



## Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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### MINUTES OF KINGTON MAGNA ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7pm in Kington Magna Village Hall

	<p><b>Present:</b> Tim Wilton (Chair (TW)), Phillippa Chapman (PCN), Anna Grant (AG), Simon Stranger (SS), William Tremlett (WT) Members of the Public: 5 In attendance: Parish Clerk: Sandra Mackintosh Buckhorn Weston (BW), Kington Magna (KM), Parish Council (PC), Dorset Council (DC)</p>
1	The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
2	<b>Approval of minutes:</b> The minutes from the previous Kington Magna APM held on the 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2025, having been previously circulated, were approved, signed and dated by the Chair.
3	<b>Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council:</b> TW was elected as Chair in May 2025. The PC have had six bi-monthly full council meetings in the last year covering numerous topics from precept to enforcement. There have been six additional planning meetings in between the scheduled meetings with eighteen applications covered, not all of which were supported. A new councillor was co-opted for BW and two new councillors co-opted for KM, all of whom have been welcomed. Grit bins were filled ready for the winter season and the PC have been pursuing DC Highways over flooding issues, the emptying of culverts, cleaning of roadsides and the filling of potholes.
4	<b>Reports from Kington Magna Clubs and Organisations</b> <b>Ladies Group:</b> The group continues to flourish with an average attendance of 15 plus a few visitors. Thanks were given to those who maintain the hall with the facility being kept in great condition for the group's meetings. Presentations have included numerous interesting speeches on a wide variety of topics with Neils Yard and Chloe Candle Maker coming up soon. There have been outings, spring and autumn lunches at the Stapleton Arms and garden meets. A Christmas workshop will take place later in the year. A 'bring and buy' sale helped raise funds for speakers and more fundraising brought in enough money to donate to some charities. A bat walk and talk will take place in September. <b>Gardening Group:</b> There is a new gardening group which is made up of 22 members. They share a mutual enthusiasm for all things garden related and meet up to swap ideas, seeds, etc. House meets have included talks and there have been outings/visits to various places <b>Toad Patrol:</b> The toad population has fallen dramatically with one of the main contributors being when toads cross roads to access breeding grounds. The group shares an interest in helping them to thrive. Church Hill is a blackspot and the primary focus of the group's work. A secure environment for the volunteers is a priority with safety equipment worn by all, especially as the roads are narrow and the peak season is February when it is often dark and wet. The group's aim is to reduce the toad fatality rate while minimising disruption to the village. Thanks were given to all of the volunteers for their commitment, the PC who supported the group's intention to seek a temporary diversion, to DC who helped in obtaining the diversion and also to residents for their patience and understanding. 39 toads were counted last year compared to 106 this year so results are encouraging. 40 newts were also counted this year. The Patrol group would like to continue next year and will be looking for support. <b>Bell Ringers:</b> The bell ringers are a mixed group with 2 experienced and 2 learners from BW along with members from KM. Regular practice sessions take place and the group continue to make steady progress. Apart

	<p>from Sunday service, the group often ring the bells on special occasions such as weddings, High Days and royal days.</p> <p><b>War Memorial:</b> There continues to be a very good turnout at the Annual Remembrance held at the Memorial on 11th day of the 11th month. Special thanks were given to the ladies who make the sausage rolls. Thanks were also expressed to the volunteer who maintains the roses and grass and keeps them both in very good order throughout the year. It was noted the memorial recently received a good clean. The PC thanked the resident for his outstanding efforts.</p>
6	<p><b>Public Discussion:</b> See the public session on the Full Annual Parish Council minutes.</p>
	<p>Thank you for the reports received. The meeting closed at 19.21. These minutes are signed as a true and accurate record of events.</p> <p>Signed: ..... (Chairman)      Dated:.....</p>

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