

BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday, 17th May 2011

at 7:30 The Parish Room, Buckland Newton

Present: Trevor Marpole, Nicki Barker, Mark Needham, Chris Osmond, John Baker, Lin Townsend, Mark Hammick, Rodney Cuff Parish Clerk – Vanessa Wellstead

1. Apologies: Andy Foot

2. Welcome by Chairman:

Cllr Marpole welcomed electors to the meeting and highlighted some of the items that the Parish Council have been involved with over the last year which included:

1. No increase in this year's precept.
2. The improvements to the children's play area which has proved very popular and again many thanks to all those involved.
3. Continuing contact with the Highway's Department in order to try and improve local roads.
4. Submission of planning comments.
5. A new gate for the playing field in order to provide access for machinery to aerate the ground, which will be carried out later this year.
6. Continued support for the Cosmore residents in their efforts to reduce speeds on the C12 and also further investigation into speed reduction measures for the B3143 through the village.

3. Matters raised by Electors

3.1 Charlie Gorton attended the meeting and raised the following concerns:

1. The track opposite the village shop can be very muddy after wet weather and prove difficult for customers who park by the track, when getting out of their vehicles. Mr Gorton asked whether it would be possible for the track to be tidied up. *Parish Clerk to look into*
2. There continue to be problems with the reliability of the outdated Post Office equipment which is affecting the service provided. *Cllr Barker to send email to Oliver Letwin MP*
3. Speeding on the B3143 through the village is still an issue but the Councillors felt that it was worth waiting to see if the planned changes to the B3143, including the new walkway, would act as a speed reduction measure.

4. Play Area

1. The balance of the Play Area Sustainability Grant is still to be spent on several items including a cycle rack, notice board and a top up of forest bark.
2. Rodney Cuff to submit new quote for grass cutting.

5. Affordable Housing

- 5.1 The new houses are due to be completed on time and on budget. Allocations have been made on the basis of a strong village connection and it is hoped will bring more young people back into the village. The BNCPT hope to share their experiences with other community land trusts. The houses are designed to be very efficient to heat and environmentally friendly.

6. B3143 Route Maintenance Scheme

Please see AGM Minutes item 7.2

The meeting was then concluded at 8.15pm

Next meeting Tuesday, 21st June 2011 at 8:00pm, Parish Room

Signed: _____

Date: _____