

BUCKHORN WESTON & KINGTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2012** at **7.30pm**
in **BUCKHORN WESTON VILLAGE HALL**

084/12	<p>Present: Parish Councillors Mr Kevin Aldred (KA), Rear Admiral John Bellamy (JB), Ms Phillippa Chapman (PC), Mr Rob Crittall (RC), Mr Robert (Bob) Dolan (BD) (Chair), Mr Anthony Jenner (AJ), Mr John Havill (JH), Mr Nigel Osborne (NO), Mrs Christine Wynne (CW)</p>	Action
	<p>In attendance: District Councillor: Mr Geoffrey Miller County Councillor: None Police: None Internal Auditor: Mr Michael Ross Members of the Public: c.15 Parish Clerk: Mrs Clare Ratcliffe</p>	
	<p>Apologies: Mr Graham Hinks (GH),</p>	
085/12	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>PC declared at interest re Agenda Item no. 11.1, 2 Rookside Cottage</p>	
086/12	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting Monday 7 November 2011</p> <p>It was proposed and RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting were signed and agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed: JH. Seconded: KA. Agreed: All.</p>	
087/12	<p>Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes</p> <p>JH requested that in future please could any issues regarding RiversMeet be addressed to him personally rather than via the Parish Council meeting.</p>	
088/12	<p>District Councillor's Report (Geoffrey Miller)</p> <p>The Localism Bill is now law. This will give more power to local communities. NDDC Management Team has been scrutinised and there are now only two General Managers rather than three, making a saving of £50k per year. NDDC have made a provision of £700,000 for the Superfast broadband bid. Other local authorities within Dorset are also making a financial provision.</p>	
089/12	<p>County Councillors Report (Andrew Cattaway)</p> <p>None.</p>	
090/12	<p>Police Report</p> <p>No report.</p>	
	<p>Public Session (20 minutes max)</p>	
	<p>Public Transport: A member of the public commented about the Thursday bus service from Kington Magna/Buckhorn Weston to Gillingham and then on to Wincanton. An Inspector from Somerset County Council travelled on the bus to see how well it was used and then the following week an Inspector from Dorset County Council did a similar exercise. Few people travelled on the bus from Gillingham to Wincanton. SCC may cease to fund the travel to Wincanton? If so, the bus could perhaps be re-routed to keep within Dorset boundary. <u>Action:</u> Clerk will forward concerns to the Transport Forum group for their response.</p> <p>Kington Magna: Good progress has been made on the Vicarage Corridor. About 10 volunteers cleared the area ready for planting just before Christmas. Tree saplings are due to arrive at the end of January. JB thanked Mrs Alma Floyd and her volunteers for tidying up the area near the centre of the village.</p> <p>Broadband: A member of the public commented that they could not receive any broadband connection. This was an agenda item.</p>	Clerk

091/12	Community Resilience	
	Mrs Bev Osborne gave a very good presentation prior to the Parish Council meeting. It was agreed to proceed with this project. A small steering group will be made up from Parish Councillors and members of the public. <u>Action:</u> Clerk to co-ordinate an inaugural meeting. (Bev Osborne, Anne Ledgerwood, PC, AJ, BD and Clerk).	Clerk
092/12	Planning	
092/12/01	2/2011/1296/PLNG: Erect detached double garage and form vehicular and pedestrian access:2 Rookside Cottage, Buckhorn Weston	
	This application was considered by the Parish Council on 23 November. The Parish Council had no objections. The application has been GRANTED by NDDC.	
092/12/02	Wind Turbines at High Winds Farm, Holton nr Wincanton	
	A letter of objection was sent. The application for two wind turbines has since been amended to one wind turbine and its height has been reduced. No decision has yet been made by South Somerset District Council.	
092/12/03	Bridleway No. 43 Quarr: An application to re-route this bridleway had been received from DCC one day prior to the Parish Council meeting. It was agreed to hold a Planning Meeting on Wednesday 18 January at 7pm at Buckhorn Weston.	
093/12	Planning Enforcement	
093/12/01	Land adjacent to railway bridge at Buckhorn Weston	
	A letter had been received from North Dorset District Council in response to the Parish Council's concerns. As soon as the correct land owners have been identified a letter will be sent to the landowners giving them a three month period to completely remove everything that is not requisite for the purpose of agriculture from the land.	
094/12	Parish Plan Review Group	
	A date to convene this group could not be set at the meeting. <u>Action:</u> KA arrange.	KA
095/12	Neighbourhood Planning	
	A meeting organised by the Three Rivers Community Partnership re Neighbourhood Planning is to be held on Wednesday 11 January at Gillingham. Those attending: JH, JB, NO, KA and Clerk. Details of a presentation on the same subject organised by NDDC on Wednesday 18 January has been circulated to councillors.	
096/12	Gypsy/Traveller Sites: Public Consultation	
	CW had attended a presentation in Gillingham. She advised that the Parish Council should write a letter of objection and encourage all residents to do the same. It was proposed and RESOLVED that the Parish Council will send a letter and details of how to object to all households. Agreed: All. <u>Action:</u> Clerk to organise.	Clerk
097/12	Superfast Broadband for Dorset	
	RC gave a presentation on a possible Broadband solution for the Parish. A Wireless ISP supplied by "a not for profit" organisation has already been installed in Weymouth. However; this solution could only proceed with NDDC authorisation. The system would cost c. £24k to install and £10-20 per month from subscribers. The mast would be small. A resident commented that it would be prudent to continue to support the Superfast Broadband bid as this would enable speeds which will be required in the future. Wireless may not be the way forward in the long term. It was proposed and RESOLVED that further research is carried out. Agreed: All. <u>Action:</u> RC to carry out further research	RC
098/12	Parish Burial Ground	
	The area is looking good. A bench by the Beech tree has been installed and fencing to protect plug plants has been put up. Outstanding tasks: providing new signage for the wildlife area and a replacement sign for the Millennium Walk. There is money available to finish the project. Still awaiting details of management plan for the site – tasks to do on a month by month basis. Once this has been	

	received a Works Schedule can be drawn up. Local grounds maintenance firms will be contacted to tender.	
099/12	Dealing with the Press and Media	
	Standing Orders Item 28 Relations with the Press and Media needs to be re worded as it refers to a 'policy' that the Parish Council does not have. The following wording was suggested by the Clerk: <i>All requests from the press or other media for an oral or written statement from the Parish Council shall be dealt with by the Chair of the Parish Council after consultation with Vice Chair and one other Parish Councillor. Any 'Press Releases' or other written briefings/newsletters for general circulation shall be approved by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Parish Council before publication.</i> It was proposed and RESOLVED that the above paragraph be adopted and included in the Standing Orders. Agreed: All.	
100/12	Chairman's Report	
	The Chair made reference to the fact that we live in a beautiful part of the country and despite the country's current financial situation it was not all "gloom and doom". In addition to being a beautiful county, life expectancy here is the highest in UK and crime is low; we should be grateful for what we have. Thank you to Mr Ben Carver for looking after the war memorial for many years and raising funds for its refurbishment and up-keep. Mr Len Roberts has kindly volunteered to take over future maintenance.	
100/12/01	The Clerks Contract of Employment and Job Specification had been agreed and signed.	
100/12/02	It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting for Kington Magna will be held on Monday 5 March at 7pm prior to the Parish Council Meeting.	
100/12/03	A list of proposed meeting dates was circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that The Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 14 May 2012 and on 13 May 2013 (1 st Monday in May is a Bank Holiday). The date of the Parish Council Meeting in November will be held on Monday 12 November. All other dates remain the same.	
100/12/04	It was agreed that only Councillor's names and telephone numbers will be displayed on the web site.	
101/12	Responsible Financial Officer's Report	
101/12/01	It was proposed and RESOLVED that the Standing Orders are adopted. Proposed: JB. Seconded: BD. Agreed: All.	
101/12/02	Balances at 31 December: Savings Account £4703.09, Current Account £4612.22.	
101/12/03	It was proposed and RESOLVED to pay the Clerk's membership for the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC). Proposed: JB. Seconded: BD. Agreed: All	
101/12/04	It was proposed and RESOLVED to pay the Clerk a Working from Home Allowance of £1.50 per week. Proposed: CW. Seconded: BD.	
101/12/05	It was proposed and RESOLVED that the Financial Statement and Precept Forecast 2012/13 V:5 as circulated prior to the meeting was accepted. Proposed: KA. Seconded: CW. Agreed: All.	
102/12	Clerk's Report	
102/12/01	A Newsletter was circulated to all residents recently advertising Community Resilience presentation, gritting routes and information on forthcoming meetings.	
102/12/02	Letter from DAPTC Chairman had been circulated prior to Christmas re benefits of membership.	
102/12/03	DAPTC circular circulated via email just before Christmas. Items of particular note were: Superfast Broadband, Traffic in Villages 'tool-kit'	
102/12/04	Land Registry: It will be possible to register the Parish Burial Ground, War Memorial, Bus Shelter but it will be very difficult to register the Vicarage Corridor footpath. A previous Clerk found it extremely difficult to establish ownership of the land. It is also a public Right of Way. JH suggested contacting NDDC to help establish ownership.	
102/12/05	Save the Vale: Newsletter circulated. AGM on Friday 17 February at 7pm at	

