Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Held on Thursday 28th May 2026, 7.00pm at Kington Magna Village Hall

Item		Action
	Parish Councillors Present: Matthew Hoskins (Vice-Chair (MH), Simon Stranger (SS), William Tremlett (WT), Matthew Trim (MT) **Members of the public:** There was 1 member of the public present	
03/26	**Declarations of interest:** *Members are required to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, section 27 disclosable pecuniary interests:* None	
04/26	**Application: P/HED/2026/00004** **Appeal: Removal of 6m length of hedgerow to reinstate agricultural field access.** **Location: Dash Hayes, West St, Kington Magna, SP8 5EW** The applicant explained the property only has one entry point to the 2.5 acres of land. They are keen to keep livestock but the current access on West Street is restricted and local farmers have had difficulty getting to the top of the fields. They are now applying for registered access from Juans Lane which requires the removal of 6m of hedging and the installation of a five bar wooden gate. Councillors noted the objections received from some residents but agreed the new access would allow for today's tractors, which are bigger and need better access, to gain entry for maintaining the fields. The access will be set back a bit and probably only used for a minimal number of trips per year. The proposed 6m width is logical for the requirements of a gateway with posts either side but the applicant was asked to be sympathetic in their construction and aim for the access to be narrower, if possible, rather than wider. Concerns were raised regarding possible future development. The Neighbourhood Plan and its policies cover the village with the fields being outside the settlement boundary. The applicant was asked if there is any proof of a previous access as a query was made regarding the term 'reinstate'. An old tithe map shows the access and family members of the previous owners remember the access from many years ago before it was closed due to people taking the shortcut down by the church. Cllr Stranger proposed the "Parish Council support this application as it will improve access to the land and enable maintenance to be carried out. It will also provide essential access for animals and machinery. The Parish Council question whether the proposal will 'reinstate' an access as this statement is based on historic documents and comments from family members of the previous owners, both of which are unproven." Cllr Trim seconded, unanimously agreed. **RESOLVED.** ***Action: Submit comments to Dorset Council planning department***	***Clerk***
	Meeting closed at 19.10 pm **Signed**……Chairman **Date** ……	

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