

BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday 12 November 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Pavilion

Present: Vice Chair Cllr Jane Collins (JC), Vice Chair Cllr Mark Needham (MN), Cllr Andy Foot (AF), Cllr Chris Osmond (CO)

Two Parishioners during period of public questions

Clerk: Sarah Mitchell (SM)

Item	Detail	Action
1	<p>Period of Public Questions Cllr Collins welcomed everyone to the meeting. Housekeeping - Fire Exits were indicated and a request for mobile phones to be switched off or turned to silent.</p>	
1	<p><u>Community Police Officer</u> – PCSO 6500 Alison Donnison – Report sent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Crimes reported for the Buckland Newton Area but the following has been reported in Alton Pancras • 25/10/19 ASB Nuisance – shoot saboteurs • 28/10/19 Poaching • I have received complaints with regard to parking in Buckland Newton especially around school pick up and drop off times. My colleague PCSO Sarah Pilcher has been out and patrolled and on the occasion she visited there were no issues. She also spoke with the school and they are going to issue a reminder in the next newsletter. The concern is based around cars parking too close to junctions (especially near the junction next to the pink house). • Please continue to report any incidents or suspicious circumstances by either calling 101 or reporting online via the Dorset Police website on the “Contact Us” section. Information and advice is also regularly posted on the Dorchester Police facebook page and via DorsetAlert. 	
2	<p><u>Dorset Councillor (Chalk Valley) Cllr Jill Haynes</u> – Report received</p> <p>Draft Dorset Council corporate plan The new council is member led and Councillors have been working on designing the new Dorset Corporate Plan. The plan has 5 priority areas. Staying safe and well. Economic growth. Our unique environment. Suitable housing. Strong and healthy communities. The plan is currently in a consultation process and is due to be completed by April 2020 and will run for the life of this council. There have been a number of engagement events with towns and parishes. I have put below the link to the plan and also a survey which we would like you to complete.</p> <p>https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/about-your-council/dorset-council-draft-plan/dorset-council-plan.aspx</p> <p>The council's budget The council's total revenue budget for 2019/20 is £280M. At the end of the second quarter the budget is currently overspent by £8.2 million and there is a further overspend of £6.5 million in the school's budget. The bulk of the overspend is due to complex cases in adults and children's services needing expensive specialist care. In the school's budget this is due to the requirements of children with special educational needs. Some extra government funding has been received for</p>	

this budget but is not shown in the figures. There are a number of areas of work in progress that mitigate this situation. Firstly, the staffing restructure and savings from this should be complete by the end of this quarter. The implementation of new children and adults service plans for the Dorset council should be producing savings too. There is a focus on better procurement and contract management, and a strategic review of property including those available for disposal is underway. A report is going to cabinet tomorrow on this situation showing that there is confidence such the financial situation will be under control by the end of the financial year.

Council tax relief for care leavers

In a recent report to cabinet it was agreed that care leavers for whom the council are corporate parents will not have to pay council tax until till the age of 25. For those who are in regular contact with children services this will be automatic but those who are not in contact will need to apply for the relief. The decision was made to try to help those most in need as a parent will try to help their own child.

Recommissioning of the domestic violence and abuse services

There has been commissioned a cross Dorset service with BCP and also the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. This is a long-term program looking to provide better outcomes and a greater level of innovation in helping people in these difficult situations.

Executive Advisory Panels (EAP's)

A number of cross-party advisory panels has been set up by the cabinet to look at areas in which they would like advice and recommendations on new policies these include:

- climate change
- economic development
- highways
- the new Dorset local plan
- transitions of young people with learning disability from children's to adult services
- rural access to services
- working with town and parish councils

The EAP's are tasked with working at pace to provide recommendations on new policies

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Parishioner correspondence/Issues Raised

- Fete Committee – the fete committee are looking for new members to help organise the fete, as a lot of former committee members have stepped down. It has been suggested that groups/organisations/clubs within the village could be approached for help. The Parish Council felt that this would be a good idea, and there will be a representative from the Parish Council. Beneficiaries from the fete need to be encouraged to support and be on the committee.
- Request for mirror on the crossroads by the school (request via fete committee) – The Parish Council have spoken to Highways who stated that Dorset Council do not erect mirrors, as they can be misleading in wet/foggy conditions, which is guidance received from the department of transport. Mirrors can be put up independently, but you must have permission from the landowner and they must be a minimum 500mm from the edge of the carriageway. Parish Clerk to contact Magna to see if they will allow a mirror to be put up.
- Trees on Parish Field (request via Fete committee) – This has come up several times in the past; residents living opposite the Parish Field do not want their view obstructed by trees.
- Signage around the village – Cllr Baker was dealing with this. Parish Clerk to obtain an update.
- There is a wooden step missing on the main climbing frame. Parish Clerk to ask Handyman to replace.
- There has been some hard core dumped on the lane opposite the shop. It is on the footpath and is an eyesore. Cllr Foot will have a look.
- Dog Waste Bins – These are no longer supplied by the Council as all dog waste goes into the general waste bins. Therefore all dog walkers should be encouraged to take their dog waste home with them.

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2	<p>Apologies Chair Cllr Nicki Barker(NB) - holiday Cllr John Baker (JB) – unwell Cllr Lin Townsend (LT) – prior engagement Cllr R Godwin (RG) - unwell Cllr Sam Sowerby (SS) - unwell C Cllr J Haynes (JH) – canvassing</p> <p>Accepted as valid by the Parish Council.</p>																			
3	<p>Registers of Interest None</p>																			
4	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting held Tuesday 8 October 2019 were Passed, Agreed and signed. <i>Proposed Cllr Foot, Seconded Cllr Needham, AIF</i></p>																			
5	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>1 Road markings on junction by the school – Highways personnel met with Cllr Foot and have scored the junction. It only scored 117 which is not high enough (needs to be over 160) therefore the request for yellow lines will not be put forward.</p> <p>2 Proposed 30 mph speed limit Factory Lane to Knapps Hill – Highways personnel have scored the speed reduction request. This only scored 77, so the request will not be put forward. They felt it would be difficult to speed on the bends. It may perceived that vehicles are speeding coming into the village, but they would need evidence. Parish Clerk to email parishioner who raised this issue with the outcome.</p> <p>3 Foliage on side of houses at junction by the school – foliage has been cut back. Parish Clerk to write and thank that this has been done.</p> <p>4 Tree Risk Assessment – the tree on the pound has been cut back.</p> <p>5 The really useful directory – Vouchers were given as appreciation of the work done to update and print the directory. A thank you has been received.</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>SM</p>																		
6	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>1 WD/D/19/002451 TREE WORKS T1 Alder - Remove lowest primary extended branch overhanging pond - obstructing works to pond at BUCKLAND NEWTON PLACE, CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD JN TO JNCRANES, BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 7BX. <i>16 October 2019 – Dorset Council raises no objection to the proposals. You therefore have this Council’s authorisation to carry out the work as detailed above.</i></p>																			
7	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS</p> <p>1 <u>Invoices Paid</u></p> <table data-bbox="199 1478 1085 1624"> <tr> <td>Dorset Council - Allotments</td> <td>£ 325.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Clerk wages & exps</td> <td>£ 318.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Mag Printers Ltd – Really Useful directory</td> <td>£ 212.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dorset Council – Repayment of loan</td> <td>£ 55498.39</td> </tr> </table> <p>2 <u>Invoices to be approved</u></p> <table data-bbox="199 1680 1085 1825"> <tr> <td>BNH – Additional works (gate and posts)</td> <td>£ 460.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Clerk Wages & Exps</td> <td>£ 352.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Namesco Ltd – website</td> <td>£ 131.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planminster – track maintenance</td> <td>£ 35.00</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>All invoices approved for payment. It was agreed that BNH invoice would be paid once all the work on the track had been completed. AIF</i></p> <p>3 <u>Monies Received</u></p> <table data-bbox="199 1971 1085 2016"> <tr> <td>RPA – Leader Grant</td> <td>£ 55418.40</td> </tr> </table>	Dorset Council - Allotments	£ 325.00	Parish Clerk wages & exps	£ 318.88	Parish Mag Printers Ltd – Really Useful directory	£ 212.00	Dorset Council – Repayment of loan	£ 55498.39	BNH – Additional works (gate and posts)	£ 460.97	Parish Clerk Wages & Exps	£ 352.18	Namesco Ltd – website	£ 131.87	Planminster – track maintenance	£ 35.00	RPA – Leader Grant	£ 55418.40	
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Interest £ 0.11
 Donation from Fete £ 200.00

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Reconciled Bank Accounts at 31 October 2019		
Nat West Current	9,493.40	*
Nat West Deposit (Balance of Sir William Aykroyd's legacy)	618.35	
Project Fund	3,098.68	
Previous cheques	-	
Uncleared cheques	-	
	13,210.43	
* Play area B/F + Income	887.97	
Less Expenses	88.75	
Balance at 4.9.19	799.22	
Actual Parish Council Funds in current a/c		
9493.40 - 799.22	8,694.18	

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Budget/Precept setting – Precept request has to be in by the 31 January 2020. The financial report was produced and circulated before the meeting, along with a report showing the budget figures for last year and actual for this year. The Parish Council felt that the precept should remain the same for 2020/2021 unless an unforeseen cost arises. To be reviewed next meeting.

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Bank Balances have been reconciled, checked, verified and witnessed by Cllr Collins.

Financial Report Proposed Cllr Foot, Seconded Cllr Osmond, AIF

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Highways

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Sand Store – The sand store has been filled up (dumpy bag of sand, plus pre-filled bags) and is secured by a combination padlock. The Flood Warden is the only person who knows the code. The Parish Council would like to thank the Flood Warden for overseeing the delivery of the sand and their continued work within the role.

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Parish Matters

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Hountwell Pump

Nothing to report.

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Parish Field

- All-weather track - The Parish Council have been in discussions with BNH about the surface of the track. The Parish Council have agreed to pay for a maximum of 5 loads of fines to go on the track, which BNH have agreed to lay FOC.
- Cllr Collins has received a comment from the school that an improvement in pupil's health has been noticed, since they have been using the all-weather track.
- Cllr Foot is obtaining quotes to re-fence the Parish Field. This appears to be between £5000 and £ 10,000 depending on what material is used (metal or wood)

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Play Area

- Fungi has been seen growing in the play area. Councillors thought that this was due to the damp conditions. Parish Clerk to contact handyman and ask that it is removed.
- Missing board – Parish Clerk to contact handyman and ask that it is replaced.
- Parish Clerk to ascertain whether more chippings were required.

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5	<p>Parish Pound</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The tree has been trimmed. <p>Telephone Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Haynes reported that Dorset Council is only a consultee but they have compiled a list of responses for BT. As I understand it those who don't want the boxes will find them removed, those like Buckland Newton who wish to retain the boxes will probably keep them for the time being at least until mobile coverage is more reliable. On that matter the council has a bid in for funding at the moment for 5G to cover our rural areas we should hear in the early New Year. The Parish Council thought that it would be a good idea to get the telephone boxes listed. Parish Clerk to look into this. 	SM
6	<p>Parish Pavilion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parish Council has received a cheque for £ 200.00 from the fete committee towards the cost of new chairs. Cllr Collins and Parish Clerk have looked at prices. It was agreed that 12 chairs should be purchased from Strictly Tables and Chairs (£21.54 each inc VAT) Parish Clerk to price 2 x folding tables. A snagging report will be done by Cllr Foot and Cllr Barker next month. Heater in Parish Room is not working. Parish Clerk to obtain two quotes for a new heater to be supplied and fitted. – Please note, since the meeting the heater is now working, therefore new quotes not necessary. Gravel has been laid outside the Parish Pavilion. Parish Clerk has been checking the toilet twice a week. 	
10	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dorset Council News for Town and Parish Councils DAPTC AGM - 9 November 2019 - agenda and information Town and Parish Council Climate Emergency Advice Seminar – <i>Cllr Godwin to attend</i> Council motion request re national community energy campaign Dorset Council update on Brexit for elected Members Invitation to Planning Peer Review - Town and Parish Council Focus Group NALC - Policy Consultation E-Briefing 12-19 Independent Review Into Local Government Audit Call For Evidence RE: TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HAZELBURY ROAD (PLECK HILL), HAZELBURY BRYAN TO MAPPOWDER – <i>fwd for inclusion on website</i> Citizens Advice AGM 28/11/2019 Highways Working Together SharePoint Update Dorset Council News For Town and Parish Councils – November <p><u>Post received</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St John Ambulance – request for donation. Connells – re wanting to develop on Parish Field Leader funding booklet. 	
11	<p>Other Matters/Items for Agenda of Next Meeting</p>	
1	<p>Appraisal for Parish Clerk – Training notes from recent meetings have been circulated and annual appraisals should be done for all employees. Appraisal for Clerk to be scheduled for January.</p>	
2	<p>Cllr Foot has received a letter asking that the Parish Council consider supporting an application for a couple applying to live in one of the Magna bungalows. Parish Clerk to write to Magna, supporting the application, stating that there are strong connections to Buckland Newton.</p>	SM
<p>No voice recording was made at this meeting.</p>		

Next Meeting – Tuesday 10 December 2019 – 7.30 pm, Parish Pavilion

The meeting concluded at 9.30 pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____