

BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, 18th January 2011 at 8.00 pm in the Parish Room

Present: Chair - Trevor Marpole (TM), Mark Needham (MN), Stephen White(SW), Andrew Stone (AS), Andy Foot (ARF), Alan Foot(AJF), Nicki Barker (NB), Chris Osmond (CO), Doug Morse (DM)
Clerk: Vanessa Wellstead (VW)

Item	Detail	Action
1.	Apologies:	
2.	Declarations of Interest: Cllr Stone re: The Rectory planning application.	
3.	Democratic Half Hour 1. Mr and Mrs Down attended the meeting to discuss a planning application for a dwelling at Grange Farm, Middlemarsh. This new building is to replace a temporary dwelling to house an agricultural worker. Mr and Mrs Down are very concerned with the proximity of the new building to their own property particularly with regard to the effect on drainage. The Parish Council had not received a copy of the planning application but agreed that the location shown on the plans was not ideal and that the new dwelling would be better placed nearer to the existing agricultural buildings and therefore within sight of the workplace. <i>Parish Clerk to submit comment.</i> 2. Charlie Gorton also attended the meeting and raised concerns about the efficiency of the post office service at the village shop. He and Nicola had received several complaints, as there are regular problems with outdated machinery and also occasional staffing issues. Mr Gorton had raised these issues with Andrew Farrow at Cerne Abbas Stores but as yet nothing has been resolved. It was felt that as a result of poor reliability, people may choose to use a post office service elsewhere which could cause future problems in justifying the need for an out reach post office service in this village. This is a much needed service and the Councillors agreed that these problems need to be sorted as soon as possible. Cllr Barker offered to raise the issue with Oliver Letwin MP and Cllr Marpole will speak to Andrew Farrow.	
4.	Minutes of Last Meeting held 14th December: Passed Agreed & Signed	
5.	Planning Applications: 1. 1/D/10/001015 Millers Farm, Bookham Lane, Buckland Newton Demolish existing buildings. Erect new industrial building for uses within use class B1/B8 (light industrial/storage) <i>Approval of Planning Permission</i> 2. 1/D/10/001902 Brockhampton Cottage, Buckland Newton Agricultural barn <i>Letter for Info</i> 3. 1/D/10/002078 The Rectory, Buckland Newton Extensions, alterations & garage <i>Parish Council – No Objections with comment supporting new plans.</i>	

<p>6.</p>	<p>Localism Bill: Cllr Barker explained the details of the proposed Localism Bill which was published last December and will be enacted in 2012. It reverses the current Government-led system of planning by devolving much greater powers to the community itself and to the local planning authority. It also links new development in the Parish to a funding levy designed to support community infrastructure (Planning Obligation levy) in the Parish. This Bill will enable local communities to shape how they would like their communities to develop into the future. A local planning system at WDDC level will still be in force but the views of the Parish will carry a great deal more weight in decision making. WDDC has been tasked by the Government with testing out the new scheme for the UK in its capacity as a rural authority. Sherborne and Cerne Abbas have been identified as the 2 pilot areas to be trialed over the next 12 months. To take advantage of the opportunities offered by this Bill, each parish will need to compile a Neighbourhood Plan, approved by a majority of the parishioners in a village referendum. This Neighbourhood Plan will have real teeth compared with existing Village Plans and will also be the basis for allocation of Planning Obligation funding.</p>	
<p>7. 7.1</p>	<p>Financial Matters: The following invoices were agreed for payment :</p> <p>DCC £635.95 Grounds Maintenance Southern Electric £18.13 Parish Room Electricity <i>Proposed ARF Seconded NB AIF</i></p>	
<p>8. 8.1</p>	<p>Affordable Housing Scheme: Works progressing well and roughly on time and on budget. Cllrs Trevor Marpole, Alan Foot and Andrew Foot have checked the line of the footpath through the trees at the north end of the recreation field as set out by BNCPT and are comfortable with the alignment.</p>	
<p>9. 1. 2.</p>	<p>Play Area: Quotes to be requested to construct a new small gate with a removable post next to the large gate by the bus shelter, in order to enable large machinery to access the playing field to aerate the ground in the Spring. As discussed previously, hedge laying needs to be carried out on the section of hedge running by the side of the new play area. This is included in the sustainability funding. Kingston Maurward College was suggested as a possible contact. <i>To be discussed further at next month's meeting.</i></p>	
<p>10. 1. 2.</p>	<p>Highways: 1. PMU form to be submitted by the 14th February. Councillors to email Parish Clerk with details of any highways issues such as potholes. 2. Following the last period of very cold weather before Christmas, Cllr Foot suggested that it may be advisable to have more dumpy bags of grit delivered and stored for future use. <i>Parish Clerk to contact DCC.</i></p>	
<p>11. 1. 2.</p>	<p>Correspondence: 1. DAPTC - Circular 14/10 2. DCC – Part Night Street Lighting</p>	

3.	DCC – Winter Maintenance Leaflet	
4.	WDDC – Census 2011	
5.	Royal British Legion – Poppy Party	
6.	SWLCA – Parish Council Elections 2011 – <i>Parish Clerk to include details of the election in an LVN article</i>	
12.	Other Matters/Items for Next Meeting:	
1.	Cllr Barker requested confirmation that all Parish Council owned land is now registered. <i>Parish Clerk to contact Jacqui Cuff</i>	
2.	Cllr Foot asked the Parish Clerk to contact Oliver Letwin MP with regard to the need for faster broadband in this area.	

Next meeting Tuesday, 8th February 2011 at 8:00pm, Parish Room

The meeting was concluded at 9.50 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____