



Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.30pm at Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

Item	Parish Councillors Present: Ms Phillipa Chapman (Chairman (PCN), Roger Gosney (Vice-Chairman (RG), Tim Wilton (TW), Mrs Linda Munster (LM), Kevin Aldred (KA), Simon Stranger (SS), Tom Riall (TR), Mrs Anna Grant (AG), Matthew Hoskins (MH)) Dorset Councillor(s) Present: 1 Members of the public: There were 6 members of the public present Members of the press: There were no members of the press present In attendance: Parish Clerk: Sandra Mackintosh (SM)	Action
	<p>Public Session: The minutes from the meetings for the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) have provided answers to many questions but would there be a further face to face village consultation as it was believed many did not fully understand the reason/importance of the NP. Residents were advised that consultations and surveys have taken place and no further ones are scheduled as the draft has taken some time to get to this stage and been prepared using this data. It was acknowledged that there was limited funds left in the grant monies and that consultant's time was being carefully monitored. The imminent NP draft will be finalised and put to regulation 14 before going to Dorset Council (DC) for checking. It will then be returned to the Steering Group (SG) for any amendments after which it will be sent for a further check with an independent assessor before being published for residents to consider prior to voting at the referendum. Copies of the plan will be on the PC website and, for those without a computer, in both village halls. Gillingham library also have computer facilities for those without.</p> <p>A query was raised whether there would be any Parish Council (PC) money towards Coronation events this year. It was thought that careful consideration should be given before any distribution is decided and that this item would be included on the next agenda.</p>	
77/22	To receive apologies for absence: Fred Shotter, Cllr David Walsh	
78/22	To approve and adopt the minutes of the last Full Council meeting held on 7th November 2022: Cllr Aldred proposed "the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the above date should be approved as a correct record of the meeting." Cllr Gosney seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.	
79/22	Matters arising from the previous minutes: KA confirmed the £600.00 funding requested from the Masonic Lodge is secured for the defibrillator in Buckhorn Weston (BW).	
80/22	Declarations of interest: <i>Members are required to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, section 27 disclosable pecuniary interests:</i> None.	
81/22 i	Planning: To approve the minutes of the planning meetings held on 23rd November and 12th December 2022: Cllr Gosney proposed "the minutes of the planning meeting held on 23 rd November should be approved as a correct record of the meeting." Cllr Aldred seconded, unanimously agreed. Cllr Ms Chapman proposed "the minutes of the planning meeting held on 12 th December should be approved as a correct record of the meeting." Cllr Wilton seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.	
ii	To receive decision notices from Dorset Council:	

	<p>P/FUL/2022/05890, Agricultural building east of Elm View, Chapel Hill, KM, Demolition of existing agricultural barn and erection of 1 dwelling – refused</p> <p>P/FUL/2022/06223, Land at Little Brook Farm, Hartmoor Hill, BW, Erection of building for use as farm office and packing/storage area – granted</p> <p>P/HOU/2022/06771, Old Rectory Farm, Back Lane, KM, Construct swimming pool, erect pool house and garden wall – granted</p> <p>P/HOU/2022/07377, The Forge Cottage, Weston Street, BW, Alteration to existing driveway shared between Forge Cottage and The Forge - granted</p> <p>Consider application P/FUL/2022/06787, Filleybrook Farm, Shutes Lane, Buckhorn Weston, SP8 5HZ, Erection of agricultural workers dwelling: In 2016 an application was approved for a milking parlour, milk storage and cheese making room however, photos from 1st March 2020 show very little progress has been made as the area is still a building site with the facilities incomplete. It was also noted the footprint of the dwelling, as shown on the plan submitted with this application, is not much smaller than the 2020 plan which was refused. Concerns were raised about the viability of the business, especially as the accounts are confidential and not available for scrutiny, with nothing in the supporting text to reassure members that the business is growing as the applicant states. Furthermore, the applicant still has not complied with the removal of the mobile unit. Cllr Aldred proposed the “Parish Council object to this application as the business does not appear to be viable due to a lack of compelling evidence to prove otherwise and the working facilities being built, (milking parlour, etc.) remain incomplete. The dwelling and double garage appears to be larger than necessary and far in excess of the normal footprint required for an agricultural worker.” Cllr Gosney seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>Consider application P/HOU/2022/07018, Weston Fields Symphony Farm To Quarr Cross – Lane, Quarr, Buckhorn Weston SP8 5PB, Erect single storey extension to form a swimming pool. Carryout hard & soft landscape works: The previously approved application shows a narrow extension connecting the house to the barn. That which is now proposed is a much larger room with the barn remaining a separate building. The application form makes no mention of the utility, steam and sauna rooms. Although the area proposed does not overlook other properties, the size of the extension footprint effectively doubles that of the house. Cllr Ms Chapman proposed the “Parish Council object to this application as the footprint is too large for the size of the dwelling, (appearing to be the same size as the house and therefore doubling the overall size of the property), and the non-disclosure of the other facilities incorporated in the design plans e.g. utility, steam and sauna rooms.” Cllr Aldred seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>Action: Submit comments to DC</p>	
82/22	<p>Enforcement updates:</p> <p>Land next to railway line in Buckhorn Weston ENF/2011/0101: The owner has substantially complied with one of DC’s enforcement notices and was afforded further time to ensure compliance with the second notice. A further site visit will be scheduled in the near future in order to confirm compliance. This could then become a litigation matter in the event of non-compliance.</p> <p>Goat farm at Shutes Lane ENF/2019/0185: Planning application submitted see above 81/22iii.</p> <p>Land West of Symphony Farm to Quarr Cross - Lane Quarr EN/2021/00153: The planning application is under officer consideration. Enforcement action will only be considered in the event that the application and any subsequent appeal is declined.</p>	Clerk
83/22	<p>Dorset Councillor’s report: Cllr Ridout: For a copy of the report with full details please contact the Parish Clerk. Council Tax: proposed increase is just under 2% and to levy the adult social care precept of 2%. This is less than the maximum 5% increase outlined in the Government’s spending Review. The increase equates to £1.41 extra per week for a Band D property. Platinum Jubilee Village Hall Fund: £3m is available for village halls to apply for grants to improve and modernise their facilities. This closes on 20th January. Household Support Fund: re-opened on 9th January. Low-income households in the DC area can apply for help with rising costs with support in the form of supermarket vouchers. Digital Champions: provide advice sessions to help use digital devices. These are run at local libraries or over the phone. Social tariffs: are cheaper broadband and phone packages delivered in the same way as normal packages for people claiming Universal Credit,</p>	

	<p>Pension Credit and some other benefits. Most tariffs offer superfast broadband and any set up costs would be small. There is no charge to switch to a social tariff and it costs nothing to leave the tariff before the end of the contract. You can apply for most tariffs through your provider. Pre-loved coats: available from Shaftesbury Children's Centre to support families struggling with the cost of living and include a range of free coats and jackets for children aged 0-16. Eden Café: warm space to drop in and keep warm at the Gillingham Anglican Church. Child friendly. Hot drinks. Open Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Gillingham Food Bank: Food collection is from The Old Library, Old Station Road, Monday and Thursday mornings (not bank holidays). If you have difficulty getting to the food bank you can call to arrange a delivery. Food Donations Unit 1, Paris Court off Station Road, same times as above (not bank holidays). Dorset's Archives Consultation: the survey will form part of an application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund to extend the archive stores, improve public facilities and offer outreach services. The survey can be found on DC's website.</p>	
84/22	<p>Chairman's report: The Chairman hoped that everyone had a good Christmas and Happy New Year and offered best wishes for 2023. A notification from the National Association of Local Councils concerning salary increases was a reminder that SM has been the Clerk for 6½ years. Congratulations and thanks were expressed on behalf of BW&KM Parish Council to her for all her hard work. It was good to see from Cllr Ridout's report that DC have tried to keep the Council Tax increase as low as they felt able and below what it could have been and the Parish Council's precept proposal does not intend to increase this year either.</p>	
85/22	<p>Clerk & RFO Financial reports: The report, accounting statement and bank reconciliation were circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Bank Reconciliation: As at 31st December, the current account balance was £17,491.49 (including the Neighbourhood Plan grant). The Nationwide account balance was £5,055.73. Payments received to date are £16,608.74. Total payments out so far this financial year are £13,107.45.</p> <p>To receive and approve accounts and payments for the period 1st November to 31st December 2022, including salaries and associated accounts: Cllr Aldred proposed "the PC approve the accounts and payments for the period noted above, including salaries and associated accounts." Cllr Hoskins seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>To approve the precept/budget proposal for 2023/2024: The precept and budget proposals for the next financial year were circulated prior to the last meeting, the precept remaining the same as the last 4 to 5 years. Cllr Ms Chapman proposed "the PC approve the precept/budget for 2023/2024." Cllr Gosney seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>Action: <i>Submit precept request to DC and look at surplus sums for possible local group grants.</i></p> <p>To consider clerks salary as per NALC pay agreement circulated: It was noted the back pay would amount to £180.00 and the annual basic wage at £3072.00 which is £9 more than the projected annual figure. Cllr Aldred proposed "the PC approve the salary increase with immediate affect including the back dated pay." Cllr Ms Chapman seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>Receive quote for works to BW notice board: A quote from a local handyman of £300 was received for the refurbishment which is now in dire need. Cllr Hoskins proposed "the PC proceed with the work as quoted." Cllr Aldred seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>Action: <i>Instruct work to commence.</i></p> <p>Consider new savings account: Having looked at accounts available, nothing compares to the current deal with Nationwide. Cllr Cllr Hoskins proposed "the PC retain the savings account with Nationwide." Cllr Mrs Grant seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
86/22	<p>Consider resurfacing of Shutes Lane: Not half as much water is now coming from the stables at Conygar however, water still generates from that area and runs down the left hand side of the lane. KA suggested a grid and proper drain could be required. RG will discuss this matter with DC Highways who will probably make patch repairs to the damaged surface.</p> <p>Action: <i>Contact DC Highways to address this matter.</i></p>	<p>RG</p>
87/22	<p>Neighbourhood plan update (LM): The SG held two meetings in December, 6th and 21st. The minutes from the 6th are on the PC website and provide an updated account. The results of the settlement boundary survey are also available to view on the website and the comments contained in the report</p>	

	<p>have been answered by the SG. These comments will form part of the NP evidence base. The HNA (Housing Needs Assessment) has been completed by AECOM and is ready to be uploaded to the PC website, also forming part of the NP evidence base. The consultant has now produced a draft NP which the SG are in the process of amending and consolidating with the advice of the consultant. This contains all the work carried out to date, consultation events, surveys and most importantly the policies which will be used to determine development in the future. There is still a way to go but the SG are focused on getting the plan to Regulation 14 by early spring. The SG still meet every month and the next one is scheduled for the 18th January.</p>	
88/22	<p>Five Bridges update (PCM): FS reported fly tipping occurring in the layby on the north side of the A30. Cllr Ridout will follow up on this.</p>	
89/22	<p>Other reports:</p> <p>Highways report (RG): Installation of the refurbished road sign opposite the Stapleton Arms has been delayed due to sickness and the weather but will be installed this month. A fairly big hole on the bend in the top road a couple of hundred meters to the north of the crossroad with Church Hill KM is a hazard, and has been notified to DC for action.</p> <p>Update on the community speed watch in Buckhorn Weston (AG): The team has conducted 3 sessions and the Police one during November and December. The CSW group caught a number of cars doing anything from 36mph up to 45mph and the Police Camera Team (CSW team was not present) caught 12 offenders. The number of speeding cars tend to be around 20% of the cars recorded. This number is expected to increase as the speed at which the CSW group can record cars has been lowered as of 1 January 2023. RG considered the possibility of a 20mph speed limit being introduced in BW highly unlikely as it would be difficult to meet the criteria required for such a reduction. A meeting with DC may take place to see whether there is a way forward.</p> <p>Public Footpaths: No reports received. Some stiles have been repaired and assumed the work of DC.</p>	
90/22	<p>Nyland (FS): Nothing to report.</p>	
91/22	<p>Kington Magna (RG):</p> <p>KMPA project update: RG confirmed there is no possibility of extending the play area as the Diocese will not budge over the rental fee. Instead the ROSPA works will be done as and when the contractor can attend and in the spring a little more work can take place using the money available. RG is keen for all KM members to be included in this. An article was put into Hear Here to ask for views and interested parties from the community however only 1 resident responded.</p> <p>Refurbishment of millennium walk sign in Kington Magna: The editor of Hear Here is getting a price for doing this and will have it brought to the next meeting.</p>	
92/22	<p>Items for next agenda:</p> <p>KMPA</p> <p>Neighbourhood plan update</p> <p>Five Bridges update</p> <p>Community speed watch update</p> <p>Resurfacing on Shutes Lane update</p> <p>Consideration of grants and money towards coronation event</p>	
93/22	<p>Matters pertinent to this meeting: The post office van investigations continue. The shop remains open but the employees have no idea what is happening with the post office.</p>	
94/22	<p>Date of next Meeting: Monday 6th March at Buckhorn Weston Village Hall</p> <p>6.30pm Coffee and biscuits</p> <p>7.00pm Annual Parish Meeting for Buckhorn Weston</p> <p>7.30pm Full Council Meeting</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 20.55pm</p> <p>Signed..... Chairman Date</p>	

RFO & Clerks report

Accounts and payments for the period 1st November to 31st December 2022

Reconciliation 31st December 2022

Third quarter budget/expenditure report

Quote for notice board refurbishment

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