

# BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 10 June 2014 at 8.00 pm in the Parish Room

**Present:** Chair Cllr Trevor Marpole (TM), Cllr Nicki Barker (NB), Cllr Mark Needham (MN), Cllr Rodney Cuff (RC), Cllr John Baker (JB), Cllr Chris Osmond (CO), Cllr Alison Chant (AC), Cllr Lin Townsend (LT), District Councillor Jacqui Cuff (JC)

**Clerk:** Sarah Mitchell (SM)

Item	Detail	Action
1	<b>Apologies:</b> Cllr Andy Foot (AF), County Councillor Jill Haynes (JH)	
2	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Clerk (SM) - other matters - quotes for consideration - new Parish Council Laptop	
3	<p><b>Period of Public Questions</b></p> <p>1 <u>Speed Check</u> - Prior to the meeting speed watch figures had been forwarded to the Parish Councillors. Lesley Docksey discussed the figures. She pointed out that as yet they had not done the speed check at busy/peak times. She felt that it had made a difference and that drivers had slowed down, so would like to go ahead with purchasing own equipment. As Buckland Newton Speed watch group would be going into partnership with Alton Pancras, it would be a cost of £ 150.00. It was asked if the Parish Council would fund this amount. <i>Proposed NB, Seconded AC, AIF</i></p> <p>2 <u>Village Shop</u> - Nicola Richardson read out a statement about the village shop. The shop is on the market and one of the reasons it is not selling is because of a lack of affordable housing for new comers to the village. In the statement she also made clear why it is important for residents to support their local businesses.</p> <p>Cllr N Barker responded to the statement by saying that the Parish Council understood that the shop was vulnerable as there was no accommodation linked with it. She explained that perhaps the offices at Stevens Walk could be linked to the village shop and be converted to an affordable house, which would come under the umbrella of BNCPT. She also asked residents of the village who were present whether they would be prepared to accept an increase in their council tax to help cover the cost of the conversion. After discussion it was decided that the Parish Council should enter into negotiations with WDDC to see if the Parish Council could acquire the offices for dedicated accommodation for the shop. Cllr Barker to head this.</p> <p>Residents agreed that if there was no shop then it would have an effect on house prices within the village and that it was important to support the shop, school, church and pub to keep the sense of community. Cllr N Barker suggested that an article on this in the Lydden Vale would be beneficial.</p> <p>3 <u>The Gaggle of Geese</u> - D Cllr Jacqui Cuff read out a statement on behalf of Mr &amp; Mrs P Lambert. It said that it was with regret and after a great deal of thought that they have closed the pub and that they were appreciative of the support they</p>	NB

	<p>have been given. They do not want to sell the pub and have no plans to ask for change of use.</p> <p>Residents had the opportunity to voice their opinions. After lengthy discussions it was decided that a village meeting should be held, so that residents could plan how they wanted to move forward.</p>																																										
4	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting held Tuesday 13 May 2014 were Passed, Agreed and Signed.</b></p> <p><i>Proposed AC Seconded JB AIF</i></p>																																										
5	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>None</p>																																										
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7	<p><b>District Councillor - Jacqui Cuff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Piddle Inn has shut</li> <li>Has been asked to look at Bus routes, as there is no bus on a Saturday and passengers are dropped at the Top O Town car park, which is a long way to walk into town.</li> </ul>																																										
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	SM to arrange a date for a village meeting and because of the delay created by advertizing a in the LVN it was agreed that, once a date is set it should be advertized locally in the shop and on the Parish Notice Boards. It was also proposed that Simon Thompson of Dorset Community Action should be asked to chair the meeting.	SM
<b>9</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>	
1	D Cllr Jacqui Cuff, Cllr Lin Townsend and Cllr John Baker have continued with meetings and the plan is progressing.	
<b>10</b>	<b>Parish Plan</b>	
1	Finger posts - D Cllr Jacqui Cuff to contact resident in Piddle Valley who is willing to help.	JC
2	SM to contact from ANOB and ask her to chase the fingerpost from Henley.	SM
<b>11</b>	<b>Highways</b>	
1	<u>Enquiry Number 1014431</u> - Gully from shop to Henley. SM wrote to highways and requested that they re-do job as it was not done properly. This has now been done.	
2	Duntish Junction (B3143 & Factory Lane) Bushes are overgrown and blocking the signs. Parish Councillors are willing to trim these back. SM to check with highways to see if this is ok.	SM
<b>12</b>	<b>Hountwell Pump</b> Mr A Robinson has sent a chasing letter and is awaiting a response.	
<b>13</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> <u>Emails received</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs N Richardson - request to see letter written to Mr &amp; Mrs Lambert, Gaggle of Geese by Parish Council - <i>The Parish Council agreed to send a copy of letter to Mrs N Richardson.</i></li> <li>• Dorset Waste Partnership - removal of some recycling banks from June.</li> <li>• Seminar opportunities with DAPTC</li> <li>• Extraordinary CE Circular - AGM Timetable with deadlines</li> <li>• NALC Legal Topic Note 76 - Energy Performance Requirements - Update May 2014 - <i>This does not apply to the Parish Room</i></li> <li>• Consultation to look at on DAPTC website- (concerning the elderly) closing date 23/5/14</li> <li>• DAPTC - requesting interesting articles for newsletter.</li> <li>• DAPTC are running Chairmanship seminar - <b>West</b> Date - 25/06/14 - Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm - Location: Dorset County Council, Committee Room 1, Dorchester - Price: £30</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <u>Post received</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSPCC requesting a donation. - <i>The Parish will only consider local charities.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>14</b>	<b>Other Matters/Items for Agenda of Next Meeting</b>	
1	Post Office - The Post Office at the Gaggle of Geese will be closing on 27 June and	

	will be moving to the village hall, but there will be a break in service as BT has to put in a line. A request has been made by the contractors regarding an asbestos certificate. This is being complied with by the Village Hall Committee.	
2	Village Fete - There is full agreement that this can take place on the Parish Field. The committee must make sure that the cricket square is protected. Parking will not be allowed on the Parish field. It was suggested that Mr Durstan or Mr House could be approached who have fields nearby.	
3	Three quotes were obtained for a new laptop. It was decided to go with Deane computer solutions as they were a local company, offering a three year warranty, they would mend/deal with any problems on site and were price competitive. It was also suggested that a large (1 tetra) external hard drive be purchased as well so that records could be backed up efficiently. <i>Proposed LT Seconded JB AIF</i>	SM

**Next Meeting AGM - Tuesday 8 July 2014 - 8.00pm, Parish Room**  
The meeting concluded at 10.20 pm.

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

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