



Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.30pm in Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

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| Item | <p>Parish Councillors Present: Nigel Osborne (NO) Chairman, Roger Gosney (RG)Vice-Chairman, Kevin Aldred (KA), Tim Wilton (TW), Ms Philippa Chapman (PC), Matthew Hoskins (MH), Mrs Valerie Standing (VS), Philip Talbot (PT), Mrs Eunice Dale (ED), Simon Stranger (SS)</p> <p>District County Councillor Present: 0</p> <p>County Councillor Present: 0</p> <p>Members of the public: There were 8 members of the public present</p> <p>Members of the press: There were no members of the press present</p> <p>In attendance: Parish Clerk: Sandra Mackintosh (SM), Rowlo: Martin Hibbert (MHT)</p> | Action |
| | <p>Public Session: Members of the public raised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concerns about the excessive white light emanating from the trading estate near the airfield in Henstridge. Prior to trying to persuade the user to reduce the light spill, it was agreed that:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. NO contact a resident in Fifehead Magdalen for the possibility of further information.2. Regulations or grounds for action with companies reducing light pollution be researched before approaching the enforcement team at South Somerset County Council.• A resident queried if the recent clearance of compacted mud on Church Hill in Buckhorn Weston will now be a regular event in order to avoid a repeat of the build-up. RG advised that clearing the same is the responsibility of Dorset County Council (DCC) but that a balanced approach with them is required. Blocked drains can be reported directly by anybody. | |
| 111/18 | <p>Apologies: None</p> | |
| 112/18 | <p>To approve the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 7th January 2019: Cllr Wilton proposed that “the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on the 7th January 2019 should be approved as a correct record of the meeting.” Cllr Gosney seconded, the vote was unanimous. Resolved. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.</p> | |
| 113/18 | <p>Matters Arising from the previous minutes: None</p> | |
| 114/18 | <p>Declarations of interest: <i>Members are required to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, section 27 disclosable pecuniary interests:</i> None</p> | |
| 115/18 | <p>District County Councillor's reports: Cllr Walsh was unable to attend the meeting but submitted reports which were circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted there has been a delay in publishing the list of potential traveller sites and the Government stipulation for council tax harmonisation across the new Dorset Unitary area. This will involve some bills rising and others falling across the county.</p> | |
| 116/18 | <p>County Councillor's reports: As above.</p> | |
| 117/18 | <p>Police report: PCSO Biggs was unable to attend but submitted her report to advise of a burglary on Shave Hill in Buckhorn Weston with chainsaws and power tools stolen.</p> | |

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| 118/18 | Chairman's report: Nothing to report. | |
| 119/18 | <p>Financial Reports:,</p> <p>Responsible Financial Officer's report: The RFO's report and accounts were circulated prior to the meeting, copies are available on request from the clerk.</p> | |
| 119/18.1 | <p>To receive and approve the accounts and payments for the period of 1st January to 28th February 2019 including salaries and associated accounts: Cllr Aldred proposed to "approve the accounts and payments for the period of 1st January to 28th February 2019 including salaries and associated accounts." Cllr Gosney seconded, the vote was unanimous. Resolved.</p> <p>Bank Reconciliation: The current account balance is £8119.47. The NS&I account balance is £4932.50. Payments received to date are £10146.51 including a £200.00 cheque for grant funding towards the finger post repairs and £35.51 interest on the NS&I account. Total payments out so far this financial year are £8904.57. RG proposed that 'the parish council seek out a savings account with a higher interest rate than that currently with NS&I'. Cllr Hoskins seconded, the vote was unanimous. Resolved.</p> <p>Action: Research higher interest earning saving accounts.</p> | |
| 120/18.2 | <p>To discuss grant applications received and agree funding: A total of seven applications were received from five community groups. All applications were circulated to the councillors for consideration prior to the meeting. TW advised that the Senior Citizens Luncheon Group wished to withdraw their application. With £2,200.00 being available, Cllr Osborne proposed to 'fully fund the Cricket Club the requested amount of £200.00 and equally split the remaining funds between the three remaining groups, (PCC, Village Green and Village Hall), at £666.65 each'. Cllr Aldred seconded, the vote was unanimous. Resolved. Those community groups who submitted two grant applications, (PCC and Village Green), can divide their allotted funding between their projects as they wish. The grant money will be released on submission of a paid invoice and must be made by the end of the financial year 2019/20.</p> | RFO |
| 121/18 | Clerk's Report: The clerk's report was circulated prior to the meeting, a copy is available on request from the clerk. | |
| 122/18 | Planning: | |
| 122/18.1 | <p>To receive decision notices from North Dorset District Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanners Farm, Tanners Farm Lane, Kington Magna, Erect first floor side extension, single storey rear extension and front porch (demolish existing porch) = approved (ref:20/2018/1627/HOUSE) • Land at E 377325 N 125127 Tunnel Head, Sandley, Erect 1 no. cattle shed = approved (ref: 2/2018/1490/FUL) | |
| 122/18.2 | <p>To consider application 19/00314/S73: Section 73 application to vary conditions 1,2,6,9,12,13 & 14 of 15/04069/FUL for continued use as airfield & recreational use subject to conditions and a S106 agreement, Henstridge Airfield, The Marsh Camp Road, Henstridge: Concerns were raised over the change of wording in some of the application and the implications. The main issues were the possible increase of motorbike open days from two to six. It was considered a record should be kept of nearby motor cross events taking place, of which 28 per year are allowed on any one plot of non-agricultural land. NO asked that concerns regarding this application be submitted to him in writing so he can collate a response for South Somerset Council planning.</p> <p>Action: Collate a response from various input to submit to SSC before 13th March.</p> | |
| 122/18.3 | <p>To receive a short report regarding planning (KA): Currently the Parish Council, as consultees, are notified of relevant local planning applications which are mostly assigned to one planning officer at NDDC. If the Parish Council's view is opposed to that of the planning officer the proposal can, but may not, be referred to a committee for a decision. A district councillor can, on behalf of the Parish Council, make a request for the proposal to go to committee, sit on the committee and vote on said proposal provided they have declared an interest at the beginning of the committee meeting by stating that the application is in their ward. At a meeting of the Shadow Dorset Council on January 24th, a motion was carried to amend the Dorset Constitution as follows "That planning applications should be put to consultees including Town and Parish Councils, all replies from Town and Parish Councils will be considered by the planning case</p> | NO |

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| | <p>officers. Should the planning officer's recommendation go against the Town or Parish Council response, these applications should be considered by the Head of Planning in consultation with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and ward members for consideration as to whether it should trigger a decision of a planning committee." PT noted that in order to have any influence with planning decisions a neighbourhood or local plan is required which would need to be approved by County Council. A suggestion that a council member should take the lead on all planning matters was raised. It was considered that all councillors should familiarise themselves with the local plan and planning policy on the Dorset for You website and to further discuss this matter and whether or not to have a neighbourhood or local plan at the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: Distribute the planning seminar presentation to all councillors.</p> | PT |
| 123/18 123/18.1 | <p>Other Reports:</p> <p>Highways: RG advised the council of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grass verge at the A30 crossroads visibility splay will now be treated with herbicide twice a year with the first application carried out shortly. Roger Bell from DCC Highways will ensure that this is done at regular intervals. • Ponding of water at the north east corner of the same junction has occurred again and has been reported to DCC. Clearance of the gully's outfall is on DCC's work list. • The new grit bin for the S bend on Harpitts Lane has been purchased and sited. • The finger post repair of signs at the top of Church Hill, Kington Magna is ongoing. Completion is expected by Easter. • DCC are due to begin the speed limit appraisal in both villages. Roger Bell will attend the next meeting in May to report on their progress and findings. | |
| 122/18.2 | <p>Public Footpaths: The missing stile near Bye has been replaced with a gap which is considered to be an adequate substitute. There are still a couple of minor issues further up the field for DCC to chase. The clearing of the footpath behind the village hall in Kington Magna has taken place and residents have expressed their thanks. The mayor of Blandford will be doing a sponsored walk on a section of the White Hart Link on Good Friday; the custom finger posts are ongoing. The next Walking for Health Programme training day is on March 29th.</p> | |
| 123/18 | Nyland: The main issues (motorbikes and light overspill) have been discussed. | |
| 124/18 124/18.1 | <p>Kington Magna:</p> <p>Play Area - update: The Parish Council is required to carry out regular inspections of the facility. This is done by PT and actions which arise from the inspection are currently being dealt with in-house. In order to pass the next ROSPA inspection, RG and PT intend to scrape down and re-varnish the bench seat. The cutting contract is still in place and an early cut has been requested. Councillors were reminded that there are available funds in the husbandry budget which can cover some costs.</p> | |
| 124/18.2 | <p>Horse Trough – update: Having received a positive response from the landowners to the PC's request for access, RG had recently approached Roger Bell of DCC to see if, in view of the horse trough's historic nature, DCC may be able to help in the investigation and restoration. Roger Bell thought this might be possible and asked RG to write in with a formal request which RG had done. In respect of the landowners request to be notified when access was needed, it was agreed that the periods needed for further investigation, followed by subsequent repairs, should be made formally via the clerk when these dates are known.</p> | |
| 125/18 | <p>Brains Farm update: No update was received from Daniel von Scheven. NO will contact the farmer.</p> <p>Action: Contact the farmer for an update.</p> | NO |
| 126/18 | <p>To receive an update on reported land next to the railway line in Buckhorn Weston: NDDC have met with the police on site and have been to the owner's home address again but they were not in. They will be contacting the Environment Agency in relation to possible pollution from all the vehicles and equipment on the site as well as DCC footpaths.</p> | |
| 127/18 | <p>To receive and consider proposed ideas for the Kington Magna Annual Parish Meeting: The meeting should be publicised with an advert in Hear Here and a poster on the notice board in</p> | |

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| | <p>colours to attract the eye. Coffee, tea and biscuits should be served. The presentation to be as per Buckhorn Weston's but include the conservation and play areas and stress speed limits.</p> <p>1. Action: Produce a colourful poster for the notice board.</p> <p>2. Action: Provide the clerk with a list of names and email contacts of groups to invite.</p> | NO RG, MH |
| 128/18 | <p>Items for next agenda:</p> <p>Consider the requirement for a neighbourhood plan and planning policy.</p> <p>Structure for 'planning officer' within the Parish Council.</p> <p>Report and findings of speed limit appraisal with consideration of the same.</p> <p>Car parking on Weston Street.</p> | |
| 129/18 | Matters Pertinent: None | |
| 130/18 | <p>Date of next Meeting:</p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 13th May 2019, 7pm at Kington Magna Village Hall</p> <p>Full Council Meeting – Monday 13th May 2019, 7.30pm at Kington Magna Village Hall</p> | |
| | <p>Meeting closed at 21.30pm</p> <p>SignedChairman Date</p> | |

Appendices

- A. Accounts and payments for the period of 1st January to 28th February 2019
- B. Bank reconciliation
- C. RFO & Clerk's report
- D. Highways report

Copies of the appendices can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.