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FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Monday 1st September 2025 at 7.30pm at Kington Magna Village Hall

| Item | Parish Councillors Present: Tim Wilton (Chairman (TW), Simon Stranger (SS), Kevin Aldred (KA), Ms Phillippa Chapman (PCN), Mrs Linda Munster (LM), Mrs Anna Grant (AG), Ms Safeena Allison (SA), William Tremlett (WT) Dorset Councillor(s) Present: 1 Members of the public: There were 7 members of the public present Members of the press: There was 0 member of the press present In attendance: Parish Clerk: Sandra Mackintosh (SM) | Action |
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| | Public Session: Recent planning permission granted for a calf unit was thought not to be appropriate in size for its intended capacity and a possible ploy for another house being built. Will there be a stipulation that no house can be built and how do Dorset Council (DC) ensure requirements are upheld? The Parish Council (PC) can only consider each planning application on its own merit and cannot make decisions based on possible intentions. Any intended future development will have to be submitted to planning for scrutiny. Breaches in planning are reported to Enforcement. There was a question of water supply. Apart from harvesting from the roof, the PC were advised at the relevant planning meeting that water will also be supplied from a mains connection at Littlebrook Farm and stored in storage tanks. The owner has rented land elsewhere which can be used for the disposal of slurry. | |
| 39/25 | To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Matthew Hoskins, Cllr Matthew Trim | |
| 40/25 | Co-option of member(s) for Kington Magna: Two casual vacancies were available for Kington Magna (KM) and interest was received from two residents. Cllr Stranger proposed William Tremlett and Safeena Allison be co-opted onto the council. All in favour. The co-opted members duly signed their acceptance forms. | |
| 41/25 | Approve and adopt the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 7th July 2025: Cllr Aldred proposed "the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting as dated above be approved as a correct record". Cllr Ms Chapman seconded. Unanimously agreed. Resolved and signed. | |
| 42/25 | Matters arising from the previous minutes: None | |
| 43/25 | Declarations of interest: None. | |
| 44/25 | Brains Farm AD Plant update: The maize harvest has started and the Brains Farm (BF) website has been updated with four suppliers, one of which is situated between the A30 and Marnhull. As a reminder, only tractors coming from farmers who are based in (or who have fields in) our local parishes are allowed to drive through the villages on AD business. Tractors from outside our parishes are not. As agreed during this harvest, all tractors will be displaying numbered BF badges on the front and back of their vehicles and can be reported to BF in the usual manner, noting the time and location. BF will follow up with any non parish tractors using wrong routes. Please bear in mind that mistakes can happen and the odd driver may take a wrong turn but those continuously using routes incorrectly will be dealt with by BF on a three strike basis. BF confirmed their commitment was that no food waste from human product can be used but they can use farm waste from side products. The PC were thanked for continuing to take an interest in the AD plant as it is very helpful. One of three traffic signs has been installed. | |

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| <p>45/25</p> <p>i.</p> <p>ii.</p> <p>iii.</p> <p>iv.</p> <p>v.</p> | <p>Planning:</p> <p>Decision notices from Dorset Council:</p> <p>P/FUL/2025/03000, Land South Of Brook Cottage Hartmoor Hill Buckhorn Weston, Erect agricultural building: granted.</p> <p>P/HOU/2025/01064, Lower House Templecombe Lane Buckhorn Weston, Erect two storey and first floor extension: granted</p> <p>P/PAAC/2025/03648, Bye Farm Kington Magna, Change of use & conversion of agricultural building to form a dwelling (use class C3): withdrawn</p> <p>Consider application P/OUT/2025/03850, Land At Top Of Weston Hill Church Hill Buckhorn Weston, Erect 1 no dwelling. (Outline application with all matters reserved): Being an outline planning application, it was noted to be lacking information. A full application would require more detail. The proposal is for a four bed house which does not accord with the Neighbourhood Plan's policies whereby smaller two to three bed houses have been identified as meeting local requirements. The plot would be better suited to a bungalow or two smaller houses and an overriding need for a four bedroom property has not been demonstrated. A further concern is the property being set on higher ground. An adjacent property was previously required to match its roof height with that of those neighbouring. Cllr Aldred proposed the "Parish Council object to this application as the height, size and scale of the house does not meet the requirements identified in the Neighbourhood Plan (Policy 4) and the Housing Needs Assessment. The site for the proposed dwelling is on higher ground which would create a property which overpowers and dominates its surroundings when new development should meet the design principles set out in the Neighbourhood Plan (Policy 3) by complementing existing buildings in adopting a similar scale and footprint and blend with existing housing. It would also be preferable for the front of the proposed dwelling to face the street." Cllr Ms Chapman seconded. Unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>Consider proposed diversion of part of footpath 18 and stopping up of part of footpath 40, Buckhorn Weston (in relation to application P/OUT/2025/03850): Cllr Aldred proposed the "Parish Council support the proposed diversion although it is noteworthy that footpath 40 is already stopped up, as evidenced in photographs provided. Please provide clarification on the number of access points, how they will be styled and the width of the paths." Cllr Mrs Grant seconded. Unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>Consider application P/HOU/2025/04752, Gigg Cottage, Access To Pitt House Farm Buckhorn Weston, Erect detached double garage, Erect detached single garage with 2no. dormer windows and office over (Demolish concrete panel garage): An objection has been submitted to DC. The track is a private track and the access to the lane remains as existing. Cllr Ms Chapman proposed a 'conditional response' be submitted stating the "Parish Council support the application provided the dormer windows are either replaced with Velux windows or installed on the west elevation to prevent any overlooking of adjacent properties." Cllr Mrs Munster seconded. Unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>Action: Submit comments to Dorset Council planning.</p> <p>Report for local plan (KA): KA attended a seminar regarding the new Local Plan. The main issue is the required housing supply with DC looking to ensure growth for 15 years upon adoption. It will include the provision for thousands of homes, commercial development, gypsy and traveller sites and supporting infrastructure. The latest Blackmore Vale edition details a full list including the various villages and towns where DC is looking to build. A drop in event is being held at Gillingham Town Hall on the 25th September from 2pm to 7pm.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>46/25</p> <p>i</p> | <p>Enforcement updates: Following an email to DC enforcement stating the PC's wish for full compliance, enforcement's response has advised that case number ENF/2011/0101 (Land next to railway line in Buckhorn Weston) will be closed as the majority of the requirements in the enforcement notice have been met. PCN noted the decision as being perverse and sends the wrong message to others that full compliance is not required. Residents have seen stored items (scrap metal etc.) adjacent to the railway arch, the caravans have been moved along from the road and a hoarding is being installed. The access to footpaths N58/24, N58/29 and N58/33 from the lane which runs under the railway bridge to KM is not possible.</p> | |

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| | Action: Send letter stating Parish Council's position to heads of planning, enforcement, footpaths, all ward councillors and MP. | Clerk |
| 47/25 | ID badges update: Two are outstanding and the two co-opted members badges will be produced for the next meeting. | |
| 48/25 i. | Buckhorn Weston Railway line crossing update (KA): The turning point is confirmed as being in the ownership of Ashford Crossing Cottage. There is a pedestrian gate alongside which is accessible for the footpath to Pitt House Farm. | |
| 49/25 i. ii. | Kington Magna & Nyland Update on KMPA lease negotiations and consideration of alternative options for play equipment (MH): No report submitted. ROSPA works update (SS): SS is unable to start work as MH & MT are currently unavailable to help. | |
| 50/25 | Consider writing to Henstridge Airfield management regarding increased air traffic and to remind them of the condition not to fly over Buckhorn Weston & Kington Magna (PCN): Biplanes have been flying over the villages more often. Although the airfield's website states all circuits being south to avoid noise abatement areas, Cllr Ms Chapman proposed the "Parish Council contact Henstridge Airfield Management requesting they send a reminder to all airfield users of the condition to not fly over the villages." Cllr Wilton seconded. A majority (5) were in favour. Action: Seek out condition from archive and send letter to Henstridge Management | PCN & Clerk |
| 51/25 | Dorset Councillor's reports: Cllr Ridout – Public consultations have launched for The Local Plan and Local Transport Plan. Both plans are available online and drop in events are scheduled – see above for details. A design code is being produced as a policy document supplementary to the Local Plan. A parking survey assessing the feasibility of current parking arrangements across the DC area closes on 4 th September. The annual canvas to update the electoral register is underway. Households will be contacted over the next month. Smart sensor technology is being installed in DC libraries and public toilets to send useful data to help improve how services are delivered. DC has reduced emissions by 31% since 2019 and on track to meet target reductions by 2026. DC continues to have the best recycling rate of all unitary councils in the UK, currently at 60.5%, well above the national average. | |
| 52/25 | Chairman's report: Nothing to report. | |
| 53/25 i. ii. iii. | Clerk & RFO Financial reports: The report and financial documents were circulated prior to the meeting. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Ridout for providing a DC contact who was very helpful regarding the Hope Farm vacancy and housing register requirements. Bank Reconciliation: As at 31 st August 2025, the current account balance was £13,743.36. The Nationwide account balance was £5,475.77. Receipts to date are £6,627.60. Total payments out so far this financial year are £5204.75. To receive and approve accounts and payments for the period 1st July to 31st August 2025, including salaries and associated accounts: Cllr Aldred proposed "the Parish Council approve the accounts and payments as noted." Cllr Wilton seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved. To consider clerks salary in line with NALC's pay agreement 2025/26: The new pay scales were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Aldred proposed the Parish Council agree to the increased pay agreement from £14.13 per hour to £14.59. Cllr Ms Chapman seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved. Variation of bank signatory update: BG has been confirmed as removed from both Lloyds and Nationwide accounts. MH has provided most of the information requested and will provide the remainder shortly. Action: Complete variation of mandates for MH once full information is received. | Clerk |
| 54/25 i. ii. | Other reports: Highways: Two manholes, one in East Stour and one in Common Lane KM, were reported to DC. The tarmac on Common Lane has been raised to create a ridge the same height as the manhole. A warning sign would be useful. The East Stour manhole has been rectified. Update on the community speed watch in Buckhorn Weston (AG): Three volunteers recently joined a police officer with radar van at the entrance to the Cricket Ground. Over a period of one hour, 90 cars were noted of which 10% were caught on camera speeding. There were the usual | |

