

# BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, 21st February 2012 at 8.00 pm in the Parish Room

**Present:** Chair - Trevor Marpole , Nicki Barker, John Baker, Lin Townsend, Rodney Cuff,  
Mark Hammick , Mark Needham  
Clerk: Vanessa Wellstead (VW)

Item	Detail	Action
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Chris Osmond, Andy Foot District Councillor: Jacqui Cuff, County Councillor: Jill Haynes	
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Cllr Baker re: Court Farm planning application	
3.	<p><b>Democratic Half Hour</b></p> <p>1. Charlie Gorton attended the meeting to provide an update on the ongoing issues with the outreach post office service. Oliver Letwin MP had attended a meeting at the village shop with Laura Tarling from the Post Office to try and find a solution to the equipment failure problems. The current equipment is leased by the Post office and therefore new equipment would not be viable until the lease is up for renewal. One suggestion was that some additional equipment could be provided to enable dedicated equipment to remain on site and prevent damage in transit. Another possibility is a proper handling bag to transport the equipment. The equipment has been changed a few times but is still second hand and moved around in a plastic bag several times a week. Charlie estimated that since the meeting the equipment has only worked for half the time that the post office has been open. The Parish Council agreed that the situation is totally unsatisfactory given the importance of a reliable post office service to the local community. <i>Parish Clerk to write to Laura Tarling and copy to Oliver Letwin and Andrew Farrow</i></p> <p>2. Martin Perrett and Nick Baker were present at the meeting to run through the Court Farm planning application for a waterwheel (item 5.3). Mr Baker explained that the previous application had been turned down mainly on the grounds of an over engineered appearance that did not flow with the landscape. Mr Perrett has employed a landscaping company from Sherborne to redesign the landscaping scheme. Mr Perrett pointed out that the waterwheel will be less visible with this new scheme and that the flood risk will be lessened as the flood defence banks will be designed and built by an engineer. The Parish Council reiterated the need for the flood alleviation bank to be built first. Following the discussion, the Parish Council agreed to support the new application with the comment that they appreciated the improved contours and landscaping. <i>Proposed MN Seconded MH AIF</i></p>	
4.	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting held 17th January:</b> Passed Agreed & Signed	
5.	<p><b>Planning Applications:</b></p> <p>1. <b>1/D/11/001951 The Old Shop, Buckland Newton</b> Internal alterations &amp; new dormer window <i>Approval of Planning Permission</i></p> <p>2. <b>1/D/11/002039 Lyddenside, Brockhampton</b> Certificate of lawfulness for existing use in breach of occupancy condition <i>Additional Information by 11 February 2012</i></p>	

3.	<b>1/D/12/000054 Court Farm, Buckland Newton</b> Raise embankments to lakes and install waterwheel for generating electricity (revised scheme) <i>Parish Council - Support Application</i>	
6.	<b>Financial Matters:</b> 1. Following invoice agreed for payment: Dorset County Council    £250.00 Annual Allotment Rent <i>Proposed NB    Seconded JB    AIF</i>	
7.	<b>Play Area/Recreation Ground</b> 1. Cllr Cuff has made the wooden cycle rack and suggested that it is positioned near the kissing gate by the play area.  2. The quotes for laying the hedge by the playing field had been a lot more expensive than expected. Martin Perrett said that he knew a local tradesman who may be available to give another quote. The Parish Council agreed that this would be a good idea.  3. The Parish Clerk had received an email from Andrew Stone asking whether it would be possible for Mrs Watkin, who lives opposite the new housing, to plant willow whips in front of the footbridge as the foot traffic was proving to be a visual distraction. It was pointed out that the area by the bridge was a water vole feeding habitat and therefore due to their invasive nature it was decided that willow whips would not be appropriate.	
8.	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> 1. No further progress at this time as the working group are waiting until April when the regulations are due to be published. The group are continuing with research and preparation.	
9.	<b>Highways</b> 1. Report of fly tipping in Gypsy Lane. <i>Parish Clerk to submit comment online</i>  2. It was suggested that the planned road works to be carried out in April in Castle Lane should be submitted with the LVN article in March.	
10.	<b>Correspondence</b> 1. DCC – Superfast Broadband in Dorset  2. WDDC – West Dorset Spring Clean  3. WDDC – Consultation on Draft Corporate Plan 2012 - 2016  4. DCC – Grounds Maintenance 2012/13 – <i>Amount for 2012/2013 agreed and form signed    Proposed NB    Seconded RC    AIF</i>  5. Dorset AONB – Update Feb 2012  6. DAPTC – Newsletter Winter 2011/2012	
11.	<b>Other Matters/Items for Agenda of Next Meeting</b>  1. Parish Clerk to do letter to DCC regarding the installation of faster broadband (item 10.1).	

**Next Meeting Tuesday, 13th March 2012 at 8:00pm, Parish Room**

The meeting was concluded at 9.35 pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_