

BUCKHORN WESTON & KINGTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 7th March 2016 at 7.30pm in Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

Item	Present: Parish Councillors Mr Anthony Jenner (AJ (Chairman), (Cllr) David Glasby (DG), Roger Gosney (RG) Ms Pippa Chapman (PC) Eunice Dale (ED), Nigel Osbourne, Valerie Standing (VS), Kevin Aldred (KA) Tim Wilton (TW) Parish Clerk: Paula Field	Action
	In attendance: Members of the public: 9	
1	Apologies: David Walsh, Belinda Ridout & Mathew Hoskins	
2	Declarations of interest: None	
3	Minutes of previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed by all.	
4	Matters Arising: None.	
5	District County Councillors report: Belinda Ridout provided a report that was distributed to all Councillors. Amendment to the report 59 route has been 'reduced' rather than cut. Agendas and minutes for all meetings are available at www.dorsetforyou.com	
6	County Councillors report: No Report	
7	Police report: PCSO not in attendance. Alerts had been sent out to all councillors.	
8	Public Session: Public concern over the lack of signs and a few near misses on corner by Orchard House. RG: Advised he had previously requested from Highways for a lower speed limit but to no avail. Suggestion for a please drive slowly sign to be erected as alternative due to high costs and wide consultation of change of limits. To be investigated. Large lorries also causing disruption. PC: suggested for these delivery lorries not to be sent and discuss with the companies. AJ: Roger to Action . Steve Scott: Spoke of concern on Millennium Walk and the overgrown brambles AJ:Mathew has offered to contact a contractor to clear the undergrowth in the denced areas of the John McCormack thanked the Council for the Clock Funding, Thanks also received from B.A.T.S. and BW Short Mat Bowls Club Alma raised the issue of the strimming and was advised that she is not restricted on a specific contractor, RG: suggested that maybe having one contractor to perform these duties as well as the burial ground and play area and to get one competitive bid, to be looked into. There was a great deal of concern over dog fouling and the lack of awareness and requirement of more signs. PC: suggested it was worth an article, NO: offered to compose for the website.	PF RG AJ Nigel
9	Chairman's report Resignation from (Cllr) David Glasby due to additional work commitments offered many thanks for his input. Casual Vacancy notice to be placed on	PF

	<p>the Notice Board at Kington Magna. Councillors in agreement to support funding for Qualified Clerk studies.</p> <p>Having held a zero rise in the Council Tax element for the Parish Council for 2 years this year there will be an increase in the Council Tax element for both BW and KM to pay for increased running costs of the council with an additional amount payable by KM residents for the church yard strimming as agreed. Has seen an increase PC Tax and this has reduced Capital reserves, the increase is slightly more in KM due to the church maintenance costs. Any capital funds allocated and not used in 2016/17 cannot carried forward and will be pulled back to the general account.</p>	
10	<p>Responsible Financial Officers report: <u>Awaiting the changeover of signatories to access accounts for an up to date balance.</u></p>	
11	<p>Clerk's Report: Confirmed the increase of Parish Council tax and that she had attended the DAPTC Annual Meeting where there were interesting discussions on the council passing amenities (such as public toilets) back to the communities, which will result in either them being withdrawn for use or it would require public/parish funding. Frome have worked well with raising the precept but giving the community more options of facilities. The requirement of a change in signatories on the bank accounts so can have access to the financial information. Confirmed that Wessex Water would only be making the trees safe at the top of Church Road in Buckhorn Weston and not cutting down and will review again next year. Police alerts had been distributed to Councillors as they arose. The grit bin and filing cabinet will be delivered to me on Monday 21st March 2016. The clerk sought approval to enrol for the Qualified Clerk training. All were in agreement.</p>	
12	<p>Other Reports: Highways: RG – raised the issues of the condition of Church Road and that he is been in consultation with Roger Burt (Community Officer) which has seen improvements to the drains and channels but requires more work. Also the at the top of Back Lane in KM update that the ditch has been dug but may require a drain so as not to flood. Sandley Grit Bin space has been cleared, require the quote in writing, Kev: Its £200 filled and placed. Pippa: Accept quote AJ: Press on and get it filled and forward the invoice to the Parish Clerk A30 Crossroads RG still in correspondence with Andrew Brown regarding the designer approved surveys 615 Stour Hill and negotiations are still underway regarding the fence and removal of the hedge. Possibly a meeting next month? A30 is to be resurfaced East Stour to West Stour NO: Near the Five Bridges the road is disintegrating RG: Current works will not go to there. PC: Sign posts are all done and thanks to John Westbrook regarding lettering. VS: It looks lovely</p> <p>Action: Paula and Pippa to discuss further</p>	PF
12.2	<p>Public Footpaths: As already discussed</p>	
12.3	<p>Public transport: To confirm the bus service only available on a Tuesday from KM. Bus service- Alma advised bus will no longer be available on a Thursday.</p>	

12.4	<p>AJ: Only a Tuesday at KM</p> <p>Parish Burial Ground: Discussion on the planting of shrubs and herb bushes. This was agreed subject to them being kept to a specific height due to regulations and the council has the right to trim or remove any shrubs as deems fit. Action: Email to grave owner agreeing to shrub/herb planting but confirming restrictions. Update regulations to this fact.</p> <p>Proposed reorganisation of Mobile Library Service:</p> <p>AJ reported the DCC mobile library from May will only be making one stop at Kington Magna Village Hall on a Tuesday instead of a Monday Buckhorn Weston will no longer be covered. A case of use it or lose it.</p>	PF
13	<p>Superfast Broadband: Overall there was disappointment with the unresolved issue of the speed of Broadband in Nyland and parts of Buckhorn Weston where superfast hasn't reached. Open Reach did not attend the open meeting January meeting as hoped.</p>	AJ
14	<p>Henstridge Airfield: The most recent planning application will be considered by South Somerset East Committee at a public meeting on 9th March 2016. The officer's report recommends everything their QC has recommended and in particular no aerobatics over the airfield which will affect in particular Nyland and Kington Magna. Allowance to be made for Open Days.</p> <p>AJ: However, after site visit Paul Huntington Environmental Protection Officer for SSDC who previously did not support aerobatics now thinks that limited aerobatics will not impact on the local amenity!</p> <p>Steve Scott (public): Advised that calculations of noise going back four years ago were incorrect and also there is no evidence, no audit or video recordings, therefore no technical opinion or data which should have a more up to date review. In order for clarification needs a noise assessment and for it to be looked at on a technical basis as not clear.</p> <p>PC: Confused as to why the turnaround from legal opinion as was so against previously.</p> <p>Dave Thomas(public): Yaks are a noise concern and are taking off from BW and shouldn't go through the village.</p> <p>AJ: will be attending the meeting and proposed that on the behalf of the PC he should register no objections to the planning application provided that the conditions as contained in the AJ will be attending the meeting and proposed that on behalf of the PC he should register no objections to the planning application providing that the conditions as contained in the Officer's report were agreed by SDDC based as they are on their QC's recommendations with which the PC is content. All agreed.</p> <p>Ten Minute extension requested – All agreed.</p>	
15	<p>Projects: Requests for funds must come through the Parish Clerk to be authorised.</p> <p>Kington Magna Play Area/Village Green</p> <p>RG: Subcommittee met 14th Feb to discuss and have obtained quotes for suppliers £1500 inc VAT, with a further £400 to erect equipment</p> <p>AJ: All agreed – Yes</p>	
16	<p>Nyland:</p> <p>EG: Still ongoing broadband issues, when will broadband be available.</p> <p>VS: if everyone takes it up there is more funding available.</p> <p>AJ: Need to know who is interested in the facility.</p> <p>AJ: Action – to email Dominic (superfast) on behalf of Nyland.</p> <p>Also requirement of the 19 households to go BT website and sign up interest in those facilities.</p>	AJ

17	Travellers at Five Bridges: They have been served an eviction notice. However there does not seem to be any new potential sites for them to move to so this is an ongoing issue which will require NDCC to consider finding somewhere suitable.	
	Any Other Business: Jenny Sledge (public) Church Warden Report – Andrea Hagenbugh (vicar) resigned and leaves after Easter so without one till Christmas but will continue to have services with a Lay Worship leader. Thank you to the Parish Council for funding to allow for repairs to be undertaken.	
	Items for next agenda: As previous.	
	Meeting closed at 9.50 pm SignedChairman Date	

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