



# Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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Responsible Financial Officer and Parish Clerk: Mrs Sandra Mackintosh

## FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 at 7.30pm at Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

Item	Parish Councillors Present: Bob Gordon (Chairman (BG), Tim Wilton (Vice-Chairman TW), Simon Stranger (SS), Kevin Aldred (KA), Mrs Anna Grant (AG) Dorset Councillor(s) Present: 1 Members of the public: There was 0 member of the public present Members of the press: There was 1 member of the press present In attendance: Parish Clerk: Sandra Mackintosh (SM)	Action
	<b>Public Session:</b> Nothing to report.	
116/24	<b>To receive apologies for absence:</b> Linda Munster, Philippa Chapman, Fred Shotter, Matthew Hoskins, Cllr Val Pothecary	
117/24	<b>Approve and adopt the minutes of the last Full Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and Planning meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025:</b> Cllr Aldred proposed “the minutes of the Full Council meeting be approved as a correct record of that meeting”. Cllr Gordon proposed “the minutes of the Planning meeting be approved as a correct record of that meeting”. Cllrs Stranger and Wilton seconded. All unanimously agreed. <b>Resolved and signed.</b>	
118/24	<b>Matters arising from the previous minutes:</b> None	
119/24	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None.	
120/24	<b>Brains Farm AD Plant update:</b> The wording for the signage has been agreed with Dorset Council (DC) and will read ‘NO ACCESS TO BRAINS FARM AHEAD’. Marubeni will now order the signs for the A30 and B3081 direct with DC. The AD plant has moved into the operational phase. High numbers of deliveries will start in the late spring. That is when we will find out whether we have a problem. Two members of Community Action Group (CAG) have been talking to Biowatt and they will have detailed information to pass on at the CAG meeting on 13 <sup>th</sup> March in Buckhorn Weston Village Hall. This will include information about the volumes of traffic to and from the AD plant over the summer and what residents can do if they are concerned about vehicles driving through our villages. It is possible that the Chief Executive of Biowatt will attend to answer questions, but if not, CAG now have a good channel to him and will be able to gather questions and comments and get some answers and general feedback.	
121/24 i.	<b>Planning:</b> <b>Decision notices from Dorset Council:</b> P/FUL/2024/04427, Littlebrook Farm, Hartmoor Hill, Buckhorn Weston, Erect 1no. permanent dwelling for an agricultural worker: <b>granted</b> P/TRC/2024/07096, Cross Cottage, Church St, Kington Magna, T2 - Spruce - Fell, G1 - Maple and other species - Crown raise to 5m from ground and thin crowns by 20%: <b>no objection</b> P/LBC/2024/07335, Weston House, Weston St, Buckhorn Weston, Retain 5No. replacement windows: <b>granted</b> P/HOU/2025/00084, Four Gables, Field Lane, Kington Magna, Erect single storey extension to existing annexe: <b>granted</b>	

ii.	<p>P/PABA/2024/07141, Tanners Farm, Tanners Farm Lane, Kington Magna, Demolish existing barn and replace with an agricultural machinery and fodder store: <b>planning permission required</b></p> <p><b>Consider applications P/HOU/2025/00624 &amp; P/LBC/2025/00629, The White House, Church Hill, Buckhorn Weston, SP8 5HS, Erect swim spa building:</b> The applicant was unable to attend however he did inform the PC prior to the meeting that he has been in touch with Poulton's of Shaftesbury, who recently built the replacement wooden building for the pub paddock, with the intention of 'blending' this (potential) build with theirs. Councillors considered the proposed low height structure as not overly large and, being set back in the garden, will not detract from the main listed house and street scene. It is understood that the structure will have a log cabin affect to clearly resemble an outbuilding and landscaping by way of hedging will provide further privacy. The hedge will be maintained at around 1.8m/2m from the ground to allow it to not become too dominant. Cllr Aldred proposed "The Parish Council support the applications as the proposed structure's size and design is suitable for the plot, does not detract from the listed status of the White House or street scene and provided the proposed hedging is planted and maintained at 1.8m/2m from the ground to afford further privacy without being too dominant. It is understood the intention is to blend this structure with a next-door outbuilding". Cllr Mrs Grant seconded. All unanimously agreed. <b>Resolved.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Submit comments to DC planning.</b></p>	Clerk
122/24 i. ii. iii. iv.	<p><b>Enforcement updates and update/decision for next steps regarding Field Lane, Kington Magna:</b></p> <p><b>Land next to railway line in Buckhorn Weston ENF/2011/0101:</b> No update received from DC.</p> <p><b>Mobile home at Filleybrook Farm Shutes Lane Buckhorn Weston EN/2022/00346 – (Land On The South Side Of, Shutes Lane, Buckhorn Weston):</b> No update received from DC.</p> <p><b>Land adjacent to Filley Brook Industrial Estate EN/2023/00301:</b> The unit has been removed from the site. The case is now closed.</p> <p><b>Field Lane, Kington Magna:</b> Concerns remain ongoing regarding the 40' container placed in the field and although conversations have been had, there is still no conclusive guideline/outcome to this. The PC considered whether to submit a report to DC Enforcement who will assess the situation and, should a breach have taken place, will be proactive with the landowner in trying to resolve the situation amicably. Cllr Aldred proposed "The Parish Council submit a report to DC". Cllr Gordon seconded. A majority were agreed (4/1). <b>Resolved.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Report to DC Enforcement.</b></p>	Clerk
123/24 i. ii.	<p><b>Buckhorn Weston</b></p> <p><b>Update regarding railway line crossing (KA):</b> There is a track which leads to the railway crossing with a pedestrian crossing over the railway line. Emergency vehicles used to be able to turn around but a new gate has been put up by the landowner who locks it. There are also properties for let on land thought to be owned by the railway company although the landowner maintains he bought the land from them. KA has tried to investigate but is having problems contacting the right representative from the railway company. He will continue to investigate. A query was raised if the pedestrian crossing is on a public right of way and whether to report this to DC.</p> <p><b>Action: Report to DC Footpaths Officer.</b></p> <p><b>Consider Dorset Council investigating Filley Brook flooding:</b> The flooding at the bottom of Hartmoor Hill junction is worse than ever in heavy rain. When looking over the brick arch on the opposite side of Hartmoor Hill, the levels are very low however, the ditches along the lane running between BW and KM are full. There is also a drain nearby which possibly needs rodding out. It was noted this will always be a problem as it is at the lowest point however, worth asking DC to inspect.</p> <p><b>Action: Ask DC Highways to investigate and clear BW storm drains generally.</b></p>	Clerk
124/24 i. ii. iii.	<p><b>Kington Magna</b></p> <p><b>Update on felling of ash tree with die back (SS):</b> The tree has been felled. The privately owned tree remains at present.</p> <p><b>Update on KMPA lease negotiations and consideration of alternative options for play equipment (BG &amp; MH):</b> Deferred to next meeting.</p> <p><b>Consider request for Horticultural show funding (BG):</b> The organisers prefer the event to be called a Garden Produce Show as it is aimed at being a family affair to encourage people of all ages, especially youngsters, to grow plants. Three schools are already involved in this year's event which</p>	

	<p>will be held at KM church on July 19<sup>th</sup> as part of a bigger event called Picnic by the Pond which will host live bands. BW residents are encouraged to come along and get involved. As per last year, the PC has received a request for funding towards prizes. Cllr Aldred proposed "The Parish Council donate £150 from PC ring fenced funds". Cllr Mrs Grant seconded. All unanimously agreed.</p> <p><b>Resolved.</b> KA to donate 4 tubs of raspberry plants.</p> <p><b>Action: Provide details for payment.</b></p>	<b>BG</b>
125/24	<p><b>Update on football field parking:</b> Cllr Ridout held a productive meeting with DC Highways and the Football Club. It was confirmed there are no restrictions to prevent people parking. Options discussed included a nearby field for possible overflow parking but probably not every Sunday. DC advised not to use cones on the road itself but 'SLOW' warning signs instead positioned either end of the on-road parking. A sign was given to use. DC also advised the club look at Road Safety on the DC website and the Police Accreditation Scheme for further help with dealing with traffic to/within the site. The club was advised to wear hi-viz at all times when directing traffic into/within the site. The new additional parking area was viewed and the intention of making further additional parking, subject to funding, was discussed. DC will try to get planings to fill muddy potholes at the entrance and on site. The club will look at flattening the mound running between the car park and the pitches for additional parking.</p>	
126/24	<p><b>Dorset Councillor's reports:</b> <b>Cllr Ridout:</b> The <b>Wessex Mayoral Strategic Authority</b> first round application was rejected however, the four councils are committed to pursuing devolution in the future. <b>Climate and Nature Recovery</b> net zero targets set in 2019 have been brought forward 5 years from to 2035 for the council and 2045 for the county. The <b>Local Nature Recovery Strategy</b> first draft has been published aimed at restoring and enhancing nature across the county. <b>Household Support Fund</b> is available to help those less fortunate, distributing supermarket vouchers to those most in need and support for older people in the area. The <b>Dorset Council Budget 2025/26</b> of £417.2 million was approved at a Full Council meeting with substantial investment earmarked for essential frontline council services. Dorset is heavily dependent on council tax for funding the essential services and the council tax will increase next year by just under 5% (3% plus 2% for the adult social care precept). The increase is equivalent to £1.91 extra per week for a Band D property.</p> <p><b>Cllr Woode:</b> <b>Government's White Paper</b> outlines new devolution powers for local authorities. Local authorities now await clarity on whether an alternative route to greater local powers is possible. <b>Dorset is facing</b> significant financial pressures with the government's funding formula continuing to disadvantage the county. Difficult choices have been made with investment being directed towards supporting economic growth, improving transport infrastructure and delivering more affordable housing. The council is continuing its commitment to tackling climate change. <b>The Dorset Police and Crime Panel</b> has supported the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposal for the maximum precept increase. <b>DC</b> has introduced new waste management rules that will impact businesses across the local authority area. <b>DC</b> is currently developing a new Local Transport Plan. <b>DC is preparing</b> to progress the Dorset Local Plan following the release of the government's updated National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). <b>Concerns have been</b> raised regarding the length of time planning enforcement cases remain open, with some cases being left unresolved for so long that no legal action can be taken. This will be monitored.</p>	
127/24	<p><b>Chairman's report:</b> The KM Horticultural show last year was very successful and the prizes, £150 donated by the PC, encouraged maximum participation, especially from 3 local schools. The show will be held again this year and representatives from KM and Sandley will be organising/hosting the show. A further request for funding for prizes, (from the ring fenced budget) has been made - see item 124/24iii above. It would be good for BW villagers to take part, as in the past. DC Highways has been active in the area and most of the storm drains in KM have been emptied to prevent further flooding in the village. Advice has also been given on the football ground parking and assessing pothole repair work. The next CAG meeting will take place as noted above with an update on AD plant activities. It is hoped to see as many PC members at the meeting as possible.</p>	
128/24	<p><b>Clerk &amp; RFO Financial reports:</b> The report and financial documents were circulated prior to the meeting. <b>Bank Reconciliation:</b> As at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025, the current account balance was</p>	

i. ii.	<p>£12764.06. The Nationwide account balance was £5,396.86. Receipts to date are £13,975.28. Total payments out so far this financial year are £11,648.15.</p> <p><b>To receive and approve accounts and payments for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025, including salaries and associated accounts:</b> Cllr Mrs Grant proposed “the Parish Council approve the accounts and payments as noted.” Cllr Aldred seconded, unanimously agreed. <b>Resolved.</b></p> <p><b>Update on domain and consider emails for councillors:</b> The domain is ready to use however, due to the installed software on the new laptop not being able to host emails, a new host is required. Possible options were put to councillors including the option of everyone moving to a gov.uk email address. This separates their personal emails from council work, provides legitimacy as it is only available to local authorities, is more professional, meets best practice and is securely managed by the registrar. Cllr Ridout noted that many PC's are making the switch. Cllr Aldred proposed “The Parish Council switch to gov.uk email addresses managed by the registrar at £264 + VAT pa”. Cllr Mrs Grant seconded. A majority agreed (4/1). <b>Resolved.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Inform the registrar in preparation for switching over all email addresses.</b></p>	
129/24	<p><b>Report on Nyland &amp; flooding update (FS):</b> Awaiting the outcome of a meeting between Flood Management and the landowners.</p>	
130/24 i. ii. iii.	<p><b>Other reports:</b>  <b>Highways:</b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>Update on the community speed watch in Buckhorn Weston (AG):</b> The volunteers have been out a couple of times since the New Year. In their latest session, which took place on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 65 cars during a one-hour session were noted, 20 of which were driving at speeds between 35 and 41 mph which means 30% of the drivers were speeding. There will be a CSW Action Week in April supported by Dorset Police during the session. The next outing will take place shortly.</p> <p><b>Public Footpaths:</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
131/24	<p><b>Items for next agenda:</b>  Update regarding railway line crossing (KA)  Identity badges (KA)  Update on KMPA lease negotiations</p>	
132/24	<p><b>Matters pertinent to this meeting:</b> None.</p>	
133/24	<p><b>Date of next Meeting:</b> 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Kington Magna Village Hall  Annual Parish Meeting = 7pm  Annual Parish Council Meeting = 7.30pm</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 20.30.</p>	

**Signed.....Chairman      Date .....**

**Items circulated with agenda:**

Clerk/RFO report

Accounts and payments for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Reconciliation 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Full copies of all reports noted in the minutes are available on request from the Parish Clerk.**