



# Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF BUCKHORN WESTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 at 7pm in Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

1	<p>The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed those present to the meeting.</p>
	<p><b>Present:</b> Roger Gosney (Chairman (RG), Nigel Osborne (NO), Kevin Aldred (KA), Tim Wilton (TW), Ms Phillippa Chapman (PC), Mrs Linda Munster (LM), Matthew Hoskins (MH), Fred Shotter (FS) Plus the following: Members of the Public: approx. 65 In attendance: Parish Clerk: Sandra Mackintosh</p>
2	<p><b>Approval of minutes:</b> The minutes from the previous Buckhorn Weston APM held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019, having been previously circulated, were approved, signed and dated by the Chairman.</p>
3	<p><b>Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council:</b> The Chairman stated that business has continued as usual and that the Parish Council have been actively involved with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speed limits for both villages are proceeding and on course. There will be a priority consultation involving responses from the Parish Council, County Councillors and the police after which a public consultation will take place. Work may then start on the draft traffic order and, depending on the consultation response, signs could be installed either in the autumn of this year or spring 2021.</li><li>• Light pollution from the Henstridge industrial units is a concern to Nyland, in particular, but also to Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna. Ongoing discussions are taking place with South Somerset District Council in an effort to reduce the amount of light overspill and a SSDC environmental officer is attending the full council meeting to discuss this matter in more detail.</li><li>• Currently generating information on the production of a neighbourhood plan in an effort to try to establish control of future planning.</li></ul> <p>The Parish Council are concentrating their efforts in these areas and intend to pursue these items into the next year. It was noted that the last few months have been very wet and a lot of maintenance has taken place in the villages. This issue has affected the entire county and resources have been stretched however, thanks to the Parish Council's close relationship with the Highways Community Officer, the parish villages get a fair share of support from Dorset Council.</p>
4	<p><b>Reports from Buckhorn Weston Clubs and Organisations</b></p> <p><b>BW Village Hall</b> – The Chairman, Bev Osborne, and her Glastonbury Festival Stewarding team raised thousands of pounds which they donated to the village hall charity. The donation has allowed for a complete refurbishment of all three toilet facilities, (replacement urinals, toilets, sinks, taps, splashbacks and flooring), plus new LED lighting throughout the building and car park and new stage curtains. The toilets will soon be redecorated. Further fund raising continues with a monthly quiz and several events lined up throughout the year with all monies raised used to fund ongoing improvements. The trustees are grateful for the Parish Council's grant towards the cost of replacement facilities in the gents.</p> <p><b>BW Church</b> – During 2019, three morning services were held each month. Refurbishment of gates and walls</p>

has taken place with 14<sup>th</sup> century stones having been found in the wall. The bells project will hopefully be completed by the end of March, (the bells will be available to view before being put up), after which the clock will be reinstated. The church are thankful to the Parish Council for the grant awarded towards this project. The PCC are hoping to install a servery area in the church so fund raising is ongoing but on a smaller scale. The children's group Munchkins continues every week but there is a desperate need for helpers so volunteers are most welcome. The church market has stopped but will now continue in the church as an individual market. Grass cutting around the church is done by volunteers and the cemetery is cut by contractors, the cost of which is covered by the Parish Council's annual maintenance grant for which the PCC is very grateful.

**Art Group** – This small group continues to flourish into its sixth year. Ideally, the group is kept to 12 members, who come from as far as Blandford, and currently there is space for one person to join. There is no teacher involved but there is a very talented person who helps and guides the members. The group meets during school term times so no meetings take place in August although there is an art related day out and picnic at the end of the summer. A Christmas lunch outing is also held. The group very much appreciate the facilities provided by BW village hall, which they consider to be of a high standard.

**Bowls Club** – The club continues to play several times a week, with many members coming from Gillingham, and expressed their gratitude to the village hall for accommodating their equipment on the premises. They are currently looking for new players to join.

**BW Cricket Club** - The club is in good shape, both operationally and financially, and thanks were expressed for the Parish Council's grant towards new benches in the clubhouse. The club has four sides including an under 13s team, which is professionally coached, and a Sunday side playing mostly friendlies. Evening social games take place in the week and there is a flourishing new ladies team, the LBW's, which is a major new achievement. All comers are welcome to the upcoming events which include a ladies day (17<sup>th</sup> May) and the men's 6 a side and open day (13<sup>th</sup> June) when Pam Maynard and her family will be presenting a bell in memory of Tony Maynard. There will not be a Cricket Club Ball in 2020. The club conveyed their gratitude to those people who help the club financially.

**Kington Singers** – The group is not a church choir but includes people who like to sing for fun, with the occasional public performance, whilst bringing people together from local villages. They are currently looking for new members.

**BWVCT** – The primary aim of the trust is to maintain the village green. 2019 saw the removal of dead trees and hedge laying, general mowing / strimming of the green, repairs to the bridge to the fort and the fort and swings areas laid with a special safety surface at considerable expense. The third Burns Night was a success and special thanks were given to John McPherson for the 'Loyal Address' and to all volunteers who helped. The Gig on the Green was also successful and was held in aid of the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and the BWVCT. Thanks were expressed to a Syrian refugee couple, now living in Gillingham, who volunteered to prepare and serve a Syrian BBQ. Into 2020, more dead tree removal is required as well as the general day to day maintenance and any interested volunteers are welcome. Replacement of the old tractor mower is planned and grants to assist this purchase will be sought. An expanded Gig on the Green will take place in September with an earlier start time, more music and food and any interested volunteers should contact Vicky Moore. The trustees expressed their gratitude to the Parish Council for their continued support and to those who take part in the 100 club which has raised more than £5,000 over 26 years.

**6 Public Discussion:** Stapleton Arms – Under the 2011 Localism Act, which allows communities to nominate places and spaces as an asset of community value, BWVCT has submitted an application to Dorset Council nominating the Stapleton Arms. The nomination was submitted in January 2020 and the application is currently being processed with a decision due by 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020. If approved, the status will be in place for 5 years. The pub is now for sale and although some people are willing to invest, the asking price is beyond that which they are prepared to pay. Through discussions with the owner, it has become apparent that purchasing the lease is not a viable option. The owner has indicated he wishes to sell the establishment as a pub.

Thank you for the reports received. The meeting closed at 7.32pm.  
These minutes are signed as a true and accurate record of events.

Signed: ..... (Chairman)      Dated:.....