

BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room

Present: Chair Cllr Nicki Barker (NB), Vice Chair Cllr Jane Collins (JC), Vice Chair Cllr M Needham (MN), Cllr Andy Foot (AF), Cllr John Baker (JB), Cllr R Godwin (RG), Cllr Chris Osmond (CO), Cllr Sam Sowerby (SS)

Two parishioners

Clerk: Sarah Mitchell (SM)

Item	Detail	Action
1	Period of Public Questions	
1	The Chair welcomed Cllr Roy Godwin to the Parish Council.	
2	C Cllr Jill Haynes - apologies sent - report received after meeting.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Reorganisation - The secretary of State gave a "minded to" decision last November and since that time the councils involved have had to go to their full council meeting to approve that this is the way they want to go forward. Eight of the Nine Councils approved the move to two unitary councils. Christchurch did not and suggested that there should be a unitary of Bournemouth and Poole Councils, without Christchurch and that the rest of Dorset should remain as two tier (status quo). The secretary of state will now decide what action to take, and if he is to go with the two new councils then an announcement will be expected shortly before an act of parliament is made in March. Whatever the case the councils will need to work much more closely together and if there are to be elections for a new authority in May 2019 then there is a huge amount of work to be done to prepare for the merging of services. • I have been involved in some interesting work in Purbeck looking at public property in a holistic way. We have an empty middle school after this area moved to primary and secondary schools. The health trust has an old community hospital that is not fit for purpose. The local GP is looking for a new surgery as his is too small. The district council have some funding that they are looking to put into social housing. Last autumn all the interested parties got together and agreed to potentially do some land swaps and investment to provide something really quite exciting. There is now a signed memorandum of understanding and using a framework of investors, housing associations and developers set up by DCC we look as if we can make this work. So we are looking at a new community hospital, a GP surgery with some space for community support activity and some key worker housing for the nurses and care workers required in the area. The idea of using the whole of the public estate has really taken off and so the NHS, Blue light services and councils across Dorset are now looking to see if this can be rolled out across the county. It is good to see organisations getting together like this to create better outcomes when in the past they would have just sold off unwanted buildings or moaned they could not afford new ones. At the same time we are looking to provide some very much needed affordable housing for our key workers. • I have spoken recently about the considerable pressures there are on the children's services budget. Currently this is about £15M overspent. Much of this is due to the cost and number of looked after children, currently running at about 430. Much of the cost is because we are having to use agency foster placements for the children and these are often out of county. We have recently started a big campaign to enlist more foster carers in Dorset and we are starting a series of roadshows across the county to encourage more people to think about fostering children. We hope to recruit over 100 families in the next two years. • We also send far too many children with special needs out of county for their education as we do not have the specialist provision in the county. Again this is very expensive and is not good for families to be split up. We are now looking at renovating and altering some of our own property to see if we could provide this more locally and in house. • The most recent survey of councils shows the Dorset Waste Partnership as the top for recycling in the country. This organisation has had a complete turn around and not only is providing an excellent service but also is projected to come in £900K under budget this year. • There has been a lot on the news recently about delays in hospitals and in particular the delay 	

	<p>to those coming out of hospital due to lack of beds in care homes of lack of capacity in domiciliary care. In many ways we are lucky in Dorset because we do have a very elderly population we also have 9 community hospitals as a step down from the 5 main hospitals if that is what is needed. This winter DCC has made a real concerted effort to keep the system moving and there have been daily local meetings and a weekly Dorset wide meeting across the health system to ensure we are doing the very best we can to move people out of hospital. We have made a lot of progress and our figures for November and December, when things are particularly busy, are better than the rest of the year and improving. With the large increase in flu cases this may be a more difficult in January but we do seem to have got much better communication across the system. The emerging big issue is that there is nowhere as step down accommodation for those with mental health problems. People who have had to be in hospital for their mental health but need to move to supported accommodation before the move back to independent living. For their own safety they cannot just be put out into the community. We are now working hard with the health trust to see what solutions there could be to this issue.</p>	
3	D Cllr Brian Haynes - apologies sent - nothing to report.	
4	<p>Community Police Officer - PCSO Alison Donnison. - report sent 19/12/2017 - Theft of Batteries - Buckland Newton 29/12/2017 - Break to feeding room - Alton Pancras -nothing appeared stolen - horse tack still in place 29/12/2017 - Break to workshop - same location Alton Pancras - Chainsaw, wrecking bar & 24" bolt croppers taken 05/01/2018 - Break to shed - Duntish - chainsaw & strimmer taken</p> <p><u>Scam/Fraud Calls</u> There was a general increase in scam phone calls just prior to the Christmas period. Dorset Police have a process to identify and support vulnerable victims of fraud. It focuses on the protection of the elderly and vulnerable members of our communities, through awareness and prevention. Fraud is a hidden and underreported crime with victims often in denial or unaware. Increasingly fraud is becoming more complex and deceptive, much of which is targeted at vulnerable and elderly people. Technology is enabling fraudsters to carry out attacks more quickly and employ more complex behaviours to remain undetected. The nature of fraud victimisation is not only financial. The emotional impact is significant and includes guilt, misplaced trust and diminished confidence, resulting in detrimental effects on physical and mental health and increased social isolation. If anyone is aware of any individuals or groups that would benefit from a visit from myself please contact me via 101 or on the Dorset Police website, 'Contact Us' section.</p>	
5	SM to write to AD concerning detritus in layby on top road, enclosing e-mails from Mrs F Lewis and Mrs V Ridges and suggesting that police should keep an eye on this area and consider temporary installation of a camouflaged camera. SM also to write to Mrs Lewis and Mrs ridges to thank them for bringing this matter to the attention of the PC and for their litter-picking efforts.	SM
6	SM to advise Cllr Roy Godwin about New Councillor training courses.	SM
2	<p>Apologies C Cllr Jill Haynes - CC Business D Cllr B Haynes Cllr Lin Townsend (LT) - Sickness S Mitchell (Clerk) (SM) - Sickness PCSO Alison Donnison - Working</p>	
3	<p>Registers of Interest None</p>	
4	Minutes of Last Meeting held Tuesday 12 December 2017 were Passed, Agreed and would be signed later.	
1	Proposed MN, Seconded JB AIF	

5	Matters Arising	
1	None	
6	Planning Matters	
1	WD/D/17/002266 KENNELS LANE, MIDDLEMARSH, DT9 5QW Change of use of outbuilding from ancillary domestic to holiday lets. Refurbishment and extension of outbuilding. <i>Corporate view by 03/02/18 - Parish Council has no objections.</i>	
7	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
1	<u>Invoices Paid</u> The Dorset Locksmith - £ 96.00 cheque 427 Clerks Wages - £ 284.15 cheque 425 Waitrose Vouchers - £ 50.00 cheque 426	
2	<u>Invoices to be approved</u> Clerks Wages & Expenses - £266.63	
3	<u>Monies Received</u> None	
4	<u>Reconciled Bank Accounts at 31 December 2017</u> Nat West Current 5,119.39 * Nat West Deposit (Balance of Sir William Aykroyd's legacy) 8,025.46 Total 13,144.85 <u>Neighbourhood Plan B/F + Income</u> 679.64 Less Net Expenses 246.49 Balance at 31.12.17 433.15 <u>Play area B/F + Income</u> 1,091.92 Less Expenses 70.00 Balance at 31.12.17 1,021.92 Actual Parish Council Funds in current a/c 5119.39 - 433.15 - 1021.92 3,664.32 2016/2017 Possible Expenditure - Reinstating Hountwell Pump <i>Financial Report Proposed Cllr Needham, Seconded Cllr Osmond, AIF</i>	
8	Neighbourhood Plan	
1	Front cover to be amended; WDDC to print 6 more copies and Parish Council to print 6 more copies of the front and back covers to replace those already in existence.	
9	Highways	
1	Accident to pedestrian near 'Sticky Wicket. SM to write to Highways with details of accident to pedestrian caused by frozen surface water, noting that remedial works to Castle Lane had been successful in alleviating a similar problem and congratulating WDDC for achieving this and requesting similar action near Cat's Cross.	SM
2	Paint marker noting drain repair required outside Lydden meadow on B3143 had disappeared but no action appeared to have been taken to repair. SM to write to Highways.	SM
3	Various road signs (30 limit etc) required cleaning.	
10	Parish Matters	

1	Hountwell Pump Noted that unfettered pedestrian access at all times must be included in agreement.	
2	Parish Field/Play Area Cllr Osmond had walked the path and noted that it was in poor state, with muddy grass and only 10-11" of stone left visible. Impossible to use with a pushchair. Path needed to be scraped level as sunken areas were filled with silt from run-off and should be restored to 2011 state when it was approximately 3' wide. Possibly carry out work in spring 2018. SM to obtain quotes from Buckland Newton Hire and Gregory's for x tons of scalplings. To be included on March agenda.	SM
3	Parish Handyman Advert to be placed in Lydden Vale News and Old Chapel Stores for a paid general handyman to be called on for irregular tasks (a few hours a week). Advert to be inserted separately from the normal Parish Council news page, with applications to the Clerk.	SM
4	Fingerposts Nothing new to report.	
5	Parish Room Cllr Barker had written a piece for the February issue of the LVN. A letter also to be sent to the school and other interested organizations (Youth Club, Cricket Club, Lydden Ladies, Fete Committee, Lunch Club, Toddler Group etc) to establish what the community would like to done with the Parish Room. It was noted that the Parish Room represented a considerable heritage for the village and that this should be carried from the past into the present and onwards for the future as a theme for its restoration. It was regarded as important that the village community should be behind any project for it to be successful and to support grant applications. Cllr Baker noted that it would be vital to have a clear plan as otherwise a considerable amount of money could be wasted. The Parish Council would also need to open discussions for possible Lottery or Heritage funding. Cllr Foot to contact authorities re grants in AONB. SM to contact Dorset Community Action.	NB/JB/ SM/AF NB
6	Allotments SM to send polite letter to Allotments Chair (John Simpson) noting the eyesore of pallets and plastic sheeting on some allotments which had given rise to a complaint from several parishioners. SM to also send a note to the complainant(s) explaining what action had been taken and asking them to advise the PC should the problem continue.	SM
11	Correspondence <u>Emails received.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casterbridge Rotary Club - re marathon. • Integrated Transport Review - Monday, 26 February 2018 • DAPTC Newsletter 3 includes Training Schedule for 2018 • Highways SharePoint Update: Dorset Highways Performance Q1-Q2 2017/18 <u>Post received</u> None	
12	Other Matters/Items for Agenda of Next Meeting	
1	None	

Next Meeting - Tuesday 13 February 2018 - 7.30 pm, Parish Room
The meeting concluded at 8.50 pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____