



Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Monday 1st November 2021 at 7.30pm at Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

| Item | | Action |
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| | <p>Parish Councillors Present: Ms Phillippa Chapman (Chairman (PC), Roger Gosney (Vice-Chairman (RG), Tim Wilton (TW), Fred Shotter (FS), Mrs Linda Munster (LM), Mrs Anna Grant (AG), Matthew Hoskins (MH), Kevin Aldred (KA)</p> <p>Dorset Councillors Present: 2</p> <p>Members of the public: There were 9 members of the public present</p> <p>Members of the press: There were no members of the press present</p> <p>In attendance: Parish Clerk: Sandra Mackintosh (SM), ROWLO: Martin Hibbert (MHT)</p> | |
| | Public Session: No issues raised. | |
| 72/21 | To receive apologies for absence: Simon Stranger, Tom Riall, IA: Pat Read | |
| 73/21 | To approve and adopt the minutes of the last Full Council meeting held on 6th September 2021: Cllr Aldred proposed "the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 6 th September 2021 should be approved as a correct record of the meeting." Cllr Gosney seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved. The Chairman duly signed the minutes. | |
| 74/21 | Matters arising from the previous minutes: None | |
| 75/21 | Declarations of interest: <i>Members are required to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, section 27 disclosable pecuniary interests:</i> KA declared an interest in agenda item 80.21 vii. | |
| 76/21 | <p>Dorset Councillor's report: Cllr Walsh attended the meeting but had nothing further to add to Cllr Ridout's report. Cllr Ridout noted the CRG review closes on the October 28th. Covid cases have risen sharply in the county and caution should be maintained. Funding to unlock brownfield sites has been awarded to Dorset Council (DC). The carers Dorset Festival to celebrate unpaid carers takes place on November 25th. The results of the DC local plan consultation are being reviewed. Feedback concerning Gillingham, as an identified growth area, includes a need for redevelopment of the Station Road area, better pedestrian/transport connectivity and infrastructure to improve the High Street. 42 charging bays in 21 locations across DC have come online since March and performance data has begun to be received. Phase 2 will concentrate on installing points on-street, at Moors Valley and Durlston country parks and in public car parks, the nearest being Bell Street Car Park in Shaftesbury. A list of potential phase 2B sites are being drawn up which could be in larger villages. A library public consultation has begun and is available until 7th January on DC's website. Principle Street construction, as part of the Gillingham southern extension, is well under way. The Dorset Local Access Forum are looking for volunteers to improve Dorset's paths and open spaces. A full copy of the report is available on request from the clerk.</p> <p>Action: Inform both village halls regarding Phase 2B of electrical charging points.</p> | Clerk |
| 77/21 | Police report: PCSO Mullens has moved to rural crime however, PC Phil Sugrue 2146 is the PC responsible for this Parish. A web link has been provided to look at local crime statistics: www.police.uk. Cllr Ridout noted that attendance at PC meetings is all part of the police crime plan and as point 2, is a high priority. | |
| 78/21 | Chairman's report: PC expressed her gratitude to the clerk for all of the work that she does to enable the smooth running of parish council matters, a lot of which is done behind the scenes, and for the help she has provided to the Chairman as she settles into her role. Several planning applications are | |

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| | coming through the system and whilst the PC appreciate DC planning are under pressure with processes taking longer than usual, unfortunately Enforcement and Environmental Health are facing a similar fate. All councillors have been required to file an electronic Register of Interests which are going live on DC's website. As above, our PCSO has moved to the rural crime team so hopefully there will be a replacement soon. Cllr Walsh advised that a review will soon take place of enforcement. | |
| 79/21 | <p>Clerk & RFO Financial reports: The report, accounting statement, bank reconciliation and half yearly budget against expenditure summary were circulated prior to the meeting, copies are available on request from the clerk. £103.15 VAT has been reclaimed from HMRC.</p> <p>Bank Reconciliation: As at 31st October 2021, the current account balance was £18,327.97 (including the Neighbourhood Plan grant of £3,285.00). The Nationwide account balance was £5014.77. Payments received to date are £13,632.17. Total payments out so far this financial year are £5,799.40.</p> <p>i To receive and approve accounts and payments for the period 1st September to 31st October 2021, including salaries and associated account: Cllr Aldred proposed "the Parish Council approve the accounts and payments for the period of 1st September to 31st October 2021 including salaries and associated accounts." Cllr Hoskins seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>ii To consider precept/budget proposal for 2022/2023 and possible additional funding requirements for agreement and submission in January 2022: The precept and next financial year's budget proposal was circulated prior to the meeting. The figures illustrated include higher than normal expenditure, due to Five Bridges and village project funding already agreed, and greater reserves drawn down to keep the precept figure at the same level as the past few years. Councillors were asked to consider whether the figures presented require adjustment/possible additional funding requirements in time for January's meeting at which point they must be agreed.</p> <p>iii. To consider a request for payment of replacement batteries for Buckhorn Weston defibrillator – partial payment from village husbandry: Although not part of the agreed budget as the PC reimburse the expired pads only, a request for reimbursement was received due to the battery life having been shortened due to use. Cllr Aldred asked the clerk to forward the invoice to him for reimbursement from his masonic lodge.</p> <p>Action: Forward invoice to KA and inform BWVCT, provide contact details to both.</p> | Clerk |
| 80/21 | <p>Planning:</p> <p>i. To approve and adopt the minutes of the last planning meeting held on 27th September 2021: Cllr Aldred proposed "the minutes of the planning meeting held on the 27th September 2021 should be approved as a correct record of the meeting." Cllr Gosney seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.</p> <p>ii. To receive decision notices from Dorset Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weston Fields, Quarr, Buckhorn Weston, Siting of 10 no. ground mounted solar panels – granted P/FUL/2021/01072 • Coneygar Farm, Shutes Lane, Buckhorn Weston, Erection of extension and veranda and internal alterations to dwelling. Erection of an outbuilding to be used for home office – granted P/HOU/2021/01201 • Windyridge, Church Hill, Buckhorn Weston, Conversion of an existing roof space into a study – granted P/HOU/2021/01427 • Little Kington Cottage, Kington Magna, Erection of a detached garage, car port and store to replace an existing garage and summerhouse – granted P/HOU/2021/01848 • 2 Shepherds Hill, Buckhorn Weston, Erection of first floor extension – granted P/HOU/2021/02582 <p>iii. To consider application P/HOU/2021/03215, Orchard Hill, Church Hill, Buckhorn Weston, SP8 5HT, Erection of two storey and single storey extensions, extend dormers, install flue and carry out alterations including affixing cladding to elevations. Erect outbuilding with studio above. (Demolish extensions, porch, chimneys, garage, workshop and outbuildings): The applicant advised the style of timber cladding had not yet been decided but would provide additional insulation. The gable ends will probably remain rendered. Cllr Aldred proposed the 'Parish Council support this application as there is no overlooking, loss of privacy or light to neighbouring properties</p> | |

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| | <p>and the proposal does not alter the current situation with highways. Furthermore, the proposed layout will be an improvement on that which is in place and it is understood the applicants are currently investigating and keen to implement low carbon energy sources in line with the Government's aspirations for carbon neutrality.' Cllr Grant seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>iv. To consider application P/CLE/2021/03116, Dayspring House, Quarr Cross to Veseys Hole Hill – Lane, Buckhorn Weston, SP8 5PA, Certificate of Lawfulness to continue occupying the dwelling house without compliance with the agricultural occupancy condition: It was considered the application had a fair amount of explanatory paperwork. Cllr Walsh confirmed the certificate of lawfulness needs to be renewed and that the agricultural tie is not being removed. Cllr Aldred proposed the 'Parish Council support this application and confirm the applicants have been in occupancy for several years.' Cllr Mrs Munster seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>v. To consider application P/FUL/2021/02279, Weston Fields, Symphony Farm to Quarr Cross, Buckhorn Weston, SP8 5PB, Erect single storey extension to form a swimming pool, convert existing barn into a gym and boiler room. Erect walls and carry out landscaping works: It was noted the lack of a design and access statement was not helpful when trying to consider proposals. Cllr Walsh agreed but advised they are not a legal requirement. Cllr Ms Chapman proposed the 'Parish Council support this application. Being an amenity to the property, it does not give rise to traffic or parking issues and does not overlook or overshadow neighbouring properties. Although not a legal requirement, it is disappointing that no design and access statement was attached to the proposal along with a more detailed location plan, both of which would be a useful aid in determining the proposal.' Cllr Wilton seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>vi. To consider application P/LBC/2021/03283, Stone Cottage, Chapel Hill, Kington Magna, SP8 5ER, Replacement of windows and door: Being a listed building, the replacement windows and doors will be like for like. Cllr Gosney proposed the 'Parish Council support this application as the new windows and door will replace those which are nearing the end of their useful life. The replacements will be in keeping with the character of the dwelling and will not cause detriment to the existing building or listed building status.' Cllr Shotter seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>vii. To consider application P/FUL/2021/02758, Cross's Garage Templecombe Lane To Hartmoor Hill, Buckhorn Weston, SP8 5HF, Erection of 3no. detached dwellings and 4no. semi-detached dwellings & garage building. Form new vehicular and pedestrian access and provide estate road: Although the concept was considered to be much better, it was noted the plans were lacking in detail. After much discussion, concerns still remain regarding several issues. Cllr Walsh advised the previous application was refused primarily due to the site being in the countryside wash over and a query over the settlement boundary was not relevant due to countryside protection from planning. Cllr Hoskins proposed the 'Parish Council support this application provided further consideration is given to the following issues: The site should provide enough parking to prevent an overflow of cars parking in the village hall car park and, for safety reasons, the lane leading into the village. Good access in and out of the site should be provided for emergency services and Dorset Waste Partnership. The entrance may need a wider splay. Refer to highways for guidance. With the lack of visibility on the nearby bend under the railway bridge, the proposal should ensure highway safety for cars and pedestrians from the site and in and out of the village. A means of escape for surface water directed away from the highway should be sought to ensure the current road flooding issue is not exacerbated. Surface water should be dealt with on site and road levels lowered away from the public highway. Renewable energy sources should be utilised in line with the Government's aspirations for carbon neutrality and as parking spaces are in some cases remote from the property they serve, electric car battery charging points could be provided from the appropriate property. The applicants provide a guarantee that no street lighting will be introduced to the site and that any external lighting on properties shall be a) of the minimum necessary, and b) directed such that there is no light distribution above the horizontal or beyond the property from which it is provided. Provision is made for a proportion of dwellings to offer first option to villagers looking to downsize.</p> | Clerk |
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| | <p>Furthermore, on the basis that there is an opportunity to argue this proposal is sustainable, the Parish Council requests that this application be taken to planning committee for a decision.' Cllr Mrs Grant seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>Action: Submit comments to Dorset Council</p> | |
| 81/21 | <p>Neighbourhood plan update: Praise was given to LM and KA for the work they have done so far. It was noted the steering group should include two councillors from each village, (LM, KA, MH and TR), plus two volunteers from each village and that once formed, should then elect its chairman. Disappointment was raised at the lack of attendance from Kington Magna residents to the public meeting and that an additional presentation should be arranged. Cllr Hoskins proposed the 'Parish Council make an additional presentation at 7pm prior to the next full council meeting on 10th January 2022 at Kington Magna Village Hall.'" Cllr Aldred seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved. KA will make the presentation.</p> | |
| 82/21 | <p>Other reports:</p> <p>i. Highways report (RG):</p> <p>Kington Magna:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further work is needed to prevent storm water entering the affected property in Back Lane. This will involve raising the drop kerbs at the entrance. • Clearance of the ditches in Back Lane has gone back to 1st December at earliest due to the extent of such work needed throughout the county. • Felling of the ash tree which has die back, and pruning of the adjacent ash trees which are also affected overhanging the road near the top of Church Hill has been agreed with the landowner and work is expected to start very soon. <p>Buckhorn Weston:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The drainage works to the lower road at Filley Brook and its approaches is now also set back to 1st December at the earliest due to the extent of such work referred to above. The work will also include the ditches and gully chambers at the north side of the railway bridge which are overgrown and clogged and which can lead to flooding. • Clearing of the gully chambers at the bottom of Church Hill has already been done. <p>ii. Weston Street sign – when is it returning if not yet reinstalled? Reinstallation scheduled for Thursday, 4th November.</p> <p>iii. Update on the provision of a community speed watch and SID on Weston Street, Buckhorn Weston (AG): AG advised it is not just Weston Street but several points through the village. Ten volunteers have completed the forms and a training date is proposed for December 8th with group activation in January. There is a one off cost required for the speed watch equipment, including hi vis jackets and speed guns, of £320.00. Cllr Ms Chapman proposed the 'Parish Council pay for the speed watch equipment from the village husbandry budget'. Cllr Aldred seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>Action: Invoice addressed to the Parish Council to be provided to the clerk for payment.</p> <p>iv. Public Footpaths (MHT): MHT advised he will be stepping down next June. A replacement for each village is recommended with the main purpose being to develop a relationship with landowners to try and resolve issues. The two elm trees and large limb of an ash tree on the footpath behind Pill Meadow have been resolved and the stone arch bridge on the county boundary has been repaired by DC. New fencing has been erected on part of the Millennium path. An issue is barbed wire on the inside of the path and this will be looked at with DC. Some fencing has also been erected on the land by the railway line in Buckhorn Weston. The site has continuing difficulties but remains passable. Volunteer work continues. Please report any issues to the clerk.</p> | AG |
| 83/21 | <p>Nyland (FS): Nothing to report other than the weekend flooding which made Nyland Lane impassable.</p> | |
| 15 minute extension proposed by Cllr Ms Chapman, seconded by Cllr Mrs Munster. Agreed. | | |
| 84/21 | <p>Kington Magna (RG): The tree felling along the boundary of the play area has been completed with the owner of the trees on his side of the boundary agreeing to cover half of the cost. The chips have been used in the play area. Two separate invoices will be provided. A response has been received from the diocese regarding the KMPA extension with the amount of money required being more</p> | |

