



# Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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## FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Item		Action
	<p><b>Parish Councillors Present:</b> Roger Gosney (Chairman (RG), Nigel Osborne (Vice-Chairman (NO), Kevin Aldred (KA), Tim Wilton (TW), Matthew Hoskins (MH), Ms Phillippa Chapman(PC), Fred Shotter (FS), Mrs Linda Munster</p> <p><b>Dorset Councillors Present: 3</b></p> <p><b>Members of the public:</b> There were 20 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), IA: Pat Read</p>	
	<p><b>Public Session:</b> Members of the public raised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Personal items in the Stapleton Arms and how to get hold of them. Bob Farrand advised residents that he has the owner's contact details.</li><li>• Following on from the APM Parish Matters discussion, it was further clarified that the thrust of planning policy seems to want to maintain the facilities in the village rather than a change of use. The decision deadline for the ACV is March 18<sup>th</sup>. The owner is determined to sell and all avenues of a community purchase have been explored. It was suggested to broaden the appeal to a wider audience by looking for support from nearby villages.</li></ul>	
98/19	<b>Apologies:</b> Simon Stranger	
99/19	<b>To approve the minutes of the last Full Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020:</b> Cllr Aldred proposed that "the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on the 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 should be approved as a correct record of the meeting." Cllr Osborne seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b> The Chairman duly signed the minutes.	
100/19	<b>Matters Arising from the previous minutes:</b> RG advised that the railings at the Kington Magna bus shelter have been straightened. Only the bottom section of the bin remains which can perhaps be left in place or have a lid. The offer from a resident to plant up the bin was thought to be a great solution.	
101/19	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> <i>Members are required to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, section 27 disclosable pecuniary interests: None</i>	
102/19	<b>Dorset Councillor's report: Cllr Pothecary:</b> The council has approved their budget with a 3.99% rise to help the costs of children's services and adult social care. The Dorset Council plan and changes to the constitution have been approved. A peer review is taking place over the council's policies and services. DC has been awarded almost £500,000 of government funding towards rough sleeping and a share of £1 million to help with domestic abuse services. Cllr Pothecary has been designated as a Councillor Champion for domestic violence as well as for economic growth and development. <b>Cllr Ridout:</b> Climate change enquiry days took place with members of the public presenting their ideas. DC members approved the first pay policy statement for Dorset Council in 2020/21. Along with the Dorset Local Plan, a review of the Community Infrastructure Levy is taking place with two papers going to Cabinet in Spring 2020. A bee and butterfly garden, platform 2 at Gillingham station, may start in the summer. A DC led bid has been awarded £4.3m with the aim of delivering a cost effective and sensitive mobile infrastructure to rural businesses	

	and communities. <b>Cllr Walsh:</b> Following a peer review issues with planning validation were acknowledged and the IT system noted as lacking; one system will be in place by September. The priority for planning is pushing forward with the Local Plan. The access road to the southern extension will be built in June/July. Cllr Walsh has been designated a member champion for the military, travelling around the country collating views to take to cabinet for national policy. Copies of reports are available on request.	
103/19	<b>Police report:</b> No PCSO in attendance, no report received.	
104/19	<b>Chairman's report:</b> RG reported that the 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. The Buckhorn Weston zone will start from three points; Shave Hill/Shutes Lane junction, Templecombe Lane near the entry sign to the village and between the railway bridge and Hartmoor Hill. Concerns are ongoing regarding the light pollution/nuisance from the Henstridge industrial units and RG was pleased to welcome Mr Rupert Williamson to the meeting who will be speaking about this matter later. KA is looking into the possibility of producing a neighbourhood plan and LM found a copy of the previous parish plan which had involved a lot of research.	
105/19	<b>Clerk &amp; Responsible Financial Officer's report:</b> The report, accounting statement and bank reconciliation were circulated prior to the meeting, copies are available on request from the clerk.	
105/19.1	<b>To receive and approve the accounts and payments for the period of 1<sup>st</sup> January to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 including salaries and associated accounts:</b> Cllr Gosney proposed to "approve the accounts and payments for the period of 1 <sup>st</sup> January to 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 including salaries and associated accounts." Cllr Aldred seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b> <b>Bank Reconciliation:</b> The current account balance is £8339.52. The NS&I account balance is £4971.96. Payments received to date are £10283.60. Total payments out so far this financial year are £9523.89.	
106/19	<b>Update and discussion with Mr Rupert Williamson on Henstridge industrial estate light pollution:</b> Mr Williamson, an environmental health officer from South Somerset District Council, was in attendance to answer questions regarding the light emanating from the Henstridge industrial units. He advised that environmental health are concerned with the statutory nuisance aspect, (where the light materially effects the enjoyment of your home - case law being can you read a newspaper in your home by the light shining in), and planning deals with light pollution from an ecological standpoint (whereby one can enjoy the night sky). In this instance the situation is light pollution. The EQ7 is used to inform the local plan and all SSDC planning officers have been reminded to carefully consider this issue under material considerations. In the case of sites without a planning condition, officers will attempt to liaise with the companies to try to reduce the amount of pollution. In the instance of a condition, the environmental health department monitors and engages with the occupiers to reach a resolution. In essence, positive action has resulted from the Parish Council's meeting held with SSDC in January.	
107/19	<b>Planning:</b>	
107/19.1	<b>To receive decision notices from Dorset Council:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peasedene, Shave Hill, Buckhorn Weston. Erect 1 no. 2 storey side extension, 1 no. single storey rear extension and 1 no. single storey front extension = approved (2/2019/1645/HOUSE)</li> </ul>	
107/19.2	<b>To consider amended application 2/2019/1481/FUL, Land at E376250 N125235, Shepherds Hill, Buckhorn Weston, Dorset: Change of use of land to station 1 no. shepherds hut, create 1 no. parking space and install treatment plant:</b> KA noted the application has only changed slightly. He has spoken to the case officer who explained that a change of use can only be applied to the whole field and not to a specific section of the field. As this was the main objection to the original application, the implementation of a curtilage to define the boundary of the shepherds hut and car parking area was considered along with the condition that only one hut and one vehicle be on site at any given time. Concerns were raised regarding the change of use possibly opening up	

107/19.3	<p>housing development at a later date but Cllr Walsh reminded councillors that the land was still in the country setting. Cllr Aldred proposed the “Parish Council support the application with the inclusion of a curtilage and conditions for the number of huts, vehicles and landscaping”. Cllr Wilton seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b>  <b>Action: Produce consultee comments for agreement.</b>  <b>Action: Submit comments to Dorset Council.</b></p> <p>The following consultee comments were agreed by email on a ‘reply all’ basis: “Buckhorn Weston &amp; Kington Magna Parish Council approve the application with the following conditions attached:  1. A curtilage being put into place around the shepherd’s hut and parking area, preferably made from stock proof fencing. 2. Only 1 shepherds hut and 1 vehicle to be on site at any given time.  3. Light landscaping installed, particularly around the parking zone, to maintain the privacy of the neighbouring property at Vespers Hollow”.</p> <p><b>To consider application 2/2020/0179/FUL, Hartmoor Hill Farm, Hartmoor Hill, Buckhorn Weston, SP8 5HE: Conversion of agricultural building to a dwelling house:</b> The applicant stated that planning permission is already in place but the new proposal submitted was more sympathetic to the building. Cllr Aldred proposed the “Parish Council support this application as the materials being used are in keeping with the existing building, the dwelling does not encroach on the privacy of others and an existing track can be used for access.” Cllr Gosney seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b>  <b>Action: Submit comments to Dorset Council.</b></p>	<p><b>KA&amp; NO Clerk</b></p>
108/19	<p><b>Update on Local Plan event held at Dorchester on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February (KA) and agree feedback for submission to Dorset Council:</b> KA suggested a local plan may be the better option as the Parish Council can recognise development sooner, rather than later, and have it included in the Dorset Local Plan being taken to cabinet in 2023. A neighbourhood plan is quite different and will take much longer. RG proposed a separate informal meeting be arranged to discuss the merits of both plans in more detail and to include Cllr Walsh as an attendee. KA will also invite another from Dorset Council.  <b>Action: Arrange a meeting date.</b></p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p>109/19 109/19.1</p> <p>109/19.2</p>	<p><b>Other Reports:</b>  <b>Highways:</b> RG submitted a report advising the council of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed limits have begun – see above under Chairman’s report</li> <li>• Work to the surface water leak at one of the gulleys on Church Hill, Kington Magna, has not resolved the issue. Dorset Council have referred the matter to the contractors who installed the new pipes.</li> <li>• The vehicle activated sign is still not working at Stour Hill. DC are hoping to meet the manufacturer on site by the end of this week.</li> <li>• Routine maintenance has continued but has been constrained by the county wide wet weather and flooding.</li> </ul> <p>Pot holes were reported at the junction of Weston Street and Church Hill in Buckhorn Weston and further pot holes have developed half way up the same hill. Residents were advised to report them online. KA cleaned out 12 gulleys, the cause of flooding at the bottom of Shutes Lane, but further rodding out is required. The next field down at the bottom of Quarr is also flooded due to lack of maintenance by the landowner.  <b>Action: Report blocked gulleys to Dorset Council Highways.</b></p> <p><b>Public Footpaths (MHT):</b> MHT reported blocked footpaths north of Barton Hill will be sorted when the ground dries out and the possible installation of steps being considered for a slippery path on the Millennium Walk between Church Hill and Barton Hill. Complaints continue regarding the footpaths across the land by the railway line in Buckhorn Weston and a path is blocked by slurry between Hartmoor Hill and the railway line. Elsewhere, budgets have been agreed for repair work to the stone bridge on the county border at Nyland, (the bridge remains usable), and the replacement of three stiles with gates on the White Hart Link near Tanners Yard. The ‘adopt a path’ scheme has started in Kington Magna and Buckhorn Weston’s is intended to launch in April. Volunteer work is carried out every Tuesday. Walking for health continues to be</p>	<p><b>KA</b></p>

	popular and the Ramblers are introducing a shorter walks programme one Saturday morning each month starting in April. Anyone interested in joining either of these should contact MHT.	
110/19	<b>Nyland (FS):</b> Nothing to report other than DC highways have cleared the ditches.	
111/19	<b>Kington Magna - Update on cleaning of stonework and lettering of Kington Magna war memorial:</b> The work has been carried out for the sum of £60.00. The contractor, who also maintains the cemetery, notified RG of an impending increase in his hourly rate which will be the first increase for several years. Cllr Gosney proposed "the Parish Council accept the new hourly rate provided it is within reason". Cllr Osborne seconded, the vote was unanimous. <b>Resolved.</b>	
112/19	<b>Update on application for a TPO on the Yew Tree (SS):</b> No further progress.	
113/19	<b>Update on Shutes Lane goat farm and expiry of mobile home unit ref. ENF/2019/0185:</b> KA visited the site and noted that footings have been laid but the area is very untidy. A discussion with the owner confirmed the non-attendance of the enforcement officer to date. As KA has been unable to make contact with the officer, Cllr Potheary offered to raise this matter with the enforcement officer when she next sees him. In the meantime, KA will return to the site in six months in the hope that the land has been cleared and the mobile unit removed in accord with the expired planning permission.	
114/19	<b>Update on land next to railway line in Buckhorn Weston ENF/2011/0101:</b> Following on from the enforcement officer's update at the end of January, whereby a site visit was planned in the hope of gauging any progression on the reduction of visual impact, there is now no proposed site inspection for the time being. A report is currently being finalised with a recommendation for a watching brief of the land which will probably feature in future resourcing as soon as a Planning Enforcement Manager is in place.	
115/19	<b>Items for next agenda:</b> Presentation from Cllr Ridout regarding climate change and the reduction of carbon footprint	
116/19	<b>Matters Pertinent:</b> None	
117/19	<b>Date of next Meeting:</b> Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020, 7pm at Kington Magna Village Hall Annual Parish Council Meeting on Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020, 7.30pm at Kington Magna Village Hall	
	Meeting closed at 21.17pm	
	<b>Signed</b> .....Chairman <b>Date</b> .....	

## **Appendices**

- A. Dorset Councillor's reports
- B. RFO & Clerk's report
- C. Accounts and payments for the period of 1<sup>st</sup> January to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- D. Bank reconciliation 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- E. Highways report
- F. Rowlo report

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