

BUCKHORN WESTON & KINGTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 3rd September 2012 at 7.30pm in Kington Magna Village Hall

Item	Present: Parish Councillors	Action
	Ms Pippa Chapman (PC), Mr Kevin Aldred (KA), Mr Rob Crittall (RC), Mr Bob Dolan (BO), Mrs Christine Wynne(CW), Mr Graham Hinks (GH)	
	In attendance: County Councillor Mr Andrew Cattaway (AC), District Councillor Mr Geoffrey Miller (GM), Internal Auditor: Michael Ross, Parish Clerk: Clare Baird, Members of the public 9	
40/12	Apologies: Anthony Jenner, Nigel Osbourne	
41/12	Declarations of Interest: CW and GH declared an interest in the matters to be discussed in the reports of the district and county councillors.	
42/12	Minutes of the Previous Meeting (2 nd July): Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting – All happy these was a true representation. BD - Correction to previous minutes 14/5/2012 – The PC had mistakenly reported in March that it had no objections to the planning application 2/2012/0139/PLNG, the error arose because of a confusion between this application and application BW43 both dealing with tracks situated in the same field. The PC assumed this application t be part of the very complicated plan we had just agreed regarding the re-routing of tracks and paths in the field. I apologise to Mr & Mrs Yates for any disappointment and as Chairman I take full responsibility for the error.	
43/12	Councillor Rear Admiral Bellamy – BD, it has been a very sad year for us but we need now to appoint a new councillor. The position has been advertised and one candidate has come forward Cathy Hamilton (CH). GH propose CH be co-opted on to the Council, CW second. All in favour and agreed.	
44/12	District Councillors Report: - Reported that the DC have been looking at the renewable energy strategy on policy review and that it is due to go to the full council but he envisaged it will be supported but with an emphasis on where the new developments would take place. There is a currently a review on Council size and their wards to address equality. North Dorset is to pilot the new universal credit which is to replace housing benefit, the aim being that it is to help those who need it most but everything will need to be completed online. The DC are aware of the issues surrounding Five Bridges and feel the PC have followed the correct procedure in contacting the CC. NDDC will happily work alongside CC and the PC to resolve the issue.	
45/12	County Councillors Report: - AC concurred with GM in the issue surrounding travellers occupying Five Bridges in the PC's contact (through CW) of David Ayre the Head of Service and	

	<p>Paula Smith the Specialist Officer. CC have been to the site and the group are known to CC from their previous location, they have turned down the offer of a place at a different site and the process has begun to remove them and the police are aware of the situation. AC asked that he be given as much evidence as possible to enable their quick removal as members of the public had suggested the possibility of illegal activity. David Ayr has agreed to attend the next PC meeting, AC will be meeting with him on 5/9/2012. CW to write formally to Director of Environment at County, Miles Butler and express the councils view (copy to District). JH suggested the PC should look at what contribution financially we can provide locally to aid the situation and prevent a reoccurrence. The lay by is the only suitable one for overnight stops by long distance lorry drivers so it is difficult to remedy. BD noted the lay by is actually in the parish of West Stour and their PC to be invited to the next meeting and work jointly.</p> <p>Renewable Energy – there has been a lot of talk about the amount of sites and equipment, the figures should not be taken out of context they are a technological assessment and not a prediction. There are currently various appeals over wind turbines notably Silton resuming on 18th and Wareham.</p> <p>Personnel Issues – There will be several changes ahead, the Chief Executive has give notice of retirement as has the Director of Children’s Services. Through this and a need to reduce costs there will be a reduction in the number of directors. This has led to an underspend in the budget of 1.4% and carrying forward a possible saving of £4 million.</p>	CW
46/12	<p>Police Report: No police officer present</p>	
47/12	<p>Public Session: <u>Mrs Anne Ledgerwood</u> – Gave an update on the problem with fly tipping in Buckhorn Weston, one offender had been caught and cautioned for the offence. New residents in the area had been informed through the waste department and housing association where problems with refuse being put out too early had occurred. <u>Ms Susanna Cook</u> – Raised the question ‘could a planning restriction be raised to enforce a 24 hour parking restriction limit at five bridges’ in order to prevent illegal camping in the area. AC replied a restriction on time could be difficult and would be a matter for the Highways Department. <u>Mr Ben Carver</u> – Repeated his plea for two poppy sellers to come forward for Buckhorn Weston, details are in the Village Hall. <u>Alma Floyd</u> – The water trough in KM is blocked again, can this be fixed before the cold weather sets in as it presents a risk of ice. There are volunteers willing to help – GH to enquire how it has been fixed in the past. <u>Mr Len Roberts</u> – Sign posts directing into KM are missing, can this be reported? Clerk aware of ongoing problem and has made contact with Kevin Dunsfords to get all sign posts fixed or replaced. <u>Mr Kerry Ingrams</u> – Any communication received about Breach</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>GH</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Lane and the finger posts there.</p> <p><u>Mr Steve Scott</u> – reported in other areas travellers had been removed from a site within 14 days – AC there could be a difference in private and public land.</p>	
48/12	<p>Planning</p> <p>Clerk reported back on applications considered since last PC meeting. BD – We now operate a planning sub-committee and from now on the sub-committee is to be the first choice to discuss plans, and the PC meeting will only be used as a last resort. For the sub-committee to work effectively there needs to be a quorum of 4 councillors at every meeting.</p> <p>Application to be considered - <u>2/2012/0967/PLNG Court Farm</u> – All in favour of the application with a request that the height of the eaves be recorded on the plans.</p>	
49/12	<p>Chairman’s report - The chairman thanks the internal auditor and clerk for support since the passing of the RFO and fed back information about the parish cemetery and it’s maintenance.</p>	
50/12	<p>Responsible Financial Officer’s report – In the absence of a RFO the clerk reported back that there had been no significant unforeseen costs to the PC and that all payments made had been anticipated. BD proposed to start a finance working party to draft the precept and budget for the next financial year. All agreed that this will currently be the bank signatories the internal auditor, the clerk and CW.</p>	
51/12	<p>Clerk’s Report –</p> <p><u>Incidents in Sandley</u> – contact had been made to the PC after a speeding car had come off the road and into the garden and very nearly on to the train track embankment. AC reported that a CC officer is to meet with Mr and Mrs Rose to discuss what could be done to address the issue.</p> <p><u>Joint Expansion Committee</u> – the PC has been invited to join a committee to discuss issues surrounding travellers in Dorset and the proposed sites within the area. It was agreed to make contact to register an interest in joining</p> <p><u>New Opportunities for Town and Parish Councils</u> – An email arrived inviting the PC to join a consultation regarding Sustainable Communities as part of the Localism Act. KA to respond</p>	<p>Clerk / CW</p> <p>KA</p>
52/12	<p>Other reports:</p> <p>Highways - There is a broken drain cover on Church Hill in KM can this be reported for fixing as is posing a danger to road users. BD received a call regarding scrap metal lorries operating out of Henstridge and using the road that leads from the A30 through Sandley to Quarr. The road is too narrow for such vehicles to be using on a daily basis as well as becoming damaged in places. The drivers have been reported as driving aggressively. The operators licence is due for renewal and it was decided to write to the authority to request that the drivers are asked to use the main roads to transport their goods. AC to forward concerns about road maintenance to CC the possibility of a restriction at Quarr, which will not interfere with milk lorries, to be investigated.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>Public Footpaths – Mrs Alma Floyd reported that a lot of the footpaths in KM are in a poor state, there are a group of volunteers willing to help clear them but is there any further help that can be given? PC to liaise with CH regarding contacts within CC to help with any necessary repairs to equipment once contact with land owners had been made first. JH stated this was the idea developed in the Parish Plan and now would be a good time to put aside a pot of money within the precept and develop a proper strategy. BD pointed out that the maintenance of footpaths was a landlord's responsibility.</p> <p>Public Transport – Bus timetables have been printed ready to go up on the village notice boards.</p>	
61/12	<p>Date for the next meeting: Monday 12th November 2012 at Buckhorn Weston Village Hall</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 21.26pm</p> <p>SignedChairman Date</p>	