



Buckhorn Weston and Kington Magna Parish Council

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MINUTES OF BUCKHORN WESTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Held on Monday 6th March 2023 at 7pm at Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

1	The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
	Present: Ms Phillippa Chapman (Chairman (PCN), Roger Gosney (RG), Tim Wilton (TW), Mrs Linda Munster (LM), Fred Shotter (FS), Tom Riall (TR), Kevin Aldred (KA), Mrs Anna Grant (AG) Plus the following: Members of the Public: 3 In attendance: Parish Clerk
2	Approval of minutes: The minutes from the previous Buckhorn Weston APM held on the 7 th March 2022, having been previously circulated, were approved, signed and dated by the Chairman.
3	Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council: Over the last a year the community has been “getting back to normal” with people happier to venture out again. A large focus for the Parish Council has been, and continues to be, the Neighbourhood Plan work with thanks to LM and the Steering Group for their efforts. If any resident has a query or would like clarification, please contact LM or a member of the Steering Group. The Buckhorn Weston Speed Watch Group has had a successful year, although some may feel recording less speeders would be better! The Clerk has done sterling work with chasing up on Enforcement issues and RG has kept Highways on their toes and established a good working relationship with the individuals who are responsible for our villages. Unfortunately the most recent, Enrico, has moved to another role and we await news of his replacement. RG has also ensured that our signposts are kept maintained - the new one on the corner of Weston Street is now in place. Finally, a big “thank you” to Nigel Osborne who continues to manage the Parish Council website even though he is no longer a Parish Councillor.
4	Reports from Buckhorn Weston Clubs and Organisations BW Church: The PCC were looking forward to a year of normality when the vicar passed away unexpectedly. The position for a replacement has been advertised but without success to date. It will be re-advertised after Easter. The vicarage has been let on a six month lease. The benefice administrator has dealt with that side of things and some retired members of clergy and diocesan priests have been taking the monthly communion services in each of the parishes with one priest led and one lay led service each month. Regular fund raising and social events, (coffee mornings, the fete, harvest supper and jumble sale), are being held again. The benefice has leased a new printing machine and it is intended to be made available for other groups to use at a lower cost than commercial printers – fees to be confirmed. The mother and toddler group is now permanently closed. The church bells are unable to be rung due to a lack of volunteers. Anyone wanting to learn should contact the PCC. BATS: The December production of ‘It Ain’t Half Cold’ performed by Buckhorn Amateur Theatrical Society, was a triumph. The script achieved laughter and the show raised money for two local charities - the Village Green and Air Ambulance are both to be given £100 each from the evening. Many thanks to all of the stage crew, actors and front of house for bringing together the community. BATS was founded in 1994 by local villagers and puts on comedies, pantomimes and plays. Anyone interested in being involved should contact BATS through the Facebook page. BW Cricket Club: The LBWS ladies team retained the Port Regis softball league trophy, won the 100 Cup (a

knockout competition held across Dorset) and were placed 2nd in their first season at the Dorset Women's Super 8s Hardball League. They continue to gain confidence on the pitch and this year will take on the Somerset leagues as well. All Stars and Dynamos junior training sessions were run for children aged 4 – 11 with some 45 children registered. The sessions will continue again this year with the teams also entered into the Dorset leagues. The club received a £10,000 grant last year which was spent on roadway improvements, benches and chairs and hopes to receive another grant this year towards robotic mowers. A full season is being lined up with matches during the week and weekends and all are invited to come along and watch or get involved.

BW Village Hall: There has been a gradual build-up of hirers back to their regular activities with fees being waived for one year for local charities who had struggled to raise funds over lockdown. £2,000 was donated to BWVCT towards the replacement mower and the hall committee are grateful for the good working relationship established with them. Recent improvements have included new curtains throughout and works to the entrance gateway. Further intended improvements will be the replacement of the soffits and new, more efficient radiators in the hall. Thanks to Bev Osborne and her Glastonbury stewarding team, significant funds are raised and donated to the hall which enable the building to be kept in a good state of repair.

BW Village Green: Thanks to generous contributions received from all corners of the village community, a new mower was purchased. Trustees mow the site at least 20 times a year with the new machine being faster and tidier and without the constant worry of breakdowns and costly parts replacement. The seesaw is being re-made by replacing the rotted wooden beam with a long-lasting steel version. Small repairs are also taking place to other items of play equipment. Much fencing has been replaced recently, some further fencing and gates will be replaced in the coming weeks, and repair and top up with topsoil and seed maintains the turf surface to help reduce the risk of injury. In January some renovation/removal of brambles from the 'wildlife area' below the Village Hall was carried out and the Village Hall car park tidied up. Additional improvements are intended with further planting of native bulbs, wildflowers and more dead wood log piles. Fund raising continues and in the coming year Nick Brook has volunteered to walk or run another +/- 700 miles to raise funds for new equipment, details to follow. The committee is very grateful for the support and annual grant offered by the Parish Council and also expressed thanks to BATS and the Cricket Club Conker Day for their support. Insurance and machine maintenance costs continue to rise and the committee need to keep pace to ensure the upkeep of the Village Green. More volunteers are needed - being a Trustee is not necessary but if you can spare a few hours to help out with mowing or in other ways, please contact Jeremy on 07767 621821 or Vicky on 07730 218234.

6 Public Discussion: The footpath officer retired however, Simon Stranger in Kington Magna and Phillippa Chapman in Buckhorn Weston are points of contact for any incidents. They in turn will forward the reports to Dorset Council for action.
There is no sign of the post office returning at this stage and there is still some confusion over why it ceased however the post office may try and find another shop to work through.

Thank you for the reports received. The meeting closed at 7.28pm.
These minutes are signed as a true and accurate record of events.

Signed: (Chairman) Dated:.....