



## Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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### **MINUTES OF BUCKHORN WESTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7pm in Buckhorn Weston Village Hall**

	The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed those present to the meeting.
	<b>Present:</b> Nigel Osborne (Chairman (NO), Roger Gosney (RG), Valerie Standing (VS), Kevin Aldred (KA) Plus the following: Members of the Public: 5 In attendance: Parish Clerk: Sandra Mackintosh
	<b>Apologies:</b> Parish Councillors: Matthew Hoskins, Phillippa Chapman, Tim Wilton, Eunice Dale
<b>96/16</b>	<b>Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Chairman stated he had hoped for a better attendance and will endeavour to advertise the meeting more widely next year. Following on from Anthony Jenner's resignation in November, NO was voted into the position of chairman and RG from Kington Magna as vice chairman.</li><li>• In an effort to reduce the financial reserves, funding has been provided over the last two years to many projects and groups in both villages. Examples include short mat bowls winding gear, village hall new chairs and church wall repairs. Two additional requests have been received for the remaining funds available. Although very successful, the next two years will not see a repeat of this funding as it will take time to rebuild reserves. It is also intended to spend the allocated village husbandry budget on odd jobs around the villages such as tidying verges.</li><li>• The Parish Council has received a grant to create a new website to meet the current legislation required for the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. It will be a dedicated Parish Council website publishing council information. A competition is currently running, open to all, to design a logo for the Parish Council.</li><li>• There has been much success, thanks to RG, with highway issues. A vehicle activated sign has been installed on the A30 before the crossroads to slow the traffic and reduce/avoid accidents and confirmation has been received that DDC have acquired some land at the crossroads and will cut a splay for better visibility.</li><li>• The Parish Council has received a planning proposal for the Old Cross Garage site which will be assessed at a meeting in the next few weeks. Containing a 50/50 split of affordable and normal housing, NO considered that it could be a worthwhile project as the land is running wild. Previous concerns such as access and control of traffic through the bridge remain but the intended meeting will be an opportunity to aim for the best possible outcome with the developers. The meeting date will be displayed on the village notice boards and new website if completed in time.</li></ul>
<b>97/16</b>	<b>Reports from Buckhorn Weston Clubs and Organisations</b>
	<b>PCC:</b> Jenny Sledge would have attended but was not aware of the meeting taking place and should have been told. Janet Powis attended on her behalf and thanked the Parish Council for the capital project grant received. It was explained that although there were some reservations regarding the type of stone used in the wall repairs, the PCC were limited to the 'lot' given by the quarry and that it was not possible to select individual stones. The church decoration is ongoing and they currently await another quote. The PCC also thanked the Parish Council for the church yard grant.

	<p><b>Art Group:</b> Anne Ledgerwood advised that the group started about 18 months ago. It is a friendly group made up of about 12 individuals who advise each other rather than have teachers. The group, along with other local craft makers, displayed their work at an open day in support of the village hall which was enjoyed by all. VS asked if there would be another. Anne will approach the group about this.</p> <p><b>Village Hall:</b> Beverley Osborne (Chairman) was unable to attend but submitted the following report. The hall has continued to provide for a wide range of groups in the community with a 50% occupancy rate. Over the last twelve months, the volunteer committee members have been actively fundraising to make improvements to the hall for the benefit of all and thank everyone who has donated their time, money and support in this endeavour as well as the Parish Council for the capital project grant received. Improvements have included the replacement of all chairs, fire compliant door retainers, floor sanded back and resealed and a new fridge. The old chairs and fridge were recycled by donating them to other local groups. With an upsurge in general costs, the hire charges will increase slightly from 1<sup>st</sup> April, the first increase in four years. The AGM will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> May and all are welcome. Anybody interested in becoming a volunteer is invited to get in touch.</p> <p><b>Village Community Trust:</b> No Report.</p> <p><b>Cricket Club:</b> No Report.</p>
<b>98/16</b>	<b>Public Discussion</b>
	None
	<p>Thank you for the reports received. The meeting closed at 7.18pm.</p> <p>These minutes are signed as a true and accurate record of events.</p> <p>Signed: ..... (Chairman)      Dated:</p>