



Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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MINUTES OF BUCKHORN WESTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Held on Monday 7th March 2022 at 7pm at Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

1	The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present to the meeting.
	Present: Ms Phillippa Chapman (Chairman (PCN), Roger Gosney (RG), Tim Wilton (TW), Mrs Linda Munster (LM), Fred Shotter (FS), Simon Stranger (SS), Tom Riall (TR), Kevin Aldred (KA) Plus the following: Members of the Public: 6 In attendance: Parish Clerk
2	Approval of minutes: The minutes from the previous Buckhorn Weston APM held on the 1 st March 2021, having been previously circulated, were approved, signed and dated by the Chairman.
3	Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council: The last two years have been strange. Thanks were given to Parish Councillors and the Clerk in continuing with “business as usual” with a mixture of socially-distanced “face to face” and Zoom meetings as well as increased emails and phone calls. Nigel Osborne stepped down as a Councillor in March after some 15 years. The members will miss his presence and input but are delighted that he continues to manage the PC website. Tom Rialls and Anna Grant (AG) joined as Councillors to represent Kington Magna and Buckhorn Weston respectively and the PC is now back up to full strength. PCN’s role as Chair of Parish Council began last May and RG agreed to take the Vice-Chair role. Activities and highlights over the last year include: A review of approximately 17 planning applications for each village, a continuous flow of reports, information bulletins and questionnaires from DC, DAPTC and CPRE with members’ responses being formulated and returned by the Clerk. Thanks were expressed for her good work. RG was also thanked for his role as Chairman for the two years up to May 2021 as well as liaising with DC and Highways to ensure that the village roads and drains are maintained in good order. He has also been instrumental in getting the 30mph speed limit in place together with the signs and decals on the roads. To ensure drivers comply, AG has formed a Speed Watch group to monitor drivers. The patrol has identified several monitoring sites and will continue with their efforts. A formal traffic assessment was carried out by Highways to determine whether the road between Sandley and Quarr might qualify for a 30mph speed restriction. DC determined “no need was demonstrated” at this time. Martin Hibbert and his volunteers have continued to maintain the footpaths and he has used his good relationship with the DC Footpaths Officer to get gates and stiles installed where needed. He is now looking to hand over his role to someone else so please get in touch if you are interested. All councillors have completed training for the new Code of Conduct which the PC adopted in line with Dorset District Council and all members were required to complete the new digital Register of Interest declaration which is recorded on the DC website. The lay-by area at Five Bridges on the A30 is currently free of travellers. The site is being monitored and discussions with DC and Stours PC continue with a view to the installation of a permanent “restriction of use” barrier. The PC submitted comments to DC as part of their Local Plan consultation. Particular concerns are how house building numbers are calculated. Changes and amendments are still taking place. The Parish Precept was agreed with the budget allowing the PC to keep the precept the same. FS has worked tirelessly to get SSDC to enforce their controls on light pollution from the industrial units around Henstridge Airfield. There appears to be a reluctance on their part but FS remains vigilant. Over the coming year the PC will be focussing on establishing whether the local community feels that a Neighbourhood Plan is the right thing for both villages.

	Meetings have been held and notes and a video are available to view on the PC website. Should the plan proceed, the PC will help with the formation of a Steering Group who in turn will carry out the legwork. The PC have retained consultants to provide expertise where needed.
4	Reports from Buckhorn Weston Clubs and Organisations
	<p>BW Church – In spite of another year of Covid restrictions, the Harvest Festival and Supper, Christingle service and Christmas Fayre were held whilst adhering to safe distancing. Munchkins is not able to restart due to a lack of volunteer helpers although there is the possibility that someone else may be willing to run the group from the autumn. The new bells have been rung on a few occasions but there are not enough ringers. Anyone who would like to learn bell ringing is welcome.</p> <p>BATS – The group has been fairly inactive over the last two years. A Pantomime was planned for February 2021 but was quickly abandoned in early 2020. Last December a light hearted ‘Nativity’ called ‘Bucklahem’ was performed in the barn at Court Farm courtesy of Rupert and Allison. £417.80 was raised and donated to the village green. Another Pantomime is hoped for but probably not this year.</p> <p>BW Cricket Club – The club is going from strength to strength. The ladies soft ball team won the Dorset County Championship. Playing numbers have increased and there is a full fixtures list. Grants have been obtained from Dorset Community and the English Cricket Board. The annual ball is planned for later this year.</p> <p>Ladies Group – The ladies have resumed their meetings on every second Tuesday of the month which usually involve talks, days out and occasional lunches. Currently there are about twenty members.</p> <p>Bowls – Games have resumed but due to a reduction in numbers the group are only playing twice a week, Tuesday evenings and Friday afternoons, with the occasional extra match. New members are welcome.</p> <p>Art Group – The art group meet at the village hall. It all works well and they are very happy with the set up in place.</p>
6	Public Discussion: Concerns were raised for the elderly, vulnerable and those not socially connected during the recent power shortage. It was felt there was a lack of communication and that more help could be provided through an emergency plan. The Parish Council will explore this topic at the next Full Council Meeting.
	<p>Thank you for the reports received. The meeting closed at 7.30pm. These minutes are signed as a true and accurate record of events.</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) Dated:.....</p>