



# Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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## FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30pm in Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

Item	Parish Councillors Present: Kevin Aldred (Acting Chairman (KA), Tim Wilton (TW), Matthew Hoskins (MH), Ms Phillippa Chapman(PC), Fred Shotter (FS), Simon Stranger (SS), Mrs Linda Munster (LM) Dorset Councillors Present: 0 Members of the public: There was 1 member of the public present Members of the press: There were no members of the press present In attendance: Parish Clerk: Sandra Mackintosh (SM), Rowlo: Martin Hibbert (MHT), Internal Auditor; Pat Read (PT)	Action
	<p><b>Public Session:</b> Members of the public raised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for an update on Brains Farm’s proposed anaerobic digestion plant and haulage routes. Cllr Walsh recently advised the clerk that Steve Savage at Dorset Council has confirmed that neither South Somerset Council or the applicant have approached him regarding discussion/agreement of haulage routes to and from the plant to date.</li> <li>Build-up of mud and leaves on Church Hill in Buckhorn Weston is blocking drains and creating hazardous conditions and should to be cleared.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Contact Dorset Council regarding clearance of blocked drains and mud/leaves.</b></p>	RG
60/19	<b>Apologies:</b> Roger Gosney, Nigel Osborne	
61/19	<b>To approve the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019:</b> Cllr Hoskins proposed that “the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019 should be approved as a correct record of the meeting.” Cllr Mrs Munster seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b> The Chairman duly signed the minutes.	
62/19	<b>Matters Arising from the previous minutes:</b> None	
63/19	<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	
64/19	<b>Dorset Councillor’s report:</b> Cllrs Walsh, Ridout and Potheary were unable to attend however, Cllrs Walsh and Ridout submitted reports covering several items including the newly adopted Dorset Mineral Site’s Plan, climate change and planning. The reports were circulated to the council prior to the meeting. Full copies are available on request from the clerk.	
65/19	<b>Police report:</b> PCSO Biggs was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a report advising of a recent theft of milk churns and a motorcycle in Buckhorn Weston and theft of handbags and purses from shoppers in Waitrose, Gillingham. Residents are advised to be vigilant and with Christmas approaching, not leave presents and shopping on display in cars, to keep vehicles locked at all times and to remove all valuables.	
66/19	<b>Chairman’s report:</b> No report received.	
67/19	<b>Financial Reports:</b> <b>Responsible Financial Officer’s report:</b> All of the annual grant requests have been received and the community groups have expressed their gratitude to the Parish Council for their ongoing support. Buckhorn Weston Village Community Trust submitted a request, along with copies of	

<p>67/19.1</p> <p>67/19.2</p>	<p>invoices, for the £666.65 capital grant which has been paid. The report, accounting statement and bank reconciliation were circulated prior to the meeting, copies of which are available on request from the clerk.</p> <p><b>To receive and approve the accounts and payments for the period of 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 including salaries and associated accounts:</b> Cllr Aldred proposed to “approve the accounts and payments for the period of 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 including salaries and associated accounts.” Cllr Ms Chapman seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b></p> <p><b>Bank Reconciliation:</b> The current account balance is £9687.45. The NS&amp;I account balance is £4932.50. Payments received to date are £9948.38. Total payments out so far this financial year are £7880.20.</p> <p><b>To receive the precept forecast in consideration of the next financial year 2020/21:</b> The proposed precept for the next financial year was circulated prior to the meeting. Having calculated the anticipated expenditure and existing reserves, the precept is recommended to remain the same as the last two years. (The anticipated expenditure includes the starting costs plus contingency for the stopping up at Five Bridges which may or may not occur in 2020/21). Councillors were invited to consider, with a balanced approach to expenditure across both villages, and comment on the proposed precept in time for January’s meeting.</p>	
<p>68/19</p> <p>68/19.1</p> <p>68/19.2</p> <p>68/19.3</p>	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><b>To receive decision notices from Dorset Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarr Cottage, Symphony Farm to Quarr Cross – Lane, SP8 5PA. Erect two storey extension (demolish existing single storey extensions) = approved (2/2019/0883/HOUSE)</li> <li>• New Barn Farm, Tunnel Head, Sandley, SP8 5DZ. Erect 1 no. dwelling and create 2 no. additional parking spaces (demolish existing barn) = withdrawn (2/2019/1014/FUL)</li> <li>• Honeysuckle Cottage, Tunnel Head, Sandley, SP8 5EA. Erect raised deck area = approved (2/2019/0876/HOUSE)</li> <li>• Land at E378449 N121922, Higher Farm, Fifehead Hill, Fifehead Magdalen. Construct solar farm and associated development including perimeter fencing, CCTV cameras and landscaping = refused (2/2019/0470/FUL)</li> </ul> <p><b>To consider application 2/2019/1220/FUL Weston Fields, Symphony Farm to Quarr Cross - Lane, Buckhorn Weston, SP8 5PB. Demolish existing agricultural barns currently approved for the change of use to residential and erect 1 no. dwelling with garage. Retain 4 No parking spaces:</b> The proposal was considered to be a large building with an annexe, garage and parking and with the barns already having approval for change of use, it would be very hard to turn down. Cllr Ms Chapman proposed that the ‘Parish Council have no objection to this application provided the design and materials are in keeping with the surrounding area, that consideration be given to the layout and density of the building being smaller/softer as it is currently overwhelming the plot and that any harm to the environment be alleviated by the requirement of landscaping to the surrounding area to mitigate its visual impact as the proposed dwelling is large and overbearing.’ Cllr Aldred seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b></p> <p><b>Action: Submit comments to Dorset Council.</b></p> <p><b>To receive an update/report regarding the pros and cons of a neighbourhood plan and consider whether to proceed (KA):</b> KA advised that grant funding of up to £27,000 is available and an expression of interest could be submitted however, recent correspondence from Cllr Walsh states that Neighbourhood plan groups need the support from the Local Authority which at present they are unable to give due to being overstretched and facing a tight time limit for their own Single Plan which is their priority. They are advertising for more planning officers. KA stated that although there is not much hope of producing a plan at this stage, as one cannot put in for funding without first speaking to county, he will persevere and when possible put this motion forward for a vote. In the meantime, he will contact Motcombe parish council for suggestions/advice.</p> <p><b>Action: Contact Motcombe Parish Council for suggestions/advice.</b></p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>KA</p>
<p>69/19</p> <p>69/19.1</p>	<p><b>Other Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Highways:</b> RG submitted a report advising the council of the following:</p>	

69/19.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset Council confirmed the meeting to decide the top ten areas going forward for speed reductions would be held on 22nd October. Although Buckhorn Weston has dropped to 13<sup>th</sup> place, it was considered that the rankings were unlikely to change again before the meeting and that Buckhorn Weston should move forward with Kington Magna, currently positioned at 8<sup>th</sup> place, as it is a joint application.</li> <li>• Surface water overflowing from the manhole on Church Hill in Kington Magna remains. DC have ordered a machine to drill through the calcite blocking the manhole therefore avoiding damage to the road.</li> <li>• Flooding at Filly brook was reported. DC are currently overwhelmed with flooding issues but will deal with the suspected culvert blockage as soon as possible.</li> <li>• Same applies to Stour Hill Crossroads.</li> <li>• Concerns have been raised regarding the excessive amount of mud left on the roads by agricultural vehicles and the lack of attempts to clean them. DC advise complaints should be directed to the police.</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Footpaths (MHT):</b> No major issues to report. The footpath north of Barton Hill is scheduled to be unblocked within the month and a stile has been installed on the footpath at Tower House. Volunteer work continues and MHT is keen to introduce an ‘adopt a footpath’ scheme whereby local volunteers sign up to walk a particular path, or two, on a regular basis whilst carrying out some minor cutting back and reporting any problems encountered. Tools will need to be provided by the Parish Council, (secateurs, gloves and high vis jackets), with the estimated £200 cost being covered by fundraising such as the Waitrose scheme. Additional funds are also required to pay for the millennium walk replacement notice board which is intended to come from the same funding source. Walkabout walks are being looked into as a way of putting the local area on the map. Oak fingerposts, as previously approved, are on the list to be installed in Kington Magna.</p>	
70/19	<p><b>Nyland - including light overspill at Henstridge update (FS):</b> No issues to report in Nyland. The lighting from Henstridge has reduced a bit but is still not compliant. FS has written to the new case officer and is waiting for a response. Councillors considered that appealing to the better nature of the companies in question may be a way forward; explaining the number of resident complaints and offering to provide free advice on how to resolve this issue for everyone’s benefit. KA thanked FS for all of his efforts regarding this matter.</p>	
71/19 71/19.1  71/19.2	<p><b>Kington Magna:</b>  <b>Kington Magna Play Area – to consider grant application towards replacement of equipment:</b> MH advised that some of the play equipment will need replacing and the recent notification of grant funding could be useful. Cllr Ms Chapman proposed the ‘Parish Council submit an application for grant funding’. Cllr Aldred seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b>  <b>Action: Complete and submit an application for funding.</b></p> <p><b>Receive quote for the cleaning of stonework and lettering of Kington Magna war memorial and consider source of funding:</b> No quote received to date.  <b>Action: Chase up quote.</b></p>	<p><i>Clerk &amp; MH</i></p> <p><i>FS</i></p>
72/19	<p><b>Update from climate change emergency meeting attended by RG and FS on 9<sup>th</sup> October and consider inviting Cllr Ray Brian to attend January’s meeting to elaborate further (FS):</b> FS and RG attended the meeting at which time Simon Hoare MP took several questions from the floor and will report back. FS will attend the Dorset Town and Parish Council Climate Emergency Advice Seminar on 19<sup>th</sup> November where advice will be given as to how a Parish Council can respond to the emergency. Cllr Ms Chapman proposed that the ‘Parish Council invite Cllr Ray Brian to the next Parish Council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> January and elaborate on this subject and how residents can do their bit’. Cllr Aldred seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b> It was considered that the Parish Council should promote and encourage residents to attend the meeting in January.  <b>Action: Invite Cllr Ray Brian to make a presentation on climate change at the next parish council meeting in January.</b></p>	<p><i>FS</i></p>
73/19	<p><b>Update on Dorset Council requirements for a TPO on the Yew Tree and whether to proceed with an application (SS):</b> SS has heard back from the tree team at DC and further information</p>	

	regarding the Yew tree is required. Having obtained the necessary details, SS will contact DC again and report back on this matter at the next meeting.	
74/19	<p><b>Update on parish and town council workshop regarding an effective working relationship between all councils in Dorset (FS):</b> FS attended the workshop. The intent is to develop working relationships between the new Dorset Council and Town and Parish Councils, including the use of resources in an effective/efficient manner and working together to develop solutions to problems. Newly appointed Ward Councillors will act as the liaison between Dorset and the Town/Parish councils. Two particular items noted were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning – If the Parish Council make some qualifications that differ from the case officer then the application should go to committee not be determined by the case officer.</li> <li>• A list be compiled of all useful contacts. With the new Dorset Council it is not easy to know who to contact with respect to an item raised by either a resident or the Parish Council.</li> </ul> <p>A number of workshops are being held and the output from these will be collated and developed. SM confirmed the list of contacts has been received but is specified for clerks use only.</p>	
75/19	<p><b>Update on land next to railway line in Buckhorn Weston:</b> A new planning enforcement consultant has taken the lead on this matter. The enforcement office state they have met with the owner and the footpath officer for the area and are discussing with the owner various options which may mean they can use the land as they wish whilst clearing up the land and resolving the footpath issues. This may require the owner to submit an application to regularise the situation. The enforcement office are also considering legal aspects so as to form a planning judgment. The landowners have an objective which, in principle, is unlikely to be fulfilled/obtain planning support. The Council must reach a balanced planning decision which might steer applications or enforcement action. It cannot end in a stand-off and cause planning impact. Enforcement are thus working carefully through each consideration and will update the Parish Council in due course.</p>	
76/19	<p><b>Items for next agenda:</b>  Climate change presentation/update  Shutes Lane goat farm update with approved planning for mobile home due to expire.  Yew tree update regarding TPO application.  Light overspill from Henstridge.  Update on Henstridge Airfield Committee meeting.</p>	
77/19	<p><b>Matters Pertinent:</b> None</p>	
78/19	<p><b>Date of next Meeting:</b>  Full Council Meeting – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 7.30pm at Kington Magna Village Hall</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 21.01pm</p> <p>Signed.....Chairman Date .....</p>	

## Appendices

- A. Accounts and payments for the period of 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019
- B. RFO & Clerk's report
- C. Bank reconciliation 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019
- D. Proposed precept for financial year 2020/21
- E. District Councillor's reports
- F. Highways report

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