

# BUCKHORN WESTON & KINGTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 at 7.30pm in Kington Magna Village Hall

Item	Present: Parish Councillors	Action
	<b>Present: Parish Councillors</b> Ms Pippa Chapman (PC), Chair Mr Kevin Aldred (KA), Mr Nigel Osborne (NO), Mr John Havill (JH), Mrs Christine Wynne(CW), Mr Graham Hinks (GH) Mr Anthony Jenner (AJ)	
	<b>In attendance:</b> Internal Auditor: Michael Ross, Ben Carver, Geoffrey Miller, Parish Clerk: Clare Baird, Members of the public 4	
44/13	<b>Apologies:</b> Mr Rob Crittall, Mr Bob Dolan – apologies not received for Cathy Hamilton	
45/13	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None	
46/13	<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b> All agreed a true record	
47/13	<b>Matters arising:</b> <b>CW</b> reported back that since the previous meeting the Travellers at Five Bridges have lost their appeal and it has been ruled that the site will be cleared by 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2013. <b>CW</b> asked the PC if a formal letter can go now to DCC to ask that a barrier is erected immediately to the site once it is cleared as there would be no way the travellers could be stopped from returning two days later. <b>JH</b> proposed, <b>KA</b> second All in favour approved.	
48/13	<b>District County Councillors report:</b> <b>GM</b> – Is very pleased to hear the previous comments and well done to everyone who has worked on this matter. The planning system is being re-thought the Parish Council will have some say as the changes in National Policies give the opportunity. This is especially the case if the PC form a Neighbourhood Plan as this will give some weight to decisions. <b>KA</b> – Could you answer a quick question, are burial grounds rateable? <b>GM</b> , I do not know the answer to that but am happy to make enquiries.	GM
49/13	<b>County Councillors report:</b> None present to report	
50/13	<b>Police report:</b> None present to report	
51/13	<b>Public session:</b> <b>Mr Terry Mole</b> – Do we have a by-ways officer? There is a problem with maintenance and vegetation on the roads in Kington Magna. The recent work on Church Hill has just diverted the water further down the road rather than remedy the issue. It works better when the water drains freely into the trough, <b>Dave Score</b> will be able to help <b>KA</b> – will contact Dave Abbot, <b>NO</b> – Will contact Kevin Dunsford again. <b>Mr Kerry Ingram</b> – There is still a lack of / missing finger posts.	NO/KA

	<p><b>NO</b> – we have reported them and some have been replaced. Can you let me know which ones are still missing? <b>Mr Kerry Ingram</b> – South Street, there is no sign to either village. <b>PC</b> – there is a volunteer group in W Sussex set up through their council to make and repair signs within the community, each person does one part and then sends it on which spreads the work and responsibility. It may be something we should consider? <b>Mr Kerry Ingram</b> – the general condition of the lanes is an issue. <b>JH</b> – we are struggling with the gradual impact of the diminishing services we are getting for our council tax and we need to ask why. There are two approaches firstly do we remedy some of the issues ourselves or secondly do we challenge relinquishing our money. There is an issue that there is more money in repairs than there is in putting together a five year plan. If we do too much we will find that getting help again in the future will be harder.</p> <p><b>Mrs Anne Ledgerwood</b> – There are always cars parked at Quarr Crossroads and it is making it difficult to see when pulling out of the junction.</p> <p><b>Mrs Janet Powis</b> – Would the PC write to Mr Hopkins and ask him to tidy the Old Cross Garage site, it is a mess and there is an issue with weeds encroaching into the garden.</p> <p><b>Mr Mike Ross</b> – Can the issue of the advert of Tiger Moth training at Henstridge be resolved. <b>PC</b> – yes have written to Advertising Standards Agency as a concerned resident due to the inaccurate advert that has been placed in the Blackmore Vale.</p> <p><b>Mr Kerry Ingram</b> – There is a tractor parked on Back Lane KM that is damaging the ditch and causing an obstruction. Clerk to write.</p>	NO
52/13	<p><b>Noise pollution:</b></p> <p><b>KA</b> – Will refer to this in the chairman's report as the issue may well have been resolved.</p>	
53/13	<p><b>Three Rivers Partnership:</b></p> <p><b>JH</b> – The partnership is looking to encourage participation by the local villages as there will be some significant issues over the next few months and years and for a community our size the amount of work is too great a challenge to address. The aim will be to harness the resources available; Sarah Reeve will be a guide. JH is happy to be the volunteer on behalf of the Parish Council but wish to open the opportunity to any other member and must declare an interest as is currently a Trustee of the organisation. All agreed JH to represent B&amp;KM Parish Council. Resolved.</p>	JH
54/13	<p><b>Update on Henstridge:</b></p> <p><b>AJ</b> – A new section 106 agreement has still not been signed by the applicant as he is still unhappy with the proposed conditions relating to a ban on aerobatics over the airfield. This means it is likely to go back to SSDC area east planning committee in October or November. SSDC are seeking external legal advice on various legal issues. If the applicant's request for aerobatics over the airfield is rejected the applicant is likely to appeal and if approved the only thing that objectors can do is to seek a judicial review which is very costly. We have approached NDDC for help</p>	

	<p>and advice and met with John Hammond who is asking to meet with Adrian Noon (SSDC) although not arranged yet. A small group of residents of the local villages have formed their own action group and are currently being advised by a specialist planning solicitor which they are funding themselves. At present they are not seeking any further funding from the PC although would not rule this out in the future. There is still a question over the conduct of SSDC officials although NDDC and the solicitor have advised against pressing this issue with the Ombudsman for the time being in case it were to go to judicial review. The SSDC Environment Protection Officer would still appear to be against the application on grounds of aerobic impact on the environment but it appears his advice is not being sought by Councillors.</p> <p><b>CW</b> – with regards to the motorcross activity, Mr Jarvis has been issued with a stop notice as he has exceeded the activity allowed for the year. Legal papers have been drawn up and are ready to go should he continue.</p>	
55/13	<p><b>Chairman's report</b></p> <p><b>KA</b> – Since our previous meeting the planning application for Honey Cottage has been approved, thanks to Christine for continuing to address the drainage issue at Nyland. In local government terms the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Charles Arnold Baker has been published, however we will continue to defer to DAPTC who had their AGM in August. It is looking likely that the planning application for the Stapleton Arms will be refused by NDDC. Thanks to Anthony for the work and effort put in to the on-going Henstridge Airfield application. Sally Cronk who is the non-domestic rates officers in the south-west would like to know if the burial ground is rateable. We have had several enquiries from the public; one concerned the village green and another, the land to the west of Bridge Cottage by the railway line. I have personally had concerns over the noise pollution on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August. There was a site visit at Sandley House on 29<sup>th</sup> August and I was disappointed that I was the only councillor in attendance for such a large planning application. Finally I would like to call a meeting for the councillors to discuss the outcome of the Old Cross Garage Questionnaire.</p>	
56/13	<p><b>Responsible Financial Officers report:</b></p> <p><u>15.1 Bank reconciliation</u> – the Current Account balance is £6,868.96</p> <p><u>15.2 Payments</u> – A total of £2437.61 made in payments so far this year.</p> <p><u>15.3 Budget / Precept</u> – We are due to draft the next budget before the next meeting, can any councillors raise any additional items. AJ –suggest a small financial exec group to hear emergency issues that come up between meetings. PC Propose, KA Second, All in favour. Resolved.</p>	
57/13	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><u>2/2013/0802/PLNG</u> – A large development but in keeping with the previous use of the site. Very encouraging to see the owners making a successful business. Application approved, subject to a</p>	

	<p>condition that an agricultural tie be placed on the proposed stockman's dwelling.</p> <p><u>2/2013/0871/PLNG</u> – Again very encouraging to see the growth and development of a local business. Application approved with the condition that adequate ventilation be addressed to limit noise pollution during the warmer months.</p> <p><u>2/2013/0900/PLNG</u> – The Parish Council objected to the previous application and continues to do so. If it is to go ahead then the conditions should include an agricultural tie on the premises and restrictions on any future extensions to the premises. No cattle rearing appears to have taken place recently and lorries have been parked at the premises.</p>	
58/13	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p>Recent correspondence from Age Concern regarding a Will surgery in Blandford Forum. We've had a good return of questionnaires regarding the Old Cross Garage site with roughly a quarter returned with lots of ideas for the PC to consider.</p> <p>Chesterton Humberts have written regarding help with Neighbourhood Plans, there is likely to be a cost implication.</p>	
59/13	<p><b>Other Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Highways:</b></p> <p><b>NO</b> – Regarding the speed limit I have been making two lines of enquiry, one through the PCC who has now met with Miles Butler and Hillary Cox and we are waiting for feedback. The second route is through Dorset CC using their own guidelines and policy and quoting it back at them as there is sufficient development in the villages to warrant one. Next suggestion is to write local MP Bob Walters for support.</p> <p>Regarding Church Hill – it has been reported.</p> <p><b><u>Vote on amendment to standing orders: five minute extension to the meeting - resolved</u></b></p> <p><b>Public Footpaths:</b></p> <p>PC – in contact with John Williamson, as a recent report on the BW village website raised concerns over the condition of the footpath No. N58/18.</p> <p><b>Public transport:</b></p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Parish burial ground:</b></p> <p>Mr Mike Ross – would like to address the legality of charging rates on the burial ground and is investigating further.</p>	
60/13	<p><b>Items for next agenda:</b></p> <p>None</p>	
61/13	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November Buckhorn Weston Village Hall</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 21.35</p> <p><b>Signed</b> ..... Chairman <b>Date</b> .....</p>	