

BUCKHORN WESTON & KINGTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2011** at **7.30pm**
in BUCKHORN WESTON VILLAGE HALL

042/11	<p>Present: Parish Councillors Mr Kevin Aldred (KA), Rear Admiral John Bellamy (JB), Mr Robert (Bob) Dolan (BD) (Chair), Mr John Havill (JH), Mr Graham Hinks (GH), Mr Nigel Osborne (NO), Mrs Christine Wynne (CW) Note: Mr Kevin Aldred left the meeting after item 047/11.</p>	Action
	<p>In attendance: District Councillor: Mr Geoffrey Miller County Councillor: None Police: None Internal Auditor: Mr Michael Ross Members of the Public: 12 Parish Clerk: Mrs Clare Ratcliffe</p>	
	<p>Apologies: Mr Anthony Jenner (AJ)</p>	
043/11	<p>Declarations of Interest</p>	
	<p>Mr John Havill declared a prejudicial interest regarding RiversMeet.</p>	
044/11	<p>Co-option of Two Parish Councillors</p>	
	<p>These two vacancies are the result of resignations from Anne Ledgerwood and Rupert Dyke. The vacancies fall within the parish boundary Buckhorn Weston, Sandley and Quarr. The Parish Clerk received four applications for the vacancies: Robert Crittall, Philippa Chapman, Jackie Goulding and Wendy Martin. Robert Crittall was unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitments. After much discussion the councillors decided not to vote at this meeting but to defer the matter until a sub committee could be convened later on in the week as none of the candidates were known to councillors (this meeting was later cancelled as Wendy Martin and Jackie Goulding withdrew their applications after the meeting closed). All the candidates had much to offer the community. JH thanked all the candidates for their time. It was encouraging response.</p>	
045/11	<p>Election of Vice Chair</p>	
	<p>The Chair recommended that this was deferred until there was a full complement of councillors. Agreed: All.</p>	
046/11	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting Monday 27 June 2011</p>	
	<p>It was proposed and RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting were signed and agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed: JB. Seconded: KA. Agreed: All.</p>	
047/11	<p>Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes</p>	
	<p>032/11: Overhanging hedges by Cross' garage. KA and NO had investigated this but could not see anything to cause concern. 036/11: The Parish Plan Review Group was unable to meet in the summer. This item will now appear on the next agenda.</p>	Clerk
048/11	<p>Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting: Kington Magna</p>	
	<p>It was proposed and RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting: Kington Magna were signed and agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed: JB. Seconded: CW. Agreed: All.</p>	
049/11	<p>Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting</p>	
	<p>None.</p>	
050/11	<p>District Councillor's Report (Geoffrey Miller)</p>	
	<p>The Dorset Waste Partnership has commenced. The Partnership is made up of</p>	

	<p>most of the local councils in Dorset. It is hoped that this partnership working will reduce the amount of waste going to landfill – the public will be encouraged to recycle and new vehicles will be equipped to segregate the different types of recyclable waste. The current cost of taking rubbish to landfill is £56 per tonne and will rise to over £80 per tonne by 2014. It is hoped that by reducing the amount that goes to landfill there will be a saving of £1.4m. At the moment recycled cardboard can be sold for £150 per tonne.</p> <p>Dorset Renewable Energy Strategy: the Dorset Energy Group employed Regen South West to find out how much renewable energy could be produced in the county. By 2020 the Government would like to see 15% of our energy coming from renewable sources. Apparently, wind energy can produce most of this energy and big wind turbines are more efficient than any other form of renewable energy.</p>	
051/11	County Councillors Report (Andrew Cattaway)	
	None.	
052/11	Public Session (20 minutes max)	
	<p>Q: Can the Dorset Waste Partnership extend their services to Nyland and part of Sandley; there're not currently on the recycling collection route? Geoffrey Miller said he did not know and that he would follow up this request.</p> <p>Q: Would Dorset Waste Partnership be collecting food waste? Yes.</p> <p>Q: What return would there be on the investment of all the different types of recycle bins supplied to households? There would be financial savings made on the reduction of waste going to landfill.</p> <p>Q: What about the amount of renewable energy from photovoltaic panels rather than wind? GM was unable to comment.</p> <p>Q: Henstridge Airfield. Are the restrictions regarding scramble bikes being adhered to? CW replied. As a nearby resident to the airfield she thought the restrictions were working and that there may possibly be less than 14 occasions in the year when scrambling occurs.</p>	
053/11	Police Report (PC Maureen Hayward)	
	<p>Maureen Hayward was not present but sent the following report:</p> <p>Ten goats reported stolen from a field in Buckhorn Weston in July, were located in the same field and had not been stolen.</p> <p>There has been no crime reported in Kington Magna since March.</p> <p>The travellers from the layby at Five Bridges, West Stour have moved back to St James Common in Shaftesbury, where they originally came from.</p> <p>Nearby, lead has been stolen from the church at East Stour and batteries taken from a field in Stour Provost. Please be aware of 'scrap metal' dealers. They often do not have the necessary waste carriers licence, and at a later stage it is often apparent that 'other items', not just scrap have been taken.</p> <p>There will be a new National police telephone number – 101 - launched in this area on 19 September for non-emergency calls. The old 01202 number for non emergencies will be re-directed to the new number.</p>	
054/11	Planning	
054/11/01	2/2011/0804/PLNG: Pax Cottage, Kington Magna	
	<p>A meeting was held on 4 August at 7.30pm at Buckhorn Weston Village Hall (Committee Room) to consider Pax Cottage in Kington. The meeting was attended by four parish councillors and three members of the public. The Parish Council supported the application with a couple of provisions. The district council's decision is unknown at the present time.</p> <p>It was proposed and RESOLVED that the new planning procedures should be adopted and used for future planning applications. Proposed: BD. Seconded: JH. Agreed: All.</p>	
055/11	Planning Enforcement	
055/11/01	Land at Moor Lane	
	<p>SSDC will be objecting to the Appeal made by the Lovatt family (owners of the land) regarding an Enforcement Order (Stop Notice) placed on the land. The Enforcement Notice was served after a hedge was removed to form a new vehicular access and two large containers were placed on the land. The land is not suitable</p>	

	for development and liable to flooding. It was proposed and RESOLVED to send a letter of objection based on the recommendations of South Somerset District Council to the Planning Inspectorate. Proposed: BD. Seconded: JH. Agreed: All. Action: Clerk	Clerk
056/11	Presentation on RiversMeet by John Havill The building of the £4m leisure centre began in August 2009 and was completed in August 2010. Over the last weekend the centre celebrated its 1 st birthday. The centre was built with a funding from North Dorset District Council. The future of the centre rests on the revenue from the front desk. A number of parishes provided revenue support on a short term basis till 2012/2013. After this date, when the short term funding ceases, the centre should be self sustaining. Unfortunately the building was liable for tax on the build scheme and this large unexpected bill will be financed by a bridging loan from NDDC and the Capital Goods Scheme. The public either "use it or lose it". Membership targets are good. Four of the eight primary schools and Gillingham School will be using the facilities. The centre is solvent to meet next year's accruals and has good financial prospects but it will still require the support of parishes for 2012/2013 to break even. The staff are "top-rate" with an energetic General Manager. JB congratulated JH on his achievements.	
057/11	Save the Vale Donation It was considered that this was a worthy organisation and that by pledging support in terms of a small donation would add credibility to the group. The Parish Council would also be kept up-to-date with its activities. It was proposed and RESOLVED that a subscription of £15 is made to Save the Vale. Proposed JB. Seconded: GH. Agreed: All.	Clerk
058/11	Chairman's Report The Parish Council has faced with some large and unexpected expenses recently, including grit bins and the fight against the Henstridge Airfield plans. The Parish Council is still contributing towards the Gillingham Leisure Centre. We now need to rebuild the reserves by tighter control of our spending next year. DAPTC offer good training courses but some of the information is also available at the DAPTC Area North meetings, which are free. The Chairman is happy to attend these meetings but anyone else is also welcome to attend. The next meeting is on Tuesday 8 November at 7.30pm at Blandford Town Council offices. Previous minutes can be seen on www.dorset-aptc.gov.uk . All planning application will shortly be available online and will be emailed in advance. Parishes will have to buy a projector to show planning applications during public meetings. The Localism Bill is still being discussed. The Parish Plan Group was unable to meet. The Wincanton People's Plan has a meeting on 8 September. See Clerk for further details. Thank you to Anne Ledgerwood for her hard work and dedication over the last few years and as Chairman for the last two years. She worked tirelessly for the villages as well as being involved in various Buckhorn Weston organisations.	
059/11/01	Employment of Clerk The new contract of employment and job specification for the Clerk is still being discussed. This matter should be concluded by the next meeting.	
060/11	Responsible Financial Officer's Report	
060/11/01	Annual Audit The Parish Council's Annual Return has been approved by the external auditor. It is proposed and RESOLVED that the accounts for 2010/2011 are accepted by the Parish Council. Proposed: JB. Seconded: JH. Agreed: All.	
060/11/02	Standing Orders The standing orders circulated prior to the meeting have been entirely based on the Model Standing Orders which were revised by NALC 2010 (inc Amdt 1). BD pointed out where there was choice of wording to choose from in the standard document. There were a couple of sections that required advice from JB before finalising. It is proposed and RESOLVED that the Standing Orders are adopted by the Parish Council at the next Parish Council meeting.	

	Proposed: BD. Seconded: JB. Agreed: All.	
060/11/03	<p>Bank Reconciliation & Other Financial Considerations</p> <p>The RFO has seen and checked the bank ledgers. The bank balances at 31 July (August bank statement not available) are: Current Account £3613.67. National Savings: £4703.09. Due to resignation of Anne Ledgerwood a new fourth signatory for the current account and National Savings account.</p> <p>It was proposed and RESOLVED that BD will be the fourth signatory for the Current Account and National Savings Account. Only two signatories are required to sign a cheque or withdrawal form. Proposed: JB. Agreed: All.</p> <p>There have been additional costs incurred this year due to Clerk's employment, and legal fees for Henstridge Airfield. The current overspend for 2011/2012 will be £2700. How this overspend is dealt with will be discussed at the Parish Council meeting in November when the 2012/13 precept will be the main agenda item.</p> <p>It was proposed and RESOLVED that the Clerk's additional hours for August would be paid. Proposed: JB. Seconded: BD. Agreed: All.</p> <p>It was proposed and RESOLVED that the Clerk's hourly rate should be increased to fall in line with the Local Authority agreed rates. This is a requirement of the new Model Employment Contract for Clerks.</p> <p>Proposed: JB. Seconded: JH. Agreed: All.</p> <p>It was proposed and RESOLVED that the Clerk can claim up to 0.45p per mile travelling expenses when on council business.</p> <p>Proposed: JB. Seconded: JH. Agreed: All.</p>	
060/11/04	<p>Proposed Finance Meeting</p> <p>The RFO does not require a Finance Committee to be convened at the current time. A financial statement will be sent to Councillors prior to the next meeting.</p>	
061/11	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>Received correspondence from:</p> <p>The British Red Cross: have offered their services to do a presentation on Community Resilience/Emergency Planning. They are also able to offer advice to individuals about their own emergency plan as well as basic first aid. The cost of the training would be free except there would be travelling expenses of £37 and the cost of hall hire. JH said that this was a good idea and part of the council's "duty of care". NO said his wife had community resilience expertise. Community Resilience Clerk will be an agenda item for November.</p> <p>DCC re Superfast Broadband: Dorset's bid for superfast broadband was unsuccessful due to lack of capital match funding. They would like to reapply and have asked parishes to consider raising a precept to contribute towards the capital match funding. Parish Councillors were not keen to support this project; it appeared speculative with no guarantee of anything at the end.</p> <p>DCC Draft Mineral Core Strategy: A response was requested by 9 September. No response necessary.</p> <p>Royal Horticultural Society: Re Britain in Bloom campaign. Clerk has details if anyone is interested.</p>	
062/11	<p>Other Reports</p>	
062/11/01	<p>Highways/Traffic Management Issues/Gritting Routes</p> <p>NO asked residents to report any faults direct to DCC highways either by telephoning DCC direct or their web site. The Parish Maintenance Hours (PMU) are being reduced. Road surfaces need to be redressed. Action: NO to speak to NO Highways dept.</p>	
062/11/02	<p>Gritting Routes</p> <p>Clerk has not yet contacted highways re gritting. There has been an informal notification via DAPTC that Parish and Town Councils will have to buy grit at 50% of cost from 2012. Action: Clerk to contact Highways.</p>	
062/11/03	<p>Rights of Way</p> <p>A footpath group still needs to be set up.</p>	
062/11/04	<p>Kissing Gates</p>	

	GH will be checking gates for repairs with Steve Scott shortly.	GH
062/11/05	Parish Burial Ground: Update A lengthy list of purchases has been given to the Countryside Ranger. This will be paid for from the remaining grant from NDDC. Children from Stour Provost school will assist with the planting. Stage 3 is now being implemented.	
062/11/06	Travellers along A30 nr Nyland Travellers were a week late in leaving. The site was left reasonably clean and tidy. Horses were removed by the RSPCA.	
062/11/07	K9 Telephone Box The Chairman of the Kington Magna Village Hall and Club, Terry Mole, has a copy of the contract sent by BT Payphones. This contract allows the Parish Council to transfer ownership of the phone box to the club after the adoption process is complete. All future financial and maintenance costs associated with the phone box will then be the responsibility of the Village Hall and Club. If they do not wish to take on this responsibility the phone box will eventually be removed by BT. (Terry Mole was not present at the meeting.)	
063/11	Matters for Consideration	
063/11/01	Queen's Diamond Jubilee The Diamond Jubilee will be celebrated over the bank holiday weekend of 2-5 June 2012. Residents in Kington Magna have already started work clearing the footpath near the play area at the bottom of Pill Meadow. They have applied to the Woodland Trust for some trees and have made an application to the Probation Service for young offenders to also help with the project. The Parish Council will register the land with the Land Registry. It was proposed and RESOVLED that this project is fully supported by the Parish Council. Proposed: JB. Agreed: All.	
063/11/02	Parish Council Newsletter No progress had been made with this. JH offered the newsletter to be printed at a competitive rate at RiversMeet. The Parish Council would only need to supply the paper (max 300 sheets).	
063/11/03	Web Site It is difficult to rename the site to include Kington Magna in the title. Probably would need a separate site. The web site – www.buckhornwestonvillage.com - was designed and is managed by NO. The work involved to change the name would be too time-consuming. The Parish Council is grateful that Parish Council information can be viewed on this site.	
064/11	Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Monday 7 November at 7.30pm, Kington Magna Village Hall . Future Meetings: 9 January, 5 March. The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.	
	These minutes are signed as a true and accurate account of the meeting.	
	Signed:Robert Dolan..... Chairman Dated: 7 November 2011	