



Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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MINUTES OF KINGTON MAGNA ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Held on Monday 6th September 2021 at 7pm in Kington Magna Village Hall

1	The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed those present to the meeting.
	Present: Phillippa Chapman (Chairman (PC), Roger Gosney (RG), Mrs Linda Munster (LM), Mr Fred Shotter (FS), Simon Stranger (SS), Kevin Aldred (KA), Anna Grant (AG) Members of the Public: 0 In attendance: Parish Clerk: Sandra Mackintosh
2	Apologies: Parish Councillors: None
3	Approval of minutes: The minutes from the previous Kington Magna APM held on the 13 th May 2019, having been previously circulated, were approved, signed and dated by the Chairman.
4	Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council: The Chairman stated that despite the restrictions of Covid and the last meeting being in 2019, business has continued, where possible, with meetings a mixture of socially-distanced “face to face” and Zoom. The Parish Council (PC) have been actively involved with the following: reviewing planning applications (some 17 or so for Kington Magna), a constant flow of reports, information bulletins and questionnaires from Dorset Council (DC), the Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils and CPRE – many of which have involved formulating an appropriate response and thanks were expressed to the Clerk for collating the comments and responding in good time. RG is due a well-deserved thanks for being Chairman for the last two years and for doing a wonderful job keeping DC and Highways up to the mark to ensure the local roads and drains are maintained in good order. He has also been instrumental in getting the 30mph speed limit in place, with the signs and decals on the roads. The PC are aware of concerns as to whether the limit is being observed and will be considering the feasibility of forming Speed Watch patrols to monitor drivers. Martin Hibbert and volunteers have continued with footpath maintenance, subject to Covid rules, and he has used his good relationship with the DC Footpaths Officer to get gates and stiles installed where needed. He is looking to hand over his role to someone else so interested parties should get in touch. The PC said “farewell” to Nigel Osborne, who stepped down as a Parish Councillor in March after some 15 years and the PC will miss his presence and input, latterly as Chairman and then Vice Chairman, but are very pleased that he has kindly agreed to continue managing the PC website. The PC has welcomed new councillors, Anna Grant representing Buckhorn Weston and Tom Riall representing Kington Magna, with the PC now back up to strength with five councillors per village. There are two key matters which the PC will be focussing on in the coming year. 1. A Neighbourhood Plan, for which the whole community will be consulted, and if the community decides to proceed with a Plan the PC will assist in the formation of a Steering Group and the drafting of a proposal to be made to the authorities. 2. RG, Matthew Hoskins and SS are keen to see enhancements to the Play Area which will involve some consultation/proposal and implementation work for them, taking account of the costs involved.
5	Reports from Kington Magna Clubs and Organisations

	<p>Defibrillator: Organisation of some 'defibshop' training is hoped for over the winter months.</p> <p>KM PCC: Due to the pandemic the church was closed for much of the year with income substantially reduced and ongoing costs of approximately £350 per week. A spring clean event in April attracted about 20 people to work on both inside the church and the churchyard. Refreshments were served and the building and grounds looked much better. Thanks go to RG for allowing trimmings to be deposited on his land. A Thanksgiving service planned for June was cancelled as lockdown was extended and singing could not take place. Events planned to the end of the year include: September - the Dorset Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride with RG riding his bicycle and John Floyd riding his horse. A garage sale will be held the same day. October - The Harvest Festival Service followed by a Harvest Supper. November - another Artisan Crafts & Coffee Morning. December - the Christmas Carol Service. November 20th will be the Progressive Supper. Do join in and perhaps be one of our hosts. An Open Gardens event held in July and an Artisan Crafts and Coffee Morning held in August successfully raised £2,500. Over £3,000 has been raised from the vegetable cart sales with thanks given to Alma for running it and to all who have donated to/bought from it. A number of repairs to the church are need with the first phase involving the sealing of water penetration around the Lady Chapel and the Chancel. Approvals and agreement on a builder are now in place with works due to start in October. Earlier in the year a leaflet was distributed providing some details and methods of giving a donation. The PCC are once again grateful to the PC for the grant towards the cost of strimming the churchyard.</p> <p>War Memorial: Maintenance takes place in the area around the memorial within the stone boundary. Mowing is done by Bramall Gardens Ltd on a needs basis. The roses planted in 2017 are doing well and are fertilized annually. Weeding and pruning will take place before the 11th November memorial ceremony. The Parish Council expressed their thanks for the continuing work and personal financial outlay.</p> <p>Ladies Group: The group have not met for the last eighteen months however, a tentative meeting will be held on September 9th to assess the situation.</p>
6	<p>Public Discussion: None.</p>
	<p>Thank you for the reports received full copies of which are available on request from the clerk. The meeting closed at 7.06pm.</p> <p>These minutes are signed as a true and accurate record of events.</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) Dated:.....</p>