

.BUCKHORN WESTON & KINGTON MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 7th September 2015 at 7.30pm in Kington Magna Village Hall

Item	Present: Parish Councillors Mr Anthony Jenner (AJ (Chairman), Mr Tim Wilton (TW), Roger Gosney (RG) Ms Pippa Chapman (PC), David Clasby (DC), Eunice Dale (ED), Matthew Hoskins (MH), Valerie Standing (VS), Parish Clerk: Sophie Franks.	Action
	In attendance: Members of the public 9	
49/15	Apologies: Mr Nigel Osborne (NO) (Vice Chairman), Mr K Aldred (KA)	
50/15	Declarations of interest: None	
51/15	Minutes of previous meeting: Anthony ran through the minutes of the previous meeting and they were agreed by all.	
52/15	Matters Arising: Item 33/15-Sandley grit bin. Sophie to check with Highways if the Sandely road is gritted, we can then decide if a grit bin is necessary. Sophie to add Kington Magna play area to the asset register.	SF
53/15	District County Councillors report: Belinda Ridout provided a report that was distributed to all Councillors and also put up on the notice boards. Belinda said that she is pleased to attend the meetings and intends to attend wherever possible. Belinda pointed out that there are two consultations out at present, one for the North Dorset District Plan and one regarding Waste Management. There is also a planning application in for Marnhull Quarry asking for an extension. The Tri-Council is now under way and the District Councils are now meeting at events. MH asked Belinda if the Council are looking at rural affordable housing, Belinda sais that recently the rules have changed and she will look into this further. RG asked if Gillingham is still the fastest growing town in Dorset. Belinda said that the growth board meets every 6 weeks and there are trigger points for looking at schools, surgeries etc. Gillingham currently has a population of 12,000. It is projected that by 2030 the population will be 18,000. Roger asked if the Council are looking at regeneration of the town? Is growth wanted by Councillors? Roger asked Belinda if she could express the Parish Councils thoughts to the Town Council regarding the town centre and facilities that need to be in place before growth occurs.	
54/15	County Councillors report:	

	Not present	
55/15	Police report: Victoria Levy – PCSO not in attendance as on annual leave.	
56/15	Public Session: Ben Carver asked if there are any developments on speed limits as Buckhorn Weston was logged as an issue. Roger thinks that the Parish Council could get villagers together and do a petition. MH also asked about pinch points as this would actually slow the traffic down. PC also asked if RG could investigate to see if we could have ‘Please drive safety through our village’ signs. RG thinks that we would have to apply to DCC. AJ also said that it would be useful to have evidence of people speeding within the village. Belinda said that they have set up in Gillingham a speed watch area that records peoples speed. However, there is no speed limit within the village. PC also suggested that we could ask DCC for signage such ‘Caution School Bus Stop’. RG said that he will speak to Highways but as always there are budget constraints. MH also said that Bourton has ‘gates’ into the village to raise awareness.	
57/15	Planning: SF reported that there was a meeting with regards to an amended planning application for Greenane. No decision has been received yet.	
58/15	Chairman’s report Anthony thanked Nigel for chairing the last meeting in his absence and welcomed Valerie to the meeting. AJ also thanked AG and MH for all of their work on the Kington Magna Play Area and Roger for his Highways liaison. AJ said that he will bring up Capital Resources and maybe each village should be responsible for their own budget. We all need to have a think about it for the next financial year and to start planning at the November meeting. SF has chased regarding the Conservation Area again and Belinda will also chase.	
59/15	Responsible Financial Officers report: <u>15.1 Bank reconciliation</u> – the Current Account balance is £19,407.17 <u>15.2 Payments</u> – A total of £3,218.45 made in payments so far this year. It was discussed that perhaps we could also have a savings account with Lloyds Bank to keep the amount in the current account to a minimum. The War Memorial Committee have asked for £100 this was proposed by AJ and second by RG. All in favour. AJ suggested that we split the Husbandry and projects budgets between the 2 villages. Each village would then know where they are and if the village wishes to do more it would need to up the precept within that village. Michael Ross as internal auditor is in agreement with this. The question was asked what would happen if the village did not spend its budget, would it be	

	<p>allowed to go the other village? MH asked if this was separated would it breakdown the relationship between the two villages? RG suggested that we look at the idea in principle and try not to make it too complicated, RH thinks that the carrying over of the budget would have to be decided at that particular meeting.</p>	
60/15	<p>Clerk's Report: SF reported that the Audited Accounts have now been returned. All requests for grants need to be submitted to the Parish Council by November to be discussed. Valerie said that she is looking into the possibility of having a defibrillator in both villages.</p>	
61/15	<p>Other Reports: Highways: Roger reported that Andrew Bradley is remaining in post. With regards to the crossroads there is negotiation with the land owner about a visibility splay. If not effective a flashing vehicle activated sign will be installed. A secondary concern that it may not be enough, however the A338 is taking all resources at the moment. RG reported that the passing bay at the top of Church Hill is now complete. The patching works on the Sandley/Bourton road has been completed. RG reported that the road sweeping for rural areas is carried out by Dorset Highways. They have a schedule that is up for review and they will sweep roads by request. Dave C asked about the low area that floods on the crossroads. RG reported that this will be sorted out when the other works are completed. Ice will soon be a concern, however Roger hopes that works will soon be carried out. PC asked if the hedge over hanging the mirror could also be cut back. RG reminded the meeting that the crossroads is in the Stours Parish. The Parish Council once again thanked Roger for his hard work in this area. PC reported that the fingerboards have nearly been completed and they should be up within the next two weeks. Public Footpaths: PC has taken some information from the Rambles Association into The Stapleton Arms as they do walking holidays. The tenant farmer that has land at Sandley Stud has put in a new stile and dog gates. AJ and MH to look at the Millennium footpaths. Public transport: Nothing to report Parish burial ground: Nothing to report Proposed reorganisation of Mobile Library Service: AJ reported that the three stops that the mobile library now makes will be down to one stop at Kington Magna village hall. Buckhorn Weston will now not have any stops.</p>	
62/15	<p>Superfast Broadband:</p>	

	AJ asked Dominic Fitzgerald for an update prior to this meeting. Mr Fitzgerald had just returned from annual leave and said that he will look into the progress. Buckhorn Weston comes under Devon/Somerset as it comes via Templecombe. Nyland are also concerned of the progress. AJ will write to Mr Fitzgerald.	AJ
63/15	Henstridge Airfield: Planes have been flying over the village Steve reported that there have been complaints of aerobatics, a Yak went up and did a manoeuvre that appeared very dangerous it was on full smoke and did a loop. Planes must be following the flight path. A two engine plane flew over the village and a complaint was made to the airfield, however they said it was not from Henstridge Airfield.	
64/15	Project Review/Maintenance of Kington Magna Play Area: RG reported that he has received quotation for the grass cutting in the play area. James Foster's quote was £40 per cut and the other quote received was £45. Pippa proposed, Eunice seconded, all in favour. RG reported that the climbing frame has now been taken down, the ROSPA report received showed that this was the only major problem. The working group has taken in hand minor works, such as paint work. The working group is: Roger Gosney, David Husthwayte, Angela Phipps, Ellie Taylor and Matthew Hoskins. Quotations have been received for new equipment starting with 2 swings. They are looking to ask DCC and National Lottery for funds. The DCC will provide 10% match funding of National Lottery grant. i.e. if we can get £10,000 from National Lottery DCC will provide £1000. RG suggested that the tarmac is extended on Jubilee Path and a new gate is installed to let pushchairs and wheelchairs through plus 2 new picnic benches and a fingerpost sign showing play area/village green. RG said that there is £1400 from the old play area. Out of the £6000 surplus that the Parish Council have, RG asked if Kington Magna Play Area could take £2500 of that giving £3900. This would allow a double swing costing £2000 and £200 to top up the soft ground, tarmac path £900, sign and gate etc £800. RG asked if they could have approval now to draw on next spring. RG has spoken with the villagers and it has been positively received. The second stage would then be to replace and modernise and put in multi play and amenities for non-children. *10 minute extension approved. PC asked if the split would be 50/50, if Kington Magna in essence would have used their £2500. It would leave £2500 for Buckhorn Weston. The works are being done on a voluntary basis by the working group. RG asked that maintenance of £760 per annum is put into the precept. Proposed by Dave Clasby, seconded Eunice, all in favour. Belinda said that the grounds staff in Gillingham are making picnic benches that may be of interest.	
65/15	Nyland:	

	Eunice reported that on the A30 going West there needs to be a junction sign showing Nyland Lane. RG said that he will take this up. Also out of Nyland Lane turning left towards Shaftesbury there is a railing and because of this the hedge cannot be cut back effectively and there is a block on visibility. Roger said that he will have a look.	RG
66/15	Any Other Business: PC has reported to the need to have the brook cleared at Hartmore Hill. PC is trying to talk to someone at the Probation Service about getting someone at Community Service to clear the blockages.	
67/15	Items for next agenda: As previous.	
	Date of next meeting 2nd November 2015 at 7.30pm Buckhorn Weston Village Hall	
	Meeting closed at 9.50 pm SignedChairman Date	