



# Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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## FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm in Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

Item	<p><b>Parish Councillors Present:</b> Nigel Osborne (NO) Chairman), Roger Gosney (RG) Vice-Chairman), Kevin Aldred (KA), Tim Wilton (TW), Ms Philippa Chapman (PC), Matthew Hoskins (MH), Mrs Valerie Standing (VS), Mrs Eunice Dale, Philip Talbot (PT)</p> <p><b>District County Councillor Present:</b> 0</p> <p><b>County Councillor Present:</b> 0</p> <p><b>Members of the public:</b> There were 4 members of the public present</p> <p><b>Members of the press:</b> There were no members of the press present</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Parish Clerk: Sandra Mackintosh (SM)</p>	Action
	<p><b>Public Session:</b> Members of the public raised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning application for the modification of discharge of planning obligations submitted by Henstridge Airport and the possibility of increased motorsport. The Parish Council have not been notified of this due to the application having been submitted to South Somerset Council. It was suggested that resident's views be emailed to the Parish Clerk. NO advised he is on the Henstridge committee. The Parish Council will contact the committee to investigate this further.</li> <li>• Tree planting at Sandley Stud obscuring the view from the public footpath. It was noted that the owners are within their rights to plant the trees but that the ROWLO has written to them requesting a discussion regarding possible gaps to retain some of the views. PT will also follow this up and report back.</li> <li>• Thanks were expressed to RG for arranging the clearing of the compacted mud on Church Hill in Buckhorn Weston. The drains were not jetted at the time but are in the works schedule.</li> <li>• The soil mound on Harpitts Lane has not been removed. RG advised its removal is in the programme to be done, will chase and report back.</li> <li>• Trees overgrowing the 'slow down' sign on the hill approaching the A30 crossroads which is now not visible until right on it. RG has reported this to highways and confirmed that they have also agreed to plant low maintenance vegetation at the cross roads visibility splay.</li> <li>• Accident on cross roads above Kington Magna church. RG stated that regulatory signs are there as well as a recently installed warning sign. As an issue with visibility remains, RG will speak to highways although he noted that the real problem is the vertical alignment of the main road just south of the crossroads which partly obscures on coming vehicles to those turning out of Church Hill and would be difficult and expensive to rectify.</li> <li>• A water leak in Back Lane, Kington Magna has been reported.</li> </ul>	
26/18	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Simon Stranger (SS), Martin Hibbert (MHT)</p>	

27/18	<b>To approve the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018:</b> Cllr Wilton proposed that “the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 should be approved as a correct record of the meeting.” Cllr Mrs Standing seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b> The Chairman duly signed the minutes.	
28/18	<b>Matters Arising from the previous minutes:</b> None	
29/18	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> <i>Members are required to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, section 27 disclosable pecuniary interests.</i> None	
30/18	<b>District County Councillors report:</b> No councillors were in attendance. No reports received.	
31/18	<b>County Councillor’s report:</b> No councillors were in attendance. No reports received.	
32/18	<b>Police report:</b> PCSO Mullens was unable to attend the meeting but submitted the following in his report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attempted break in to a bungalow in Bourton. (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> June)</li> <li>• Electric fence equipment stolen from a field in Buckhorn Weston.(8<sup>th</sup> June)</li> <li>• Fuel syphoned from a tractor from a farm in Kington Magna. (12<sup>th</sup> June)</li> <li>• Two burglaries reported in the East and West Stour areas. (12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June)</li> </ul> He also advised not to leave property with open windows during this hot weather, although this was not the case with the recent break ins.	
33/18	<b>Chairman’s report:</b> NO informed the council that he will be attending a meeting on the 6 <sup>th</sup> July, with the various parties previously involved, to discuss the issue of the travellers at Five Bridges and any particular points to be raised should be forwarded to him prior to the meeting. It was noted that the main aim is to break the cycle of the travellers movements, firstly with police pressure and secondly with Cllr Walsh seeking an alternative space for them. Wessex Water have said they will contribute towards resolving this. NO stated that Simon Hoare MP had acknowledged and set up this meeting promptly. It was pointed out that the travellers have now expanded into the front area of the lay by.	
34/8	<b>Financial Reports;</b> <b>Responsible Financial Officer’s report:</b> The RFO’s report and accounts were circulated prior to the meeting, copies are available on request from the clerk. The council were advised that the year end AGAR and associated documents, including the exercise of public rights, have been published on the website and notice boards with the certificate of exemption sent to the external auditors pre the deadline of June 11th. The exercise of public rights, which began on Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June, will end on Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July.	
34/18.1	<b>To receive and approve the accounts and payments for the period of 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 including salaries and associated accounts:</b> Cllr Osborne proposed to “approve the accounts and payments for the period of 1 <sup>st</sup> May to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 including salaries and associated accounts.” Cllr Mrs Dale seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b> <b>Bank Reconciliation:</b> The current account balance is £7324.58. The NS&I account balance is £4896.99. Payments received to date are £4744.50. Total payments out so far this financial year are £4332.96.	
35/18	<b>Clerk’s Report:</b> The clerk’s report was circulated prior to the meeting, a copy is available on request from the clerk. The parish council’s insurance has been renewed as per the motion carried at the last full council meeting.	
36/18	<b>Planning:</b>	
36/18.1	<b>To receive decision notices from North Dorset District Council:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vine House, Church Hill, Buckhorn Weston, erect two storey and single storey extensions and convert barn to living accommodation = approved (ref: 2/2018/0304/HOUSE)</li> <li>• Vale View, Common Lane, Kington Magna, erect single storey rear extension = approved (ref: 2/2018/0638/HOUSE)</li> </ul>	
36/18.2	<b>To receive an update on the pre-planning stage solar farms at Vale View Farm and Coker Farm:</b> No planning application has been submitted to date and it was reported that the one of the land owners is unhappy with the proposed application on his land.	

<p>37/18 37/18.1</p>	<p><b>Other Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Highways:</b> RG advised the council on the status of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The compacted mud on Church Hill, Buckhorn Weston has been cleared.</li> <li>• The mound of soil on Harpitts Lane is scheduled to be dealt with shortly.</li> <li>• ‘Road narrows’ signs have been erected on both approaches to the S bend on Harpitts Lane. Cross bar markings to the road will also be installed on both approaches shortly.</li> <li>• Surface dressing on Chapel Hill and Field Lane is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> August.</li> <li>• Vegetation at the back of the A30 crossroads visibility splay has been strimmed and DCC have confirmed that low maintenance vegetation will be planted to minimise future visibility issues.</li> </ul> <p>Ice warning signs are still in place on Shutes Lane in Buckhorn Weston. RG advised it would be best to report them to DCC rather than to remove them. The parish clerk received a verbal request from a resident querying if Weston Street could be considered for surface dressing. RG will look into this and consider whether it is required. A pot hole on Church Hill in Buckhorn Weston was also reported. A further query was submitted regarding the HGV sign at Tinkers Lane. Having been discussed before, RG advised that the sign states ‘unsuitable for HGV’s’, is in South Somerset’s remit but that when looked at previously with the highways community officer, he agreed at that time to make it visible himself.</p>	
<p>37/18.2</p>	<p><b>Public Footpaths:</b> The Kington Magna Millennium path has been cleared and is usable. A field gate was reported to have been left open in Templecombe Lane. The White Hart link is progressing, the Gillingham to Shaftesbury section having opened in May. Improvements are now being looked at with a request made to the parish council to install an oak finger post in Kington Magna. A village walk from Buckhorn Weston is planned for later this month and a Ramblers walk from Buckhorn Weston to Templecombe, via Nyland, is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> August. The Gillingham Walking Festival takes place from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September with a circular walk around Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both the August 1st and September 3<sup>rd</sup> walks will be led by MHT. MHT has written to the new owners of Sandley Stud requesting a discussion regarding leaving gaps in the tree planting (see public session above). The Parish Council unanimously agreed to grant permission for the installation of an oak finger post, as per MHT’s request. <b>Resolved.</b></p>	
<p>38/18</p>	<p><b>Nyland:</b> ED confirmed that on some evenings the noise of motorbikes from Henstridge Airfield has been extremely loud. Many of the Nyland residents have already submitted written complaints to the council in reference to the planning application (as noted in the public session). NO requested specific information, e.g. the date(s) of the disturbance, so that a complaint letter can be drawn up and sent to the owner of the airfield. He will also take up the issue at the next Henstridge committee meeting.</p> <p><b>Action: To supply specific information regarding the disturbances, to forward a letter of complaint to the owner of Henstridge Airfield.</b></p>	<p><b>ED &amp; NO</b></p>
<p>39/18 39/18.1  39/18.2</p>	<p><b>Kington Magna:</b></p> <p><b>Play Area - update:</b> The ROSPA inspection has been carried out with only minor repair work needed. SS is currently not in a position to help with the regular inspections so PT has stepped in to help RG in this matter. RG also complimented the gardener who has been doing a great job with the grass cutting.</p> <p><b>Conservation Area – boundary and willow tree update:</b> Following on from the consultation, NDDC forwarded a copy of the feedback received from residents to the parish council. With councillor’s input, RG produced a draft response to the feedback comments which was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Gosney proposed that the ‘Parish Council approve the draft response to the feedback comments which will be forwarded to NDDC’. Cllr Hoskins seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b> NDDC will evaluate the comments and prepare a report which will be published on the DCC and PC websites. Expected timescale to be in August. Submitted with the resident’s feedback was the owner’s suggestion of the possibility of planning on the field sandwiched between properties on Back Street and Church Street. RG advised NDDC that this feedback is unrelated to the conservation area consultation. Having already referred the matter to their Strategic Planning department, RG made contact</p>	

39/18.3	<p>with this department and advised them of the parish council's position against planning as well as resident's concerns regarding this and that the reason for its inclusion in the conservation area was to further protect it from unacceptable planning. The Strategic Planning department confirmed that their main focus is on the four main centres of population (Gillingham, Blandford, Sturminster and Stalbridge) but should the owner choose to apply for the field to be considered then it would be done so under the North Dorset Local Plan Review. PT queried if there are any settlement boundaries and was informed that these were deliberately removed in 2011 to protect the villages.</p> <p><b>Horse Trough – update on legal query:</b> In response to the legal query regarding an indemnity, the parish council received advice that this is not required as they are responsible for their own assets and that the cost of drawing up a legal agreement between the parish council and the owners of the land where the tank is positioned would be a minimum of £1,500.00. RG stated that proof of ownership for the trough and tank is shown on a plaque in the church. It was agreed that the council should make contact with the land owners again, informing them that they are not liable and once more seek permission to have ongoing access to the tank, providing reasonable notice, for maintenance purposes only and that no ground works are anticipated.</p> <p><b>Action: Contact the owners of the land, advise them of the PC's responsibility and seek permission to access the tank for maintenance purposes only.</b></p>	NO
40/18	<p><b>Brains Farm update:</b> No update at this time.</p>	
41/18	<p><b>To receive an update on reported land next to the railway line in Buckhorn Weston:</b> A further update was sought from the enforcement officer who was reminded that the parish council have been patiently waiting for progress on this matter since January 2017. The response received stated that although this case has not moved forward, it is hoped to be dealt with in the next two months.</p>	
42/18	<p><b>To consider how the council can broaden its communications:</b> PC questioned the feasibility of putting simple, but informative, notices regarding the parish council's meetings/activities on to the Nextdoor website. These notices would only be a pointer directing residents to the parish council website for further details.</p> <p><b>Action: Look into whether the website can link with Nextdoor so that information posted on the website will automatically pop up on Nextdoor.</b></p>	NO
43/18	<p><b>To consider how best to promote village interest:</b> MH suggested the parish council appear to be pro-active in the community by perhaps arranging a function once a year as a way of interfacing with the residents and that any monies raised from the event be put into a community project fund for both villages. It was agreed that all councillors should bring suggestions to the next meeting which are engaging, promote the parish council well and encourage village groups to be involved.</p> <p><b>Action: Suggestions to be considered in time for the next meeting in September.</b></p>	All
44/18	<p><b>Items for next agenda:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brains Farm update</li> <li>Promotion of village interest</li> <li>Buckhorn Weston Church clock</li> <li>Local facilities for football</li> <li>Copper beech preservation order</li> <li>War memorial</li> </ul>	
45/18	<p><b>Matters Pertinent:</b> None</p>	
46/18	<p><b>Date of next Meeting:</b> Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Kington Magna Village Hall</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 21.35pm</p>	
	<p>Signed .....Chairman Date .....</p>	

## **Appendices**

- A. Accounts and payments for the period of 1st May to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- B. Bank reconciliation
- C. RFO & report
- D. Highways report

Copies of the appendices can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.