

BUCKHORN WESTON & KINGTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 6th January 2014 at 7.30pm in Kington Magna Village Hall

Item	Present: Parish Councillors	Action
	Ms Pippa Chapman (PC), Mr Bob Dolan (BD, Vice Chair Mrs Christine Wynne (CW), Mr Anthony Jenner (AJ) Mr Nigel Osborne (NO), Mr John Havil (JH), Mr Graham Hinks (GH)	
	In attendance: Internal Auditor: Michael Ross, Ben Carver, Geoff Miller, Kevin Morris (Environment Land and Property Manager NDDC) Parish Clerk: Clare Baird, Members of the public 11	
79/13	Apologies: Mr Kevin Aldred	
80/13	Declarations of interest: None	
81/13	Minutes of previous meeting: All agreed a true record	
82/13	Matters arising: CW - Clearance of Five Bridges has begun, pre-empted by flooding of the site. There are now only two 'young' travellers left and they have been told that if they are not clear of the site tomorrow (Tues 7 th Jan) then the baliffs will arrive and tow away their caravans. A skip is on site to remove all rubbish which will be collected. However I have been informed by Dave Ayr that there is nothing that can be done to stop reoccupation of the site within the week.	
83/13	District County Councillors report: GM - The removal of the Transition Grant of Council tax will see an increase in Kington Magna of 7.9% and 0.4% in Buckhorn Weston. AJ – We have seen communication stating that there should be discussion between precepting authorities and parish councils regarding this which does not appear to have happened. GM – this is accurate however it has been seen that if the cut is not made here it will be made elsewhere. CW – is it worth to put our dissatisfaction in writing? All agreed – clerk to draft letter. GM – The Boundary Commission is currently reviewing the wards in N Dorset and the current proposals are not seen as suitable by the District Council as it will see large rural areas grouped in together and the current Bourton and District ward will change. A lot is due to the increase in population size of Gillingham and the forecast growth for the future. Changes will come into effect in 2015. Finally there is a New Local Plan for N Dorset, this is currently out for consultation and the District Authority is looking for support with some of the proposals.	Clerk
84/13	County Councillors report: None present	
85/13	Police report:	

	None present	
86/13	<p>Co-option of new councillors: PC – I would like to nominate Mr Tim Wilton, seconded by CW all in favour. Resolved. Mr Tim Wilton (TW) joined the councillors. Currently there are no candidates to fill the position in Kington Magna.</p>	
87/13	<p>Kington Magna Conservation Area: Mr Kevin Morris – Many thanks for the invitation to come and speak, NDDC are obligated to review all conservation areas within their boundaries this is done with a positive approach and through working with Parish Councils and local residents. These are areas of special architectural and historical interest and Kington Magna was originally designated in 1995. It is now time to look again to determine if the boundary is still in the correct place and if the area should increase or decrease. The aim is to put together a working group to draft a consultation and then put it out to residents for a six week period to consult the new design, in the past this has included holding an open day for residents to speak about it. The aim for this evening is to bring it to everyone's attention and to hear people's opinion and views. The final document would be used to: help determine planning, but not to control growth or designate land, it should also show what is special about the village and what can be done to help further improvements or enhancements. It can also be used to limit the demolition of character properties whilst aid the removal of buildings not in keeping with the character of the village. Finally trees would also be protected and if they are deemed part of the character will be designated with tree preservation orders. CW – What would be the timescale for this? KM – Typically we are looking at 9-12 months from start to finish but could be quicker. BD – Would there be any effect on the highways? KM – No, no jurisdiction over highways matters. AJ – Any impact on business? KM – No not directly, however if the change of use of a premises would impact on the character then there would need to be some discussion. Mr Roger ??- Does it include the environmental and natural character of the village? These are seen as being just as important and currently under threat with the new planning guidelines. KM – No the Conservation area would only address buildings, however it can include the spaces between buildings to safeguard the setting of the village. This would need to be carefully demonstrated though. JH – It may not be too late to see if some of the green spaces around the Parish that neighbour the Gillingham Neighbourhood plan boundaries could be incorporated into that document to offer them some protection.</p>	
89/13	<p>Public session: Mrs Janet Powis – What is going to happen about the flooding under the railway line, I have been marooned three times since 23rd December and have heard nothing and not been able to speak to anyone at the council. NO – please can everyone report every issue through the Dorset for You Website; this generates a</p>	

<p>log of work that has to be addressed. CW – I did manage to get through and spoke to them not just as a resident but also as the Vice Chair to the Parish Council to report the current problem, especially with the A30. Whilst I am sure we can all say that the recent issues have been exceptional the problem has not been aided by drivers ignoring police and highways road closures causing further damage and exacerbating the problem. The Clerk has written a strongly worded email to the new Director of Environment, received a response within a few hours and has been promised that someone will come out on site to view problematic areas. PC – Largely speaking, with some exceptions, we have been largely inconvenienced so far. AJ – Developing a strategic plan for the future to ensure work is carried out is needed. CW – I was informed when the drains were cleared that the size of them was too small, but there is no budget to replace them. GH – they need 2 1m diameter drains under the A30 at that point; that would be sufficient to allow water to drain and clear. It has always been a problematic area.</p> <p>Mr Steve Scott – I was asked by the Parish Council to look up the figures and plans that were drawn up after the flooding in 2007. I have done so and whilst there has been some water the level and length of time areas of the village cleared has seen a substantial decrease. This work was all completed without a budget and I know this can be completed again and I have a plan</p> <p>Mrs Bev?? / Mrs Anita ?? We have a serious problem with a neighbour in Court Cottages (BW) regarding the disposal of rubbish and a vicious dog. We have kept a photographic record of incidents of rubbish and dog waste which is swept into the back yard. The bin is overflowing and never sorted into recycling to decrease volume. The dog has ‘gone’ for local residents but we have been told because it is yet to bite or break the skin the dog warden can not intervene. We have approached the housing association but they have not taken action, we have also spoken with the PCSO but as yet nothing has happened. JH – What would you like the Parish Council to do? Mrs Bev?? / Mrs Anita ?? Help advice and support, we are becoming desperate as feel we have tried everything. JH – I will represent your views on behalf of the Parish Council and liaise with GM (who also stated would be happy to help) to ensure that the information is put to the correct people to help rectify the issue. Mr John Griffiths – Have an issue with flooding on Shutes Lane (BW), when I renewed the access into the field I cleared the ditch and put in a 9inch diameter drain to allow water to flow into Filleybrook, on the opposite side of the lane this has not happened and the lane floods. Not only that but with the recent conditions the excessive water has taken off the top layer of access track onto my land. What can be done? I am happy to speak wit the landowner. JH if your own contact with the landowner is unsuccessful then the Parish Council will do it, from there if no effort to clear enforcement action can be taken, however, the Parish Council currently has no experience of doing this.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
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90/13	Chairman's report Nothing to report that has not already been discussed.	
91/13	Responsible Financial Officers report: 15.1 Bank reconciliation – the Current Account balance is £10,139.72 15.2 Payments – A total of £3324.47 made in payments so far this year. 15.3 Budget / Precept – JH – in light of tonight's comments can I suggest we increase the amount in the village husbandry budget? AJ – Yes, Mike Ross and I have discussed something similar. We also feel that we have substantial enough reserves to offset the precept deficit without passing that on to residents. AJ Propose to draw down £1500 from reserves to increase the in the budget and protect the deficit. CW second all in favour. Resolved	
92/13	Planning: 2/2013/1297/PLNG Filleybrook Farm, Shutes Lane, Buckhorn Weston. Erect a livestock building. All in favour – Application Approved.	
93/13	Clerk's Report: Along with the correspondence already discussed with DCC regarding the highways we have also received the following correspondence. There are two consultations that can be accessed on the Dorset for You Website regarding the Bournemouth Poole and Dorset Mineral Sites Plan and Waste Plan respectively consultation ends 4pm 13 th February. There is also currently a consultation regarding the Sexual Entertainment Policy within NDDC, this ends 31 st January, further information at Licensing@north-dorset.gov.uk . Finally the annual report and newsletters from DAPTC have arrived, see clerk for copies. CW – Would like to express thanks to clerk for all hard work in the role and wish best for future. We still need to fill the role if someone knows anyone please let us know. PC – Is it worth advertising in the Blackmore Vale? CW – yes and contact clerk colleagues with in local area.	CW / Clerk
94/13	Other Reports: Highways: Mr Roger ?? – The Stours Crossroads at the A30, the visibility and signage for that junction needs to be improved. CW to contact NDDC regarding the hedge and cutting it back. Clerk to contact The Stours Parish Council to see if some joint working can take place regarding the junction. PC – It was reported in the Blackmore Vale that Marnhull PC have been provided with the resources to repair the fingerpost signs, this may well be an avenue to follow. Public Footpaths: Nothing to report Public transport: AJ -The remaining service in Buckhorn Weston should now have ended, there was a rumour that ending this service should not happen as there is now no public transport for the village. However no information has been provided to suggest otherwise. Parish burial ground: Nothing to report	CW / Clerk

95/13	Items for next agenda: Highways Superfast broadband	
96/13	Date of next meeting Monday 24 th February 2014 Buckhorn Weston Village Hall Parish Council Meeting Monday 10 th March Kington Magna Village Hall – Kington Magna Annual Parish Meeting	
	Meeting closed at 21.15 Signed Chairman Date	