



## Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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### **MINUTES OF BUCKHORN WESTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 at 7pm at Buckhorn Weston Village Hall**

<b>1</b>	The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
	<b>Present:</b> Bob Gordon (Chairman (BG), Tim Wilton (Vice-Chairman (TW), Kevin Aldred (KA), Mrs Anna Grant (AG), Simon Stranger (SS) Members of the Public: 4 In attendance: Parish Clerk
<b>2</b>	<b>Approval of minutes:</b> The minutes from the previous Buckhorn Weston APM held on the 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2024, having been previously circulated, were approved, signed and dated by the Chairman.
<b>3</b>	<b>Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council (BG):</b> BG was elected as Chairman in May 2024 alongside TW as Vice Chair. They have enjoyed working with the enthusiastic team of councillors to make life better for the community. Special thanks to the clerk for her constant support and guidance. During the year the Parish Council (PC) has carried out the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reviewed the PC's Standing Orders to ensure the efficient running of council and obtain best value for money.</li><li>Business and expenditure has been discussed and agreed at bi-monthly meetings with additional planning meetings in between (10 BW planning applications this past year).</li><li>The neighbourhood plan was completed by Cllr Linda Munster and her team of committee members.</li><li>Worked with Dorset Council (DC) Enforcement on a number of cases including the successful prosecution of the owner of land beside the railway line.</li><li>Worked with the Community Action Group to monitor activities of traffic to and from Brains Farm.</li><li>Engaged in DC's 'slow down' signs initiative along with regular speed checks carried out by AG and her team of volunteers in BW.</li><li>Instigated a third and final DC traffic survey between Sandley and Quarr. No change to previous outcomes.</li><li>Cllr Matthew Trim co-opted on as a new councillor for KM.</li></ul>
<b>4</b>	<b>Reports from Buckhorn Weston Clubs and Organisations</b> <b>BW Cricket Club (CC):</b> An improved amount of cricket was played and the foundations for growth in the club are strong. The men competed in the Dorset League with the women in the Dorset and Somerset Leagues. The junior team remains strong with an additional 3 All Stars Activators being trained. The club maintained the ECB Clubmark Award which recognises their adoption of ECB standards and policies and enables access to funding. Also received was the Tackling Environmental Challenges award and the club will be in the National category for this. The website is no longer active. PlayCricket.com is being used instead. Fundraising from the men's 6 a side and raffle at a local bingo night raised £700. The new alcohol licence also provides a small income and the bar is open during practices, matches and events. The robot mower is working well and the grounds team have kept the ground looking superb. The club hopes to improve the inside of the Clubhouse through an application for a grant. Two directors are retiring from the club however, four new directors will take their place. Many thanks to the landowners for their ongoing support.

**Senior Citizens Lunch:** The Christmas luncheon continues to thrive. Last year the chief cook and leader in the kitchen stepped down due to having moved away so Cllr Tim Wilton took over as cook and did a sterling job. The annual Jumble Sale, which funds the meal and all the trimmings, continues. One of the organisers will be stepping down from her role this year and instead will enjoy the event as a guest, but she will continue as Treasurer. Although there are regular and longstanding waitresses and washer uppers, volunteer helpers are always welcome.

**BW Village Hall:** The hall continues to be kept in good condition. There have been two new cookers, a dishwasher and a new instant water heater installed. A local painter is regularly called upon to touch up various sections of the hall. The fire and security alarms have been taken over by a new company as they are more competitively priced and came highly recommended. The hall has many regular local hirers including the Art Group, Bowls, Ladies Group and the Church. Events held include exercise classes, coffee mornings, jumble sales, the senior citizens Christmas lunch and Burns Night. There is, however, availability for more regular hirers. The NHS Blood transfusion service now hire the hall six times a year and various children's parties, family events and weddings also take place throughout the year.

**BW Bowling Club:** The club meets twice a week, Tuesday evenings and Friday afternoons. There are additional league night matches and a double and single competition played on a Saturday once a year. The club have one team in the league who are currently placed second in the Blackmore Vale East Division. More members are welcome and anyone interested can come along to a club session and have three free sessions to see if they like it.

**BW Ladies Group:** The group is made up of two joint chairs, a treasurer, plus 26 members who meet up every second Tuesday of the month. There is an annual sub fee of £15 and guests pay £3. Eight times a year, speakers are invited to present on a range of topics such as the Air Ambulance, Yeovil Free Wheelers and the Women's Refuge. The group hold a Christmas party, a New Year's Lunch, a garden party and an outing in September, (last year's being a canal trip and this year's being a trip to Mere in search of four candles and fork handles which are both made there). Members are from Buckhorn Weston and the surrounding area and although a beautiful place to live, it can be quite isolating. The group gives people a chance to get together and enjoy social interaction, support, coffee, a raffle and learn new things. New members will be given a very warm welcome.

**BW Bell Ringing:** There are now four members of the group who meet every Thursday evening for practice sessions. Combined with the Kington Magna bell ringers, they rang the church bells on Christmas Eve at midnight mass. The team is always looking for more volunteers to come along and join in.

**BW Village Community Trust (BWVCT):** Fundraising continues in order to maintain the green and meet the ever increasing costs of insurance, maintenance of equipment and general upkeep. The annual Burns Night was great fun with thanks to the Trustees and friends who cooked and prepared the hall and to the local community who support this event. In June last year, the BWVCT and BW Village Hall jointly held a commemoration of D-Day in honour of those allies who landed on the beaches of Normandy. Special thanks to a local resident for an interesting display of items. The £400 raised was split equally between The Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes. Maintenance of the green continues along with some repairs to play equipment, including the replacement of one Zip Wire, and the group are always grateful to any volunteers who assist in these matters. Thanks were expressed to the Parish Council for the annual grant which helps enormously towards those increasing costs.

<b>6</b>	<b>Public Discussion:</b> Recent burglaries have taken place to outbuildings on Shave Hill and Shepherds Hill. Although there is no Neighbourhood Watch group, members of the BW Volunteers WhatsApp group keep a large proportion of the community updated and alert over such matters.
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Thank you for the reports received. The meeting closed at 7.25pm.  
These minutes are signed as a true and accurate record of events.

Signed: ..... (Chairman) Dated:.....