

BUCKHORN WESTON & KINGTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 1st July 2013 at 7.30pm in Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

| Item | Present: Parish Councillors Ms Pippa Chapman (PC), Mr Kevin Aldred (KA), Mr Nigel Osborne (NO), Mr John Havill (JH), Mr Bob Dolan (BO), Mrs Christine Wynne(CW), | Action |
|-------|---|--------|
| | In attendance: Internal Auditor: Michael Ross, Ben Carver, Andrew Cattaway, Geoffrey Miller, Parish Clerk: Clare Baird, Members of the public 4 | |
| 24/13 | Apologies: Mr Rob Crittall, Mr Graham Hinks, Ms Cathy Hamilton, Mr Anthony Jenner, Maureen Hayward | |
| 25/13 | Declarations of interest: None | |
| 26/13 | Minutes of previous meeting: All agreed a true record | |
| 27/13 | Matters arising: None | |
| 28/13 | District County Councillors report: GM – As far as we are aware there is an impression that District Council will not pressurise Parish Council to raise their rates to cover budget cuts. JH has there been any further news on the possible demise of NDDC? GM – no not that I am aware of. | |
| 29/13 | County Councillors report: AC – With regards to previous point, there are currently no changes to local authorities within this government, it would take at least two to three years to go through a consultation so we can safely predict no change within the next five years. CW – I have been asked by Graham Hinks if you would ask the road crew currently on the A30 to have a look again at the bottom of Nyland Lane in order to repair. AC – will ask but please do not have high expectations. Will be meeting with the Highways team to discuss on going work in the area. CW – please ask them to look at the ditches and gullies in Nyland, the ditches are clear but gullies blocked. | |
| 30/13 | Police report: Maureen Hayward had spoken to Anne Ledgerwood. No crime to report within the Parish but there has been a recent spate of shed being broken into for tools in the Gillingham area. Please be vigilant. CW reported that there is increasing concern regarding a rise in dog-napping either for sport or dog baiting. PC raised the issue that the BMV had incorrectly reported that micro-chipping is now the law. This has yet to be passed by Government. | |
| 31/13 | Public session: <u>Ben Carver</u> : When will the formation of the speeding working group commence? NO – we have had some correspondence from | |

| | | |
|-------|---|--|
| | <p>Martyn Underhill confirming his support for speed limits to be introduced into the parish. He has asked for further information, NO to put together a dossier of evidence to support the case.</p> <p>PC / JH (?) - Can we purchase our own signs to help? CW whilst not enforceable these may help. GM- Bourton have recently looked into this and have been quoted £20,000 for the purchase and advertisement of the signs.</p> <p><u>Anne Ledgerwood</u>: - Still need to find a suitable time for Village Hall Committee and Village Green Committee to sit down and discuss purchase of dog waste bins.</p> | |
| 32/13 | <p>Development of Old Cross Garage Questionnaire:</p> <p><u>Clerk</u>: 125 questionnaires were printed and then delivered via the post man. So far 14 responses received, the deadline is 15th July. The aim is for the Parish Council to be able to use the views of the villagers should a planning application be received not to direct an application. In brief so far the majority of responses support redevelopment of the site, the main concerns are the access to the site under the railway bridge, potential increase in traffic and concern that the current vacant site could attract unwanted inhabitation. A full report will be submitted after the closing date to the parish council.</p> | |
| 33/13 | <p>New waste and recycling collection:</p> <p><u>Clerk</u>: Have received a telephone call from a resident raising concern over the distribution and subsequent collection of the new waste bins. Was ask if there have been any other issues regarding this? AL the village hall did not receive any of the food waste bins. GM – Contact the food waste partnership to ask for delivery of the bins, bins have gone to approx 43,000 households and there are bound to be some teething issues initially.</p> | |
| 34/13 | <p>Emergency planning organisation:</p> <p>JH – DCC is currently reviewing and upgrading emergency planning arrangements. Whilst the parish is perhaps too small to figure in county plans is it prudent to ask what we can offer. AL the parish is not in the original plan; the village hall committee is due to meet and would be happy to discuss what could be offered.</p> | |
| 35/13 | <p>Update on travellers at Five Bridges:</p> <p>CW – Spoke with David Ayres today at DCC, the eviction order was served in March but is currently being appealed on grounds of human rights and will go back to court in August. There are attempts at compromise but currently to no fruition. What is the wider picture regarding the consultation? AC the consultation is still on going within the county prior to anything being finalised it will go before NDDC as the planning authority. Councillors commented on the use of the name 'Bottles' in the previous consultation documents as being unhelpful in identifying Five Bridges as the location. AC said he was unaware of the use of the term, JH and CW stressed that it was used in all paperwork. BD is there any liaising with Wiltshire and Somerset County Councils? AC no, nothing inter-county but all are working to national</p> | |

| | | |
|-------|--|--|
| | guidelines. | |
| 36/13 | <p>Dog waste bins: <u>Mrs Anne Ledgerwood:</u> The Village Hall committee is due to meet with the BWCVT with the aim to provide two bins and signage, are hopeful that the pub will also make a contribution. It helps that pet waste can now be managed within the new waste collection. JH – I would view that the Parish Council could also put some financial help towards the cost. NO – will the bins alleviate the issue given there are still some who do not even pick up. AL – at least now there will be no excuse and the signs will be up of potential fines.</p> | |
| 37/13 | <p>Chairman's report: KA. Firstly thanks to fellow councillors for the vote to be Chair, the first item to note is the introduction of the new waste and recycling collections which seems to be working well. Since the last meeting we have had a planning meeting, there were 3 objections to one application with strong views regarding trade vehicle parking and access. Although the parish council passed this application we do listen to all sides for and against. In this case it was decided that the objections could be overcome with certain conditions being recommended. I hope you have all received the questionnaire about Cross' Garage, which there will be more consultation in the future. There is also an application by Wincanton Town Council to designate a neighbourhood area with consultation between 27th June and 15th August.</p> | |
| 38/13 | <p>Responsible Financial Officers report: 15.1 <u>Bank reconciliation</u> – the Current Account balance is £8,051.23 with a total of £1607.61 made in payments so far this year. 15.2 <u>Payments</u> – It was resolved to pay the DAPTC subscription for the current financial year 15.3 <u>Audit</u> – The audit has been completed for this financial year.</p> | |
| 39/13 | <p>Planning: 16.1 Two applications received since the last meeting, one an extension to Honey Cottage BW and second an extension the the covering over a hard standing at Newtown Farm KM. Both applications approved. 16.2 The situation at Henstridge is confusing, we are waiting to hear on the official complaint, the applicant has also lodged a complaint and has refused to sign the new 106 agreement. It is likely that we can refer the case to the Ombudsman. Mr Steve Scott – due to the lack of 106 three KM residents are going to request a judicial review at the High Court this will cost £155. MR can I suggest we support the residents and help with the fees, JH yes happy to propose, All in favour. JH do we no why the applicant is refusing? CW he would like to have permission for training and that was refused. In the meantime a group in Marnhull have approached SSDC with the on going issue of motorcross on the airfield. Mr Jarvis is due to speak to David Norris to explain the breach of terms.</p> | |

| | | |
|-------|--|--|
| | <p>16.3 PC Applications are no longer publicised unless they are listed buildings this is to come in line with other planning authorities and is more cost effective. Can we help promote new applications to those who are currently unaware of the change, you can have alerts emailed. JH – can we also have updates on the parish noticeboards. BD – suggest for the time being we do both.</p> | |
| 40/13 | <p>Clerk's Report: Two pieces of correspondence to report, a thank you from St John the Baptist in BW for the maintenance grant. The second an email of complaint from Mrs Karen Green. Clerk read from the email. JH the planning meetings and process by the Parish Council have improved greatly and the matter was a small oversight. BD – do not feel there is an issue to address. PC to ensure there are no future issues the reports back to NDDC can be scanned and emailed to councillors for checking.</p> | |
| 41/13 | <p>Other Reports: Highways: NO – the current closure of the A30 will continue for further two weeks, in September it will be closed again at Sherborn Causeway. 18.1 One of the road signs has been replaced will report the other. 18.2 The condition of Church Hill (BW) has deteriorated greatly, it is unlikely that the whole stretch will be repaired but if we can report the worse areas then some sections will be completed. Underneath the railway bridge also needs attention as down Green Lane to Barton Elm in KM on the Buckhorn side. Public Footpaths: Nothing to report. Public transport: Nothing to report. Parish burial ground: Nothing to report.</p> | |
| 42/13 | <p>Items for next agenda: None</p> | |
| 43/13 | <p>Date of next meeting Monday 2nd September Kington Magna Village Hall</p> | |
| | <p>Meeting closed at 21.29</p> | |
| | <p>SignedChairman Date</p> | |