

BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 13 March 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room

Present: Vice Chair Cllr Jane Collins (JC), Cllr Andy Foot (AF), Cllr R Godwin (RG), Cllr Lin Townsend (LT), Cllr Chris Osmond (CO), Cllr Sam Sowerby (SS), C Cllr Jill Haynes (JH), D Cllr B Haynes (BH)

Clerk: Sarah Mitchell (SM)

Item	Detail	Action
1	Period of Public Questions	
1	Re. Locked gate at Lydden Meadow –An email has been received about a gate being locked leading from the Parish Field into Lydden Meadow. Parish Clerk to email back explaining that it is private land; the bridge and footpath does not belong to the Parish Council. The email will be forwarded to BNCPT, so that they can respond.	SM
2	C Cllr Jill Haynes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretary of State has agreed to move Dorset into two single tier authorities removing the District and County Councils from 1st April 2019. The official order should be signed in June this year and at that point two shadow authorities will be formed. The western area will be called Dorset Council and is advertising for interim Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer (legal) and section 151 Officer (accountant) to start in June. There will be a reduction in Councillors in the Dorset Council area from 211 to 86. Within 14 days of the new order all the Councillors will need to meet to elect a leader for the shadow authority. Elections for the Councillors for the new Authorities will be held in May 2019. • The County Council Cabinet has agreed to provide 130 modular housing units for specialist Adult Social Care needs. These will be placed on council owned land and will include some units for key workers to support those they are looking after. This is the first time in the country that modular housing has been used in this way and the council hopes to have the first 30 occupied by the autumn. • The County Council is due to come in on budget this year. There are still significant savings needed to be found in the next financial year of over £20M to balance the budget for 2019/20. The council has greatly improved its performance on getting people home from hospital stays (DTC). The figures for January, despite the pressures from winter flu, show a 40% reduction in days delayed from 2017. This is due to much closer working with NHS teams and private providers to ensure people move through the system and back to their homes with proper support. 	SM
3	D Cllr Brian Haynes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Clerk to provide details of night landing area for Air Ambulance, as D Cllr Haynes is collating information for this area and will send to head office of Air Ambulance. • D Cllr Haynes to express the need for an urgent decision on the planning for Gaggle of Geese. 	
4	Community Police Officer – PCSO Alison Donnison. No crimes to report.	
2	Apologies Chair Cllr Nicki Barker (NB) – out of the Country Vice Chair Cllr M Needham (MN) - working Cllr John Baker (JB) – unwell Accepted as valid by the Parish Council.	
3	Registers of Interest None	
4	Minutes of Last Meeting held Tuesday 13 February were Passed, Agreed and signed.	

		<i>Proposed LT, Seconded AF AIF</i>		
5	Matters Arising			
1	Offices – Stevens Walk. – A response from B Wilberforce had been received. SM to send a copy of this to the parishioners concerned. The Parish Council agreed a response to be sent to Mr Wilberforce saying that the PC remain deeply concerned about the “office hours only” parking and that the WDDC needs to resolve this before passing on the property. C Cllr Haynes is aware of the situation and will continue to pursue the matter.			SM
2	Handyperson – One response has been received. Parish Clerk to invite them to the next meeting, so that they are able to meet the PC and discuss what jobs would need to be done on an ad-hoc basis.			SM
6	Planning Matters			
1	WD/D/18/000061 - GAGGLE OF GEESE, LOCKETTS LANE, BUCKLAND NEWTON, DT2 7BS Erection of entrance porch and new door opening at the front. Reinstate access door to side of building for the owners flat. Change of use for up to five shepherd huts within the grounds for all year round use. <i>Comments before 09/03/18 – Parish Council support this application. A letter of support sent to WDDC.</i>			
7	FINANCIAL MATTERS			
1	<u>Invoices Paid</u>			
	Countryside Services	-	£ 325.00	cheque 429
	ICO	-	£ 35.00	cheque 430
	Buckland Newton Village Hall	-	£ 150.00	cheque 432
	Battens – Hountwell Pump	-	£ 780.00	cheque 431
	Studio Print – N Plan	-	£ 11.00	cheque 433
	Clerks Wages + Exps	-	£ 289.58	cheque 434
2	<u>Invoices to be approved</u>			
	Parish Clerk wages + Exps	-	£ 295.92	
	<u>Monies Received</u>			
	None			
3	<u>Reconciled Bank Accounts at 28 February 2018</u>			
	Nat West Current		3273.18*	
	Nat West Deposit (Balance of Sir William Aykroyd’s legacy)		8,025.46	
	Total		<u>11298.64</u>	
	Neighbourhood Pan B/F + Income		679.64	
	Less Net Expenses		246.49	
	Balance at 28.02.18		<u>422.15</u>	
	Play area B/F + Income		1091.92	
	Less Net Expenses		70.00	
	Balance at 28.02.18		<u>1021.92</u>	
	Actual Parish Council Funds in current account			
	£ 3273.18 – 422.15 – 1091.92		<u>1829.11</u>	
	2017/2018 Possible expenditure – Reinstating Hountwell Pump			
	<i>Financial Report Proposed Cllr Townsend, Seconded Cllr Osmond, AIF</i>			
8	Highways			
1	Cosmore – the broken drain/gulley has been rebuilt.			

2	Triangle by Church – there is an ash tree growing on the triangle, which has forked about 6 feet up and has suckers growing from the bottom. The tree may become a safety issue as it is growing under telephone wires and also hampers good visibility. After discussion it was proposed that the Parish Clerk should contact Highways in view of chopping the tree down and replacing it with other planting once the grit bin has been sited on the triangle. <i>Proposed Cllr Foot, Seconded Cllr Godwin, AIF</i>	
3	Grit bins – It was decided that grit bins were needed by the church and at Cranes Meadow as the bags that the grit is currently stored in disintegrates after time making a mess. SM to contact the CC to see if there are any deals on buying bins.	SM
9	Parish Matters	
1	Hountwell Pump Cllr Godwin has collected the key from Mr Higgs. It was decided that a duplicate key should be cut, so that Cllr Godwin could hold one key and Cllr Needham the other.	
2	Parish Field/Play Area	
i	One quote had been received so far on the refurbishment of the pathway. Cllr Godwin commented that once the path had been renewed it would be important to clear the path after the grass had been cut, so that the path would remain in good condition.	
ii	The Parish Clerk had a report that the buddy swing had a sharp piece of metal sticking out of the rope. Cllr Osmond checked the swing ropes and removed any sharp bits he could find on the ropes and covered them in tape. He will continue to keep a check on them. Parish Clerk has had an email confirming that the annual safety check will be in May/June. Cllrs decided to wait for safety report and official advice before replacing any parts.	
3	Parish Room/Parish Field Refurbishment Ideas are still being received from parishioners. Cllrs discussed the importance of repairing and upgrading the Parish Rooms, but needed to be mindful that anything done would have to be sustainable for many years to come. Cllrs decided that a separate meeting should be held to discuss all ideas/proposals.	
11	Correspondence <u>Emails received.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buckland Newton and the Dorset NP; Update and asking for a letter of support - <i>forwarded to Cllrs. It was decided not to respond to this request. AIF</i> • Letter from Dorset Youth Association • DAPTC E-newsletter No. 6 – <i>forwarded to Cllrs</i> • Dorset Best Village Competition 2018 now open! – <i>forwarded Youth club and put in LVN</i> • Secretary of State announcement to support LGR proposals – <i>forwarded to Cllrs</i> • DAPTC Chief Executive's extraordinary circular - LGR plans update – <i>forwarded to Cllrs</i> • FW: Briefing - Severe weather planning – <i>forwarded to Cllrs</i> • Latest travel and transport news: * Snow is coming * • Devolution of Assets & Services - your views matter - <i>complete survey by 29 March 2018. Deadline has been moved until April. SM to draft responses and circulate to Cllrs for comment.</i> • Piddle Valley Neighbourhood Plan Decision Statement – <i>forwarded to Cllrs</i> 	SM
12	Other Matters/Items for Agenda of Next Meeting	
1	A request had been received to ask parishioners to be careful when parking on the B3143 next to the Parish field, as the verge is becoming messy and flowers are being damaged. SM to write to the school asking that a request is put in their newsletter, also put a note in the LVN.	SM

Next Meeting - Tuesday 10 April 2018 - 7.30 pm, Parish Room
The meeting concluded at 9.00 pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____

