

# BUCKHORN WESTON & KINGTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.30pm in Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

Item	<b>Present: Parish Councillors</b>	Action
	Mr K Aldred (Chair) Ms Pippa Chapman (PC), Mr Bob Dolan (BD), Vice Chair Mrs Christine Wynne (CW), Mr Anthony Jenner (AJ) Mr Nigel Osborne (NO), Mr Tim Wilton (TW)	
	<b>In attendance:</b> Parish Clerk: Sophie Franks, Members of the public 7	
97/13	<b>Apologies:</b> Mr John Havil (JH), Mr Graham Hinks (GH)	
98/13	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None	
99/13	<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b> All agreed a true record	
100/13	<b>Co-option of new councillors:</b> BD – I would like to nominate Mr Matthew Hoskins to fill the position in Kington Magna. Seconded: CW and AJ.	
101/13	<b>Matters Arising:</b> CW said that the travellers have now gone from Five Bridges and is now being used by people taking a break from their journeys. BD thanks CW for all of her work on this matter.  Number 87/13 – the issue of the conservation area in Kington Magna. AJ has a list of questions for Kevin Morris and has asked him for a meeting within the next couple of weeks before the formal consultation at which time invites may also be sent to the KM residents.  89/13 – The ‘mopping up’ after the bad weather. We do have various issues and PC said that she will email NDDC to outline these problems i.e. the problem of flooding under the railway bridge. Nigel said that he is now engaged on this matter but this is to also be outlined along with the other flooding issues of where people have been marooned for several days.	AJ          PC
102/13	<b>District County Councillors report:</b> None present	
103/13	<b>County Councillors report:</b> None present	
104/13	<b>Police report:</b> None present	
105/13	<b>Superfast Broadband:</b> Mr Dugald Lockhart provided a presentation to the meeting of Superfast Broadband. Mr Lockhart stated that the speed that will be available will be at least 24Mbps for 95.6% of the users. This rollout is over 3 years and will be completed in 2016. It has been started in the highest populated areas due to financial reasons.	

	<p>CW asked when BW&amp;KM would be likely to receive the superfast broadband and Mr Lockhart said he predicts it to be completed in 2016 as the exchange work has to be completed first and this is in Templecombe which is an area that he does not cover. Mr Lockhart showed the meeting the areas the superfast broadband is predicted to cover. AJ asked why Drewins Lane would not get coverage and Mr Lockhart said that this may require a different technical solution. Mr Lockhart suggested that all look at the Dorset For You website – Superfast Broadband in Dorset and this will show the updates for our area. AJ asked if the project was running on time and Mr Lockhart said that there had been a delay due to European Union issues however, these problems are now resolved and they are on time against the contract. KA thanked Mr Lockhart for attending the meeting.</p>	
106/13	<p><b>Fracking:</b> KA read out an announcement from David Cameron. An update will be provided at the next meeting and the opinion from NDDC. KA stated that if they go more than 200m below properties they are legally entitled to do so.</p>	
107/13	<p><b>Public session:</b> Mr Roger Gosney stated that he has written to Dorset County Council regarding the crossroads on the A30 and has asked that to 40 mile an hour speed limit is extended to include the crossroads. If this cannot be done he has suggested that yellow stripes and rumble strips are put on the road along with a sign to state there is a concealed junction. It was suggested that the Clerk is to copy this letter to the Stours Parish Council. NO also to copy in Michael Westwood. Ed asked as the planning permission for the Stapleton Arms has been refused is that why the owners are leaving. KA said that the owner are not leaving however, Mark, Ash and Sophie have bought the lease for The Shed in Gillingham from Woody and Caroline. Matthew Hoskins said that since the refuse collection policy has changed he has noticed more bonfires taking place and asked if there are any restrictions relating to these. KA said that there are no restrictions in place at present.</p>	SF/NO
108/13	<p><b>Chairman's report</b> KA thanked CW for chairing the last meeting. Claire our Clerk has moved to Scotland and we wish her all the very best. KA would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Clerk Sophie Franks. Since the bad weather we have had issues with the water under the railway bridge and very bad potholes that I know NO is dealing with. We have had a request from the Village Green Trust for help with funding for the upkeep of the Green. Also a request for the annual grant for the P.C.C they received £400 last year.</p>	SF
109/13	<p><b>Responsible Financial Officers report:</b> <u>15.1 Bank reconciliation</u> – the Current Account balance is</p>	

	<p>£14,164.75 estimate</p> <p><b>15.2 Payments</b> – A total of £4073.51 made in payments so far this year.</p> <p>AJ stated that this is only an estimate due to the fact that the bank statements are not yet being sent to the new Clerk. AJ to go into the bank to change the address.</p> <p>AJ also suggested revising the bank signatories to remove Robert Crittall who is not on the Council and also Graham Hinks. To have AJ, BD, KA, JH &amp; CW as signatories. Proposed AJ, seconded BD. All in favour.</p> <p>Sophie has seen a report that states electronic banking will soon be able to be used by Councils as long as a set procedure is in place for its use.</p> <p>AJ stated that the Parish Council is currently paying for the rent and insurance for the KM play area as well as providing a grant along with the War Memorial. Michael Ross our Internal Auditor suggested that both committees become sub groups of the Parish Council and Michael also becomes their Internal Auditor. They have agreed a resolution to become sub groups of the Parish Council. All were in favour of this, however it was suggested that they make update presentations every quarter at the Parish Council Meetings. Proposed AJ, seconded KA.</p> <p>AJ said that the notebook that Sophie has been provided with is very slow and does not have much memory and AJ used it before handing it to Sophie. AJ suggested that a new laptop is purchased with hopefully Windows 7 installed on it. A budget was set for £600. All in favour.</p> <p>Grit Bins x 2 we have the money for these however AJ suggested that we do not purchase these until the Autumn as they will only blow away. The locations also need to be confirmed with Highways.</p> <p>Steve suggested that we get all grit bins put on the strategic list and then the grit does not need to be paid for by the Parish Council.</p>	<p>AJ</p> <p>AJ</p> <p>AJ</p> <p>SF</p> <p>Steve</p>
110/13	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b> Nothing to report.</p>	
111/13	<p><b>Other Reports:</b>  <p><b>Highways:</b> Nigel is dealing with speed limit issues and will be writing to Robert Walker MP as advised. PC asked for replacement fingerboard signposts as at Hartmore Hill the Wincanton sign has dropped off.</p> <p><b>Public Footpaths:</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Public transport:</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Parish burial ground:</b> Nothing to report</p> </p>	NO
112/13	<p><b>Items for next agenda:</b> Fracking</p>	
96/13	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March Kington Magna Village Hall – Kington Magna Annual Parish Meeting 7.30 pm</p>	
	Meeting closed at 21.35 KA asked for a 5 minute extension.	

	<b>Signed</b> ..... <b>Chairman</b> <b>Date</b> .....	
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