cut back and get a price from Tim Cox and James Foster. MH said that he will also cut the path with the tractor. PC can notify the Rangers if there are problems with access points to existing footpaths. PC is the liaison regarding the footpaths in Buckhorn Weston. AJ asked Dave Clasby is he would be willing to be the liaison Councillor in Kington Magna regarding footpaths.</p> <p><b>Public transport:</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Parish burial ground:</b> Nothing to report</p>	RG
81/15	<p><b>Superfast Broadband:</b> AJ reported on the Broadband, Dominic Fitzgerald said that the works to the cabinet have been completed except for the fibre jointing and it should be live within the next few weeks.</p> <p>Eunice asked where their Broadband would be coming from in Nyland. AJ said that he would try and find out.</p>	AJ
82/15	<p><b>Henstridge Airfield:</b> AJ reported that a new planning application has been received with regards to Henstridge Airfield and the closing date is tomorrow (3.11.15). AJ has drafted a letter for agreement at the meeting tonight. Valerie asked if heavier aircraft require a longer runway? The main concern is the aerobatics that take place very day, twice a day over nearby villages and the A30. AJ suggested that if it was a properly managed and monitored recreational airfield such as Compton Abbas there would be no problem with it. RG complimented AJ on the excellent letter that he has drafted, however it was suggested that the last paragraph was amended. Eunice said that she agrees with the letter. MH said that he would rather see the airfield commercialised however it is a good letter. Nigel said that it is under consideration by CAA regarding aerobatics.</p> <p>*Meeting requested to be extended by a further 10 minutes.</p> <p>Steve said that three years ago the noise assessment fell short and is sure it will still be the case now. The first category, suitability did not work, the second category, auditability had no date or timed noise levels and no automatic recordings etc. The third category was not creditable and Steve send a list of questions that were never answered. The QC that was employed by South Somerset Council said it was not a creditable assessment. The letter that AJ has proposed to send was proposed by PC and seconded by Valerie, subject to amendments to the last paragraph – all bar one in favour.</p>	
83/15	<b>Project Review</b>	

	Nothing to report.	
84/15	<b>Nyland:</b> Nothing to report.	
85/12	<b>Kington Magna Play Area:</b> RG has put a notice on the notice board and Hear Here. At the Village Hall Committee's Open Day the project was explained to people. The feedback has been very positive. The Harvest Supper kindly donated £300 to the project. RG has obtained a quotation for wood chippings and the working group will lay themselves. A quote will be obtained for twin swings, a tarmac path and a wider gate. * Meeting requested to be extended by a further 10 minutes.	
8615	<b>Any Other Business:</b> AJ said that he will put an advert in the Blackmore Vale Magazine and on the notice boards to advertise for a new Parish Clerk/RFO is was agreed that the hours would be 22 per month.	
87/15	<b>Items for next agenda:</b> As previous.	
88/15	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm Kington Magna Village Hall	
	Meeting closed at 9.50 pm <b>Signed</b> ..... <b>Chairman Date</b> .....	