

# .BUCKHORN WESTON & KINGTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm in Kington Magna Village Hall

Item	<b>Present: Parish Councillors</b>	Action
	Mr Anthony Jenner (AJ (Chairman), Mr Nigel Osborne (NO) (Vice Chairman), Mr K Aldred, Mr Tim Wilton (TW), Roger Gosney (RG) Ms Pippa Chapman (PC), David Clasby (DC), Eunice Dale (ED) Parish Clerk: Sophie Franks.	
	<b>In attendance:</b> Members of the public 20	
01/15	<b>Apologies:</b> Matthew Hoskins (MH),	
02/15	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> None	
03/15	<b>Acceptance of Office:</b> All councillors provided the Clerk with a completed of Acceptance of Office form. There is one vacancy for Buckhorn Weston that will be advertised.	
04/15	<b>Election of Chairman:</b> The Clerk asked to seek nominations for Chairman. Kevin Aldred nominated Anthony Jenner, Roger Gosney seconded this proposal. All were in favour.	
05/15	<b>Election of Vice Chairman:</b> The Chairman asked to seek nominations for Vice Chairman. Kevin Aldred nominated Nigel Osborne, Anthony Jenner seconded this proposal. All were in favour.	
06/15	<b>Election of Responsible Finance Officer:</b> The Chairman asked to seek nominations for Responsible Finance Officer. Kevin Aldred nominated Sophie Franks, Anthony Jenner seconded this proposal. All were in favour including Michael Ross the internal auditor. Hours and pay to be negotiated.	
07/15	<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b> All agreed a true record.	
08/15	<b>Matters Arising:</b> No matters arising.	
09/15	<b>District County Councillors report:</b> None present	
10/15	<b>County Councillors report:</b> None present.	
11/15	<b>Police report:</b> None present. The Clerk to ask if they can attend the next meeting.	SF
12/15	<b>Public Session:</b> John McCormack said that the side of the road along Church Hill is in desperate need of being swept by the road sweeper.	

	<p>NO said that if the drains are blocked it needs to be reported to DDC on their website.</p> <p>John reported that where the hedges have been cut in Chapel Hill there is a lot of debris still there. Nigel did say that Martin Trim is aware and he will remove debris in the dryer weather. NO said that he will wait a week to see if it is cleared before he reports it.</p>	NO
13/15	<p><b>Planning:</b> No new applications received.</p>	
14/15	<p><b>Chairman's report</b> Anthony welcomed all new Councillors, David and Eunice. As previously mentioned we can co-opt a new Councillor for Buckhorn Weston. Anthony said that it is appropriate to thank the three retiring Councillors, Bob Dolan, Graham Hinks and John Havil. The Clerk to write a thank you.</p>	SF
15/15	<p><b>Responsible Financial Officers report:</b> <u>15.1 Bank reconciliation</u> – the Current Account balance is £16,902.17 <u>15.2 Payments</u> – A total of £4403.07 made in payments so far this year. The accounts were approved. <u>15.3 Appointment of Internal Auditor</u> – Michael Ross was asked if he would wish to remain as Internal Auditor, Michael said that he would. Kevin Aldred proposed Michael Ross, Nigel Osborne seconded this proposal. All in favour. The Chairman thanked Michael.</p>	
16/15	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b> It was discussed whether the draft minutes could be put on the notice boards after they had been circulated to the Councillors for comment and before they are formally approved at the following PC meeting. SF to check protocol with the DAPTC.</p>	SF
17/15	<p><b>Other Reports:</b> <b>Highways:</b> It was discussed that Nigel is happy for Roger Gosney to take over the role within the Council as Highway Officer. Roger said that he is happy to do so. Roger reported that he attended the Stours meeting in March to discuss the West Stour crossroads. They were very conscious that it is a problem and were very appreciative that Roger had followed this item through. Funding is now approved and secure. Richard Colby is the Project Manager and will be maintaining a web page on the project. Roger said that he will be keeping an eye on the plans. Anthony asked what the project is and Roger said that they have to carry out a feasibility study to what the project will be. Most probably vehicle/speed activated signs to show the hidden junction. There may be other items addressed at the same time. They will maintain contact through Roger. Pippa asked if it is possible to know if you would be covered by insurance in an accident was to occur. Roger said that it is not a speed limit change and therefore only an advisory limit. Roger said that we will await their report. When Anthony</p>	

	<p>attended the West Stour Village Council meeting a question was asked about the mirror and asked whether there could be a sign warning that there is a car coming along the A30. However, there may be too much reliance on this.</p> <p>Roger had a site meeting with Roland Skeats. They went through Kington Magna and have agreed to harden off a layby between the Church and the crossroads. There is a regime to repair potholes that meet a certain criteria, however none met this criteria. They will however deal with the worst within a three month timescale. With regards to were resurfacing is concerned he has agreed to put this on the list within the next three years. On the site visit through Buckhorn Weston nothing could be found to act upon.</p> <p>With regards to the traffic going through Quarr, loops were put down to the north of the tunnel in Sandley to monitor the traffic. There was a total of 550 vehicles and of those 11 were HGV's. Roger said this is a very small amount of vehicles and there are signs up to say that this route is unsuitable for HGV's. Pippa asked if the signage could be changed, however HGV's will still need to use this route to service farms etc.</p> <p><b>Public Footpaths:</b> Anthony reported that he and MH had walked the Millennium Walk to look at the areas that need to be trimmed back in the enclosed areas. MH to provide a quotation. The problem of dogs running free over part of the Millennium Walk was also discussed as people are alarmed.</p> <p>Alma Floyd asked that if part of the Millennium footpath is re-routed that the villages should know about this. Pippa said that in order for a footpath to be changed it would have to go to Public Consultation. The Council are trying to find a solution.</p> <p>David Clasby was asked if he would like to be the Footpath Officer within the Council for Kington Magna. David said that he would be willing to do this.</p> <p><b>Public transport:</b> Nothing to report  <b>Parish burial ground:</b> Nothing to report</p>	MH
18/15	<p><b>Superfast Broadband:</b>  AJ read out the original letter from Dominic Fitzgerald regarding the problem of the connection of broadband within Kington Magna. AJ then read out a statement from Dugald Lockhart stating that the Superfast Team are working on the connection issues. AJ suggested that we allow a short time to pass and then ask the team for a site meeting to see how we can resolve the problem. AJ said that he and RG has a meeting with the landowners and were hoping that the situation could be resolved, however this was not the case. The landowner is asking for more money than BT are empowered to pay. After much discussion it was decided that a petition would not be a</p>	

	<p>good idea. If no other solution or resolution there may come a time when anonymity is now longer an option. The connection does have to go next to a green box with a low voltage electricity supply. As far as SSE are concerned they are only dealing with the power supply. The public at the meeting, including Bob Dolan said that the problem is of a substantial concern. The members of the public have offered the Broadband team an alternative route and maybe an aerial route can be looked into. The Clerk and AJ will chase the Broadband team to see if a site meeting can be arranged to look at the different options and the Parish Council will do all that they can to help resolve the issue. The members of the public present would be happy to have a separate meeting to discuss this matter further. The Parish Council strongly believe that they cannot help financially by giving monies to a private individual however, if individuals would like to make a contribution it is up to them. If an alternative solution comes forward and is outside the budget the Council could consider helping the project.</p> <p>All at the meeting are happy for Anthony and Roger to carry the project forward. Kevin suggests that we pressurise the Broadband Team. Pippa also suggested that we look into the grant that the HMRC are offering of £3000 to help businesses connect the Broadband.</p>	AJ/SF/RG
19/15	<p><b>Kington Magna Conservation Area:</b> SF reported that she had chased Kevin Morris and he is making the amendments in preparation for another public consultation.</p>	
20/15	<p><b>Henstridge Airfield:</b> AJ reported that there have been numerous planes flying overhead. There have been no new planning applications received. Eunice said that planes go directly overhead and over Kington Magna. AJ said that if anybody see planes flying over the village doing acrobatics they are to report them to South Somerset District Council and to the airfield itself. The Action Group have solicitors working for them and are working with colleagues in Henstridge.</p>	
21/15	<p><b>Burial Ground:</b> The clerk had drafted some Cemetery Regulations and these were emailed to all Councillors for agreement. Proposed by: AJ, Second: TW All in favour.</p>	
22/15	<p><b>Project Review:</b> Roger and Matthew have looked into the Kington Magna extension to the play area as it is not being used very much. Roger suggested that it may be possible to re-model the play area to a village green along with the play area to include football posts to enable it to be for all and not just children. People could then enjoy the open space for a picnic, fete, show etc. AJ advised that we talk to Kevin Kirby before anything else is discussed. Micheal Ross stated that Kevin has relinquished his position from the play area committee and are very happy for the Parish Council to take over the looking after of the area.</p>	

	<p>Roger has spoken with the Vicar and they are very much in favour also. The leasehold of the play area is with the Diocese of Salisbury. Roger said that he wishes to preserve the play area as it is a condition of the lease. Roger asked if he could take this project forward. David asked how many people would use it as an open space (village green). Roger said that we could open up the Jubilee Path and place a sign for people coming from the village hall. Alma asked who will cut the grass and said that the village hall like to have their BBQ's at the hall. Kevin asked how it will be funded as the Parish Council are party to the lease.</p> <p>Following the annual inspection it was advised that the play equipment is to the point of being condemned.</p> <p>Michael Ross said he thinks that the arrangement for the Kington Magna play area needs to be wound up, the monies can then come back into the Parish Council and the Parish Council can look after the area. All at the meeting agreed in principle. Roger said that he will bring ideas and costings to the next meeting.</p> <p>Roger said that he would speak to David Hustwayte and would put up signs and tape of the damaged pay equipment immediately to ensure nobody uses it.</p> <p>Pippa asked what the position is with changing the area of designation to a village green, Roger said that he would speak to the diocese.</p> <p>All were in agreement with the above. Proposed by Kevin. Seconded by Tim.</p> <p>9.30 pm AJ proposed a 15 minute extension to the meeting.</p>	
23/15	<p><b>Fingerboards for Signposts:</b> Pippa reported on the fingerboards for the signposts and has obtained quotations. JC Joinery have quoted for Accoya timber that is very hardwearing and they have agreed to install for free. Pippa is waiting to receive another quotation. Pippa said that she will find the lettering and see if she can re-use and may only need certain letters. Pippa will talk to Metalcraft for new collars to replace the ones that are broken. AJ said that he is grateful for Pippa's work.</p>	
24/15	<p><b>Sandley Signs – Tractor Tyres:</b> Pippa said that there are two tractor tyres appeared at Sandley. Kevin said that Jo Rose had put them there after asking his permission with a view to planting them up for the summer. As a Parish Council we would be very happy for them to do this as long as they are maintained and planted by the end of May.</p>	
25/15	<p><b>Items for next agenda:</b> Fingerboards for Signposts</p>	

	Road Sweeping Nyland	
	<b>Date of next meeting</b> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2015 7.30pm – Buckhorn Weston Village Hall – Nigel Osborne (Vice Chairman) to Chair in absence of the Chair.	
	Meeting closed at 9.45pm <b>Signed</b> .....Chairman <b>Date</b> .....	