

BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, 8th November 2011 at 8.00 pm in the Parish Room

Present: Chair - Trevor Marpole , Nicki Barker , Andy Foot, John Baker, Lin Townsend, Rodney Cuff, Mark Needham, Chris Osmond District Councillor: Jacqui Cuff

Clerk: Vanessa Wellstead (VW)

Item	Detail	Action
1.	Apologies: Mark Hammick ,County Councillor: Jill Haynes	
2.	Declarations of Interest:	
3.	Democratic Half Hour 1. Doug Dearing attended the meeting to talk about the stones on the playing field verge, as mentioned in the October meeting minutes. He pointed out that there had been a leak from a septic tank which had caused the original problem with the verge but that had now been rectified. He also said that several drivers had caught the underside of their cars on the stones. Cllr Marpole offered to look into getting the stones removed on a trial basis. It was also suggested that maybe a sign could be put up asking people not to park on the verge. 2. Charlie Gorton asked whether it would be possible to move the Parish Council meeting to 7.30pm. All the councillors were asked which time would be better suited to them and it was decided to keep the meeting time at 8pm for the time being.	
4.	Minutes of Last Meeting held 11th October: Passed Agreed & Signed	
5.	Planning Applications: 1. 1/D/11/001583 Laurences Farm, Beaulieu Wood Demolish a farm building & erect an enlarged building to cover over existing concrete yard <i>Parish Council – support with lighting comment</i> 2. 1/D/11/001547 The Manor House, Buckland Newton Retain garden walls, pergola & pond <i>Parish Council – support with comment</i>	
6.	Financial Matters: 1. The precept for 2012/2013 was discussed and after looking at the possible expenses over next year such as an increase in utilities and insurance and also additional items such as assisting with funding a neighbourhood plan, salt supplies and general maintenance, it was decided to keep the precept at the same level for a further year. <i>Proposed ARF Seconded NB AIF</i>	
7.	Play Area/Recreation Ground 1. The path has become very overgrown in places and needs treatment with weed killer. 2. The metal fence is in need of attention and the gate still requires shot blasting. Cllr Foot had seen a price of £25 per metre for a galvanised 5 bar rail fence. <i>Parish Clerk to contact local tradesman to arrange quote.</i> 3. Cllr Marpole pointed out the need for a couple of new wooden posts. 4. With regard to a new bus shelter, Cllr Baker is in the process of arranging a detailed plan with specifications, which will be needed in order to apply for funding.	

<p>8.</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The group have submitted a grant application and have put down several local community organisations, including the Parish Council, as possible providers of the match funding. United Charities have kindly offered a sum of £500. The result for the grant application should be through in a few weeks.</p> <p>A website is in the process of being created.</p>	
<p>9.</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p>	<p>Highways</p> <p>Cllr Foot made a request for a thank you letter to be sent to DCC Highways for their work in quartering the minor roads and Cllr Barker asked to include a thank you for the verge trimming, which is now done at a more appropriate time.</p> <p>Councillor Jacqui Cuff raised the issue of speeding and explained that the Piddle Valley Parish Council are keen for more regular speed checks to be carried out along the B3143. It was suggested that it may be worth setting up a Piddle Valley Community group to address this ongoing concern, which could include members from all the communities affected. Cllr Jacqui Cuff is looking at putting an article in the Lydden Vale News.</p> <p>Cllr Cuff also mentioned that a Piddle Valley resident is looking at the possibility of purchasing a snow plough and had asked whether local businesses or community groups would be interested in contributing to the cost. It was also suggested that a group could be set up to organize snow clearing through the Piddle Valley.</p>	
<p>10.</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>WDDC – Christmas Refuse and Recycling Arrangements</p> <p>WDDC – Precept for 2012/2013</p>	
<p>11.</p> <p>1.</p> <p>2.</p>	<p>Other Matters/Items for Agenda of Next Meeting</p> <p>Cllr Baker mentioned that Mr Martin Perrett had been asked to remove the signs he had put up at Henley to direct HGV drivers. This is unfortunate as the signs meant that HGVs avoided using Hilling Lane for access. Mr Perrett is looking at the possibility of installing official signs.</p> <p>Cllr Barker commented on the cutting back of the hedge by Lydden Meadow, which unfortunately has been cut too low but will be kept at a much higher level in future.</p>	

Next Meeting Tuesday, 13th December 2011 at 8:00pm, Parish Room

The meeting was concluded at 9.45 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____