



Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Monday 2nd September 2019 at 7.30pm in Kington Magna Village Hall

Item	<p>Parish Councillors Present: Roger Gosney (RG) Chairman, Nigel Osborne (NO) Vice-Chairman, Kevin Aldred (KA), Tim Wilton (TW), Matthew Hoskins (MH), Ms Phillipa Chapman (PC), Fred Shotter (FS), Simon Stranger (SS)</p> <p>Dorset Councillors Present: 1</p> <p>Members of the public: There were 18 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 were raised regarding the new lane installed from Juans Lane through to Church Hill in Kington Magna. It is now thought to be about 6' wide and laid with asphalt compared to the small track that was previously there. RG advised that the Conservation Department, Enforcement Department and Planning Department at Dorset Council have all been contacted and that he is pushing them to consider this matter jointly. The enforcement officer has made a site visit.A query was raised whether dead branches on a cherry tree can be removed without contacting Dorset Council. SS advised that where dead branches are concerned, residents must still notify DC but can go ahead and remove dead wood prior to permission. Normally any tree within the conservation area must seek permission first.The bus stop in Kington Magna needs cutting back, the railing straightened and a request was submitted to remove the bin as it is being used for dog mess. <p>Action: Chase Dorset Council regarding a decision on the new lane & investigate the bus stop area.</p>	RG & SS
41/19	<p>Apologies: Linda Munster</p>	
42/19	<p>To approve the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 1st July 2019: Cllr Aldred proposed that "the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on the 1st July 2019 should be approved as a correct record of the meeting." Cllr Shotter seconded, the vote was unanimous.</p> <p>Resolved. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.</p>	
43/19	<p>Matters Arising from the previous minutes: Having been advised that some evidence of work is being carried out at Brains Farm, Cllr Walsh was chased for an update from his intended discussion regarding haulage routes with Steve Savage at Dorset Council. A response is outstanding due to Cllr Walsh being away.</p>	
44/19	<p>Declarations of interest: Members are required to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, section 27 disclosable pecuniary interests: None</p>	
45/19	<p>Dorset Councillor's report: Cllr Ridout submitted a report which was circulated to the council prior to the meeting. Cllr Pothecary reported that she is a member of the Northern Area Planning Committee and the Place Overview and Security Committee where her motion to accept a minimum of 3 unaccompanied child refugees per year for ten years was passed. Several executive advisory panels have been formed and are considering climate change, the local plan, economic</p>	

	<p>growth and skills as well as the council's relationship with town and parish councils. Weekly surgeries are available by appointment only. Contact 07147 826089 or email cllrval.pothecary@dorsetcouncilgov.uk to make an appointment.</p>	
46/19	Police report: PCSO Biggs did not attend. No report submitted.	
47/19	<p>Chairman's report: RG advised that since the last meeting, focus has been on the new lane installed in Kington Magna, (as discussed), speed appraisals in both villages, (discussion to follow), a request to support a site inspection of Blossom Cottage, the light overspill by Henstridge Airfield and the successful appeal of a mobile home/caravan site at Stour Cross Roads. With regard to Blossom Cottage, the planning application refusal is due to the area being considered as washover as there is no neighbourhood plan and the chances of having a neighbourhood plan are unlikely without earmarking an area for housing. FS has taken up the issue of the overspill of light from Henstridge and is communicating with South Somerset District Council (see under Nyland). The approval of a mobile home site close to the Stour Cross Roads will downgrade the Parish Council's efforts which have improved visibility at the cross roads. Stours Parish Council have been advised that had they informed BWKM Parish Council of the appeal, a strong objection would have been submitted. A vacancy for co-option of a Kington Magna parish councillor remains.</p>	
48/19	<p>Financial Reports: Responsible Financial Officer's report: The accounting statement and reconciliation were circulated prior to the meeting.</p>	
48/19.1	<p>To receive and approve the accounts and payments for the period of 1st July to 31st August 2019 including salaries and associated accounts: Cllr Aldred proposed to "approve the accounts and payments for the period of 1st July to 31st August 2019 including salaries and associated accounts." Cllr Wilton seconded, the vote was unanimous. Resolved.</p> <p>Bank Reconciliation: The current account balance is £7434.51. The NS&I account balance is £4932.50. Payments received to date are £5203.88. Total payments out so far this financial year are £5388.64.</p>	
48/19.2	<p>To receive actual spend against budget figures to date for the financial year 2019/20 in consideration of the next financial year: The budget statement was circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors were asked to examine the report and submit proposed 2020/21 spending requests at the next meeting in advance of preparing the precept.</p>	
49/19	<p>Speed appraisal comments from residents for discussion and consider whether to accelerate: RG stated there have been many requests for speed limits over the years and in response to the flyers and posters recently issued, only 2 of the resident comments received oppose the restrictions. There will be no cost to the Parish Council as the expense will be borne by Dorset Council who each year put forward the highest scoring 10 applications for implementation. The appraisal scores placed Kington Magna at 6th and Buckhorn Weston at 9th. Buckhorn Weston is now at 11th but as the application is being considered on a joint basis, Buckhorn Weston will go forward with Kington Magna provided Kington Magna remains within the top 10. DC will make their decision in October after which there will be a consultation period. If there are no objections, legislative work will begin in April next year. Objections are likely to cause a 6 month delay. Various queries were raised and answered and suggestions to include the top road (Sandley/Bourton Rd) within the speed zone were discussed. It was noted that the current location of the speed limit signs are proposals and the public can make comments before going to consultation. As per the Parish Council's motion in January this year, and as the overwhelming majority of residents are in favour of speed restrictions, the implementation process will continue as per DC's timescale.</p>	
50/19	<p>Planning:</p>	
50/19.1	<p>To receive decision notices from North Dorset District Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blossom Cottage, Common Lane, Kington Magna, develop land by the erection of 1 no. dwelling form vehicular access. (Outline application to determine access) = refused (2/2019/0504/OUT) 	
50/19.2	<p>To consider application 2/2019/1014/FUL New Barn Farm, Tunnel Head, Sandley, SPP8 5DZ. Erect 1 no. dwelling and create 2 no. additional parking spaces (demolish existing barn): Subject to a bat survey currently being carried out, there were no objections to this proposal. Cllr Aldred proposed that the Parish Council 'support this application as the proposed dwelling is in</p>	

	<p>accordance with the character of the area and does not impact on the environment'. Cllr Ms Chapman seconded, the vote was unanimous. Resolved.</p> <p>Action: Submit comments to Dorset Council.</p> <p>To consider application 2/2019/0876/HOUSE Honeysuckle Cottage, Tunnel Head, Sandley SP8 5EA. Erect raised deck area: It was considered that the concept of the raised deck was the same as the previous application submitted and that the repositioning of the deck was a big improvement. Cllr Aldred proposed that the Parish Council 'support this application on the basis of the comments submitted for the previous application which stated support for this application subject to no parasols or awnings being erected on the decking area and it being considered the applicant has done their best to avoid overlooking others, whilst wishing to take advantage of the view, and will be using natural materials which are sympathetic to the environment'. Cllr Ms Chapman seconded, the vote was unanimous. Resolved.</p> <p>Action: Submit comments to Dorset Council.</p> <p>Neighbourhood plan update/report (KA): KA advised that no further progress has been made due to the holidays and that a report needs to be produced for presentation to the Parish Council prior to a decision on whether to formally adopt a neighbourhood plan. It was suggested that one councillor from each village volunteer to help but that many resident volunteers will also be needed as formulating a neighbourhood plan requires a huge commitment. It must also co-ordinate with the local Dorset plan and if not compliant, will not be accepted. It was confirmed that a separate neighbourhood plan can be drawn up for each village.</p> <p>Action: To produce a report of the pros and cons of a neighbourhood plan for presentation to the Parish Council for consideration.</p>	<i>Clerk</i>
50/19.3		
50/19.4		<i>Clerk</i>
51/19	Other Reports:	
51/19.1	<p>Highways: RG advised the council of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed appraisal update as above under item 49/19. • Concerns were registered with Stours Parish Council at not being advised of the successful appeal for a mobile home/caravan site to the west of Stour Hill crossroads with the added safety issue this now produces. • The yew tree at Quarr Cross Roads, which is possibly over 300 years old, is confirmed as not being DC highways responsibility as it stands on private land, the ownership of which is unclear. PC has trimmed the lower growth around it and is happy to continue to do so. • Vegetation at Stours Cross Roads has been trimmed back. • Overhanging branches on some signs have been cut back. 	
51/19.2	<p>Public Footpaths: MHT is in contact with a couple of landowners regarding blocked footpaths. Volunteer work has focussed on the summer growth with many footpaths being maintained and MHT is keen to introduce an adoption scheme next Spring whereby residents adopt and monitor a specific footpath and volunteers provide regular clearance of said paths. The White Hart link is now complete with focus turning to improvements. MHT plans to build a catalogue of local walks in the area. Walking for health is going well and the Gillingham walking festival starts Wednesday. Funding has been confirmed for the repairs to the old stone bridge on the boundary with Nyland and it was suggested that there may be a case for funding to repair the map sign at the top of Church Hill in Kington Magna.</p> <p>Action: Investigate insurance cover requirements for volunteers.</p> <p>Consider quotes for maintenance of the path behind Kington Magna Village Hall (MH): As MHT is including this in his regular pattern of maintenance, quotes are not required.</p>	<i>Clerk</i>
51/19.3		
52/19	Nyland: FS is communicating with South Somerset District Council to ensure the county's own lighting guidelines are adhered to when assessing planning applications. No response has been received to date.	
	10 minute extension requested.	
53/19	Kington Magna:	
53/19.1	Play Area - update: 3 or 4 minor issues have been identified and will be seen to in-house. Councillors were reminded of the KMPA budget available.	

53/19.2	Horse Trough – update: A Dorset Council expert inspected the trough and advised using a gravity feed system. The tank will be filled first to see if this works.	
53/19.3	Proposed composting toilet at Parish Burial Ground: Kington Magna PCC have been in contact and have advised that they wish to put this item on hold as they are currently exploring an alternative option. This agenda item will be removed until further notice.	
53/19.4	Cleaning of stonework and lettering of Kington Magna war memorial: Some of the lettering and stonework needs restoration/cleaning. It was agreed to obtain a quote from Nick Cox. Action: Obtain a quote for restoration of lettering and general clean-up of stonework.	MH
54/19	Refurbishment of community notice board in Buckhorn Weston: It was confirmed that the notice board was originally jointly provided by BW Village Hall and BW Village Community Trust. As most of the groups in the village have their own notice boards and use Nextdoor to advertise events, and during the time that the board has been removed from the wall there has been no apparent need for it, it was agreed to leave the situation as it is until such time as the lack of a notice board becomes an issue.	
55/19	Update from Five Bridges meeting: NO advised the situation is straightforward but time consuming. Landowners to the north and south have been found but that to the north has not registered his land and is currently doing so with land registry so that once complete, the legal formalities can begin. The travellers are in the process of being evicted from the Shaftesbury site and are likely to return to Five Bridges. The Parish Council, in January of this year, formally agreed to contribute towards the stopping up, Wessex Water are providing the barrier and Rangers will put in the boulders.	
56/19	Update on land next to railway line in Buckhorn Weston: The environment officer is on holiday. No update at this time.	
57/19	Items for next agenda: Neighbourhood plan report on the pros and cons of a neighbourhood plan Yew tree update Light overspill from Henstridge	
58/19	Matters Pertinent: None	
59/19	Date of next Meeting: Full Council Meeting – Monday 4 th November 2019, 7.30pm at Buckhorn Weston Village Hall	
	Meeting closed at 21.43pm	
	Signed.....Chairman Date	

Appendices

- A. Accounts and payments for the period of 1st July to 31st August 2019
- B. Bank reconciliation 31st August 2019
- C. Budget report to date for financial year 2019/20
- D. District Councillor Report
- E. Highways report
- F. Speed appraisal comments received

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