



# Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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## FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm in Kington Magna Village Hall

Item	Parish Councillors Present: Roger Gosney (Chairman (RG), Nigel Osborne (Vice-Chairman (NO), Kevin Aldred (KA), Tim Wilton (TW), Matthew Hoskins (MH), Ms Phillipa Chapman(PC), Fred Shotter (FS), <b>Dorset Councillors Present: 1</b> <b>Members of the public:</b> There were 5 member of the public present <b>Members of the press:</b> There were no members of the press present <b>In attendance:</b> Parish Clerk: Sandra Mackintosh (SM), Rowlo: Martin Hibbert (MHT)	Action
	<b>Public Session:</b> The following was raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Update on land by railway line in Buckhorn Weston – see agenda item 30/20(i) below.</li></ul>	
18/20	<b>Apologies:</b> Linda Munster, Simon Stranger	
19/20	<b>To approve the minutes of the last Full Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020:</b> Cllr Aldred proposed that “the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on the 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 should be approved as a correct record of the meeting.” Cllr Osborne seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b> The Chairman duly signed the minutes.	
20/20	<b>Matters Arising from the previous minutes:</b> None	
21/20	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> <i>Members are required to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, section 27 disclosable pecuniary interests:</i> None	
22/20	<b>Dorset Councillor's report: Cllr Ridout:</b> Dorset Council (DC) has agreed to continue with their current working arrangements through to March 2021. Climate change work continues and is being discussed with planning to see how best to incorporate ecological issues in the Local Plan. DC is urging everyone to lobby MP's/Government to push for a national direction and standards in the form of a National Policy Framework. 53 fast charging electric points will be installed in 23 car parks across the Dorset area this autumn. Congratulations were expressed to Cllr Val Pothecary who was elected Chairman of Council for 2020/21. Covid cases remain low in Dorset. DC are partnering with Age UK to ensure the elderly receive assistance to remain independent. Cllr Ridout remains on the Northern Planning Committee. <b>Cllr Walsh:</b> The planning transformation programme is on track and DC's planning department is now working on responses to two Government Planning Consultations; one being interim changes to the current planning system, the other being the White Paper proposing radical changes to the planning system. The White Paper is at consultation stage only at this time and there will be an opportunity for communities to see DC's draft response before the deadline of 29 <sup>th</sup> October. A further draft will be available in 2021 for anyone to comment on before being submitted to the Secretary of State. Copies of the full reports are available on request from the clerk.	
23/20	<b>Police report:</b> PCSO Mullens was unable to attend. A report was requested in his absence however this was not received. <b>Action:</b> <i>Urge the PCSO to attend, or submit reports, in future.</i>	<i>Clerk</i>
24/20	<b>Chairman's report:</b> RG expressed his gratitude to Kington Magna Village Hall for reopening the hall with Covid secure measures and for the risk assessment provided and to the clerk for the Parish Council's risk assessment for a face to face meeting. During the last few months a	

	large number of planning applications were received but DC officers have not been doing site visits which has been difficult, especially where the application has been contentious. The speed limit application process has completed with an installation target date set for 23 <sup>rd</sup> October.	
25/20	<b>Clerk &amp; Responsible Financial Officer's report:</b> The report, accounting statement and bank reconciliation were circulated prior to the meeting, copies are available on request from the clerk. <b>Bank Reconciliation:</b> The current account balance is £8913.89. The NS&I account balance is £4971.96. Payments received to date are £4794.50. Total payments out so far this financial year are £3624.29.	
25/20.1	<b>To receive and approve the accounts and payments for the period of 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 including salaries and associated accounts:</b> Cllr Shotter proposed to "approve the accounts and payments for the period of 1 <sup>st</sup> July to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020 including salaries and associated accounts." Cllr Hoskins seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b>	
26/20	<b>Planning:</b>	
26/20.1	<b>To receive decision notices from Dorset Council:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hartmoor Hill Farm, Hartmoor Hill, Buckhorn Weston, conversion of agricultural building to a dwelling house (ref: 2/2020/0179/FUL) = <i>approved</i></li> <li>• Dairy House Farm, Church Hill, Kington Magna, repair and rebuild west wall on existing barn and carry out alterations associated with this (ref: 2/2020/0505/LBC) = <i>approved</i></li> <li>• Stour Cross Farm, Bourton Road, West Stour, erect agricultural buildings to cover existing silage storage and cattle yard area (ref: 2/2020/0658/FUL) = <i>approved</i></li> <li>• Land on south side of Shutes Lane, Buckhorn Weston, erection of agricultural workers dwelling (ref: 2/2020/0675/FUL) = <i>refused</i></li> <li>• Prospect Farm, Church Hill, Kington Magna, erection of two storey rear extension, canopy and lean to garage with associated alterations. Erection of building to provide garage, workshop and store, alterations to garden walls and formation of new pedestrian access with gate (demolition of existing stable outbuilding and garage) (ref: 2/2020/0799/HOUSE) = <i>approved</i></li> <li>• Greenane, Langham Lane, Langham, erection of gate piers and sliding gate at existing entrance to replace original metal gate (ref: 2/2020/0890/HOUSE) = <i>approved</i></li> </ul>	
26/20.2	<b>To consider application 2/2020/0728/FUL, Weston Fields, Symphony Farm to Quarr Cross-Lane, Buckhorn Weston, SP8 5PB - erect detached garages with first floor annexe:</b> The application was considered to be in keeping with the design of the main house although it was noted that the annexe has no WC facility or drainage specified which is curious. Cllr Aldred proposed the "Parish Council support the application as the design and choice of materials is in sympathy with the main dwelling, noting there is no provision for a WC to the annexe and query the intent and drainage details for the same". Cllr Ms Chapman seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b>	
26/20.3	<b>Action: Submit comments to planning at Dorset Council</b> <b>Consideration of a Neighbourhood Plan:</b> Having received a detailed reply from the senior planning policy officer at DC, RG suggested a lot more thought must be given to whether there are the resources to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. There would need to be a huge input of time and effort from councillors and residents to produce this, that possibly specialists would be required and the costs involved would need to come from the precept or possibly the reserves ( <i>reminder of monies earmarked for Five Bridges stopping up</i> ). Questions raised were: are residents happy for development in the villages; who has the resources to devote time to this; will the Government's planning policy going forward overshadow all of the work done. Cllr Aldred proposed "the Parish Council defer this consideration until the next meeting when there may be a clearer view". Cllr Hoskins seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b>	<i>Clerk</i>
26/20.4	<b>Action: Provide costings and further information at the next meeting</b> <b>Consideration of Government's Method for assessing housing need and its effect on Dorset (as per recent email from CPRE):</b> The information received states the planning forecast is 47%	<i>Councillors</i>

	<p>more than the projections originally anticipated and questions whether the modelling method is outdated with land being overdeveloped. Cllr Ridout confirmed DC's requirements are in the Local Plan and emphasises local need only however, with the possible change in Government planning policy, the DC Local Plan may end up redundant. Cllr Gosney proposed the "Parish Council support the CPRE's position but to hold off submitting comments for one week in the event any councillors have further thoughts on the matter". Cllr Shotter seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b></p> <p><b>Action: To submit comments supporting CPRE after 7 days</b></p>	<b>Clerk</b>
27/20 27.20.1	<p><b>Other reports:</b></p> <p><b>Highways (RG):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vegetation has been cut back at A30 Stour Hill crossroads.</li> <li>DC have been asked to clear vegetation from the side drain ditches and longitudinal ditch in Back Lane, KM with action asap.</li> <li>DC have been asked to clear detritus from the sides of the road on Church Hill, BW and clear gulley chambers. DC confirmed that Dorset Waste Partnership are contracted to clean the roads once a year. A request for Highways to coordinate the gulley clearing with the road cleaning was made with action asap.</li> <li>Further road safety signs have been positioned at each end of the Harpitt's Lane 'S' bend and gouging of the road surface has been repaired.</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Footpaths (MHT):</b> The remainder of the willow tree in Kington Magna has been removed. RG noted that in removing the tree, some concrete bollards were cut down to allow access which are now a potential hazard and requested MHT look into this. The fence falling over behind Broad Close has been fixed. Re-fencing work on the land by the railway line in Buckhorn Weston has not taken place as promised and DC has been chased on this. The situation remains the same in that although the footpaths are not directly on the legal line, it is possible to walk them although they remain unpleasant. Abandoned gas cylinders and a fire extinguisher on the land has been reported to PROW. The appeal for the solar farm at Fifehead Magdalen has been dismissed. MHT confirmed that DC rights of way officers are fully operational. A request has been made for pushchair friendly walks in the area which will be investigated. An issue was reported with netting having been put up at a stile. MHT confirmed there is no legal obligation for the landowner to provide access for people's dogs.</p>	
28/20	<p><b>Nyland (FS):</b> Nothing to report other than the ongoing issue with light pollution from Henstridge Airfield. RG has corresponded with South Somerset enforcement who have confirmed the assurances given by Mr. Williamson, in respect of the existing lighting, will be carried through.</p>	
29/20 29/20.1	<p><b>Kington Magna update:</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Kington Magna Play Area action plan:</b> Quotes were received for the replacement of the slide and rocker at £11,300 and £16,000 with figures dependent on the choice of ground surface supplied. Extending the life of the existing play equipment through maintenance, obtaining quotes for new surfacing and to consider a long term plan for development and funding with the community was considered to be the best option moving forward.</p> <p><b>Action: Obtain quotes for replacement surfacing.</b></p> <p><b>Action: MHT to request handyman contact RG.</b></p>	<b>MH</b> <b>MHT</b>
30/20	<p><b>Update on enforcements:</b></p> <p><b>(i) Land next to railway line in Buckhorn Weston ENF/2011/0101:</b> Residents queried whether correspondence submitted to Mr Lloyd has been acknowledged and if a separate report should be submitted directly to enforcement. Confirmation has been received and Mr Lloyd advised the Parish Council that he would be copying said correspondence to both PROW and Public Protect with no requirement for the Parish Council to report to them directly. The situation has been compounded with DC officers not making site visits and current working practices due to Covid-19 but another chase will be made to request a timeline. Cllr Ridout will also chase this up. Construction work has begun on site and KA will visit the area this weekend. Being an ongoing situation, the Parish Council stated they are doing what they can but residents can also contact agencies directly which may give greater impact.</p>	

	<p><b>Action: Request a timeline from Mr Lloyd and update residents</b></p> <p><b>(ii) Incorrect positioning of barn at land west of Symphony Farm to Quarr Cross – Lane, Quarr, Buckhorn Weston ENF/2020/0068:</b> A requested update was acknowledged and DC advised no actions have taken place at this time but once progress is made the case officer will be in touch.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
31/20	<p><b>Items for next agenda:</b></p> <p>Update on goat farm enforcement – Cllr Pothecary was looking into this Neighbourhood plan</p> <p>Kington Magna Play Area quotes for re-surfacing</p> <p>Half year budget report and proposed precept</p> <p>Fingerpost signs (reported damaged signs at top of Hartmoor Hill and Quarr Crossroads)</p>	
32/20	<b>Matters Pertinent:</b> None	
33/20	<b>Date of next Meeting:</b> 7.30pm Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020 at Buckhorn Weston Village Hall	
	Meeting closed at 21.22pm	
	<p><b>Signed</b>.....Chairman</p>	<b>Date</b> .....

### Appendices

- A. RFO & Clerk's report
- B. Accounts and payments for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020
- C. Bank reconciliations

Copies of enclosures can be obtained on request from the Parish Clerk