



## Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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### **MINUTES OF BUCKHORN WESTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 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), Kevin Aldred (KA) Plus the following: Members of the Public: 9 In attendance: Parish Clerk: Sandra Mackintosh
	<b>Apologies:</b> Parish Councillors: None
<b>100/17</b>	<b>Approval of minutes:</b> The minutes from the previous Buckhorn Weston APM held on the 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2017, having been previously circulated, were approved, signed and dated by the Chairman.
<b>101/17</b>	<b>Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council:</b> The Chairman reported that business has continued as usual: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Numerous planning applications have been received including the Cross's Garage site which involved several public consultations, was supported by the Parish Council but refused by NDDC, and the Brains Farm AD plant application which the Parish Council are in the process of trying to minimise the impact on the village.</li><li>• Highways issues including the new VAS and visibility splay at the A30 crossroads which is the result of constant pressure on DCC by RG.</li><li>• Ongoing monitoring of the land next to the railway line with enforcement officers currently gathering information.</li><li>• Finger posts in both villages being refurbished with a new village hall finger post being provided at the junction of Weston St. and Church Hill.</li><li>• Funding of replacement defibrillator pads (adult and children's).</li><li>• Two remaining capital project grants awarded to the PCC for clock repairs and Village Hall towards a new kitchen door – these are in addition to the annual grants issued.</li><li>• Co-option of Simon Stranger and Philip Talbot, both from Kington Magna, making a full council of ten members.</li><li>• Mrs Pat Read appointed as the new internal auditor, replacing Michael Ross after many years of service.</li><li>• Review of Parish Council standing orders and financial regulations which were subsequently adopted.</li><li>• A new and dedicated Parish Council website, designed to meet the required transparency code, built and put into operation.</li></ul>
<b>102/17</b>	<b>Reports from Buckhorn Weston Clubs and Organisations</b>
	<b>PCC:</b> The new vicar of the Stour Vale benefice, Richard Priest, has been in place for a year during which time two marriages, a memorial service, a thanksgiving service and an average of three Sunday

	<p>services per month have been held. The PCC thanked the Parish Council for the annual grant towards the cost of maintaining the churchyard extension - the maintenance around the church is the work of volunteers. Restoration work has been carried out on several gravestones, paid for by the PCC having been unable to trace relatives. Permission was granted last year to refurbish various internal areas of the church and the south porch which is nearly complete. The boiler has also been repaired. The church clock was serviced last year with a new pulley wheel being required. The PCC expressed thanks for a grant received from the Parish Council towards the replacement cost. Last summer saw the launch of the Bell Restoration Appeal. A faculty will be applied for the restoration of the bells and clock and work is hoped to start in 2019. Currently the bells can be rung on various public occasions and weddings.</p> <p><b>Village Hall:</b> The hall has been the venue for several parties and 5 wedding receptions in the last year. Dog training is a new regular hirer and Bowls have extended their bookings. The committee was sorry to see the discontinuation of the Whist Group and are thankful for their many years of support and donations. Further improvements have been carried out thanks to the continued support received through various fund raising events. Improvements have included a new kitchen door, landscaping to the front, repainting, new utensils, new mugs for the kitchen and the installation of a new sound system with microphones on behalf of BATS, the latter being funded by a grant from the Parish Council. The 2017 Glastonbury Festival Volunteer Team raised £5,400 for the hall. Some of these funds have been used to repair the drainage problems outside the committee room, resolving previous flooding issues, with the balance earmarked for the refurbishment of the same area with replacement fencing, storage sheds and better wheelchair access. This will be the only major project for 2018 due to there being no festival this year. Hall charges remain competitive with hire income covering all of the day to day ongoing expenses. A small income surplus is being used to purchase another 20 purple chairs to support large event bookings. Bev Newton was thanked for her excellent cleaning standards, which is noted by many hirers. The volunteer trustees continue to work tirelessly towards ensuring the hall remains a valuable asset for the village and are grateful to the Parish Council for their ongoing support.</p> <p><b>No other village group reports received.</b></p>
103/17	<p><b>Public Discussion:</b> Pat Read praised NO for the manner in which he runs the Parish Council meetings and in making the public feel that they have been listened to.</p>
	<p>Thank you for the reports received. The meeting closed at 7.16pm.</p> <p>These minutes are signed as a true and accurate record of events.</p> <p>Signed: ..... (Chairman)      Dated:.....</p>