



Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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MINUTES OF KINGTON MAGNA ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Held on Monday 9th May 2022 at 7pm in Kington Magna Village Hall

1	The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present to the meeting.
	Present: Ms Phillippa Chapman (Chairman (PCN), Roger Gosney (RG), Mrs Linda Munster (LM), Simon Stranger (SS), Mrs Anna Grant (AG), Tim Wilton (TW) Members of the Public: 5 In attendance: Parish Clerk: Sandra Mackintosh
2	To receive a report from PC Phil Sugrue: The old style reports systems have changed dramatically so drawing statistics down is not representative. It was suggested to look online for relevant data. Regarding the recent issues with graffiti, the offender was identified and made apologies. There were other concerns about the tagging of properties for burglary. PC Sugrue checked with several colleagues, many of them more experienced, who have never encountered this. Sand or chalk marks could be for ramblers or cyclists. It was emphasised that crime in this area is very rare, sporadic and opportunistic. A useful tool to keep abreast of crime in the county is through Dorset Alert at www.dorsetalert.co.uk . PCSO Victoria Biggs is back at rural crime. PC Sugrue and Mandy were thanked for their presentation and attendance.
3	Approval of minutes: The minutes from the previous Kington Magna APM held on the 6 th September 2021, having been previously circulated, were approved, signed and dated by the Chairman.
4	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 Rials and Anna Grant 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. 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 however, SS and PCN will act as liaison points for their respective villages. 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 install some sort of

	<p>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.</p>
5	<p>Reports from Kington Magna Clubs and Organisations</p>
	<p>Defibrillator: Defibrillator training took place in the village hall on 12th April and another session is planned for the autumn.</p> <p>KM PCC: Thanks were expressed to the PC for the donation towards the Jubilee trees which have been planted and look very good. The church is running as normal and will start the second phase of repairs this month.</p> <p>Ladies Group: The small but dedicated group has struggled through the pandemic and the various lockdowns and with many ladies isolating, it has been a challenge. This year it is hoped to stage a recovery with an exciting new programme aimed at rebuilding the membership. In spite of the difficulties, the past year has been good for interesting speakers and events. Several speakers were popular enough to encourage husbands to join. There was a full house for Christmas Wreath making with many wreaths later seen on village front doors and talks have included such topics as the River Cale and the ‘History and Good Works of Trinity House’. When there is no speaker, fun meetings take place with quizzes or crafts and there is always a delicious tea. The group have sufficient funds for this year, but will need to attract more members to remain viable into the future.</p> <p>Village Hall & Club: Two committee members have left however two new committee members have joined and have been extremely proactive with various maintenance work. There are a total of four, all volunteers, who now refer to themselves as the ‘maintenance committee’ which is led by the secretary. One of the members does intend to move on in the future at which point the committee may struggle with recruiting volunteers, especially for the bar and coping with skittles nights which pays for the upkeep of the hall/club, and it may be the case that the committee will have to come to PC then to discuss their future. Currently, they are financially ok. The fish and chip night works well.</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 7.35pm. These minutes are signed as a true and accurate record of events.</p> <p>Signed: (Chairman) Dated:.....</p>