

**BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Tuesday 10 March 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Pavilion**

**Present:** Vice Chair Cllr Jane Collins (JC), Cllr Chris Osmond (CO), Cllr John Baker (JB), Cllr Lin Townsend (LT), Cllr R Godwin (RG)

Clerk: Sarah Mitchell (SM)

Item	Detail	Action
1	<p><b>Period of Public Questions</b>  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 received.  No crimes were reported in the Parish between the dates 12-02-2020 – 10/03/2020.  A Suspicious vehicle was seen in Henley - White Mitsubishi L200 Registration Y*11*KY. The males were asking who owned the land and if they had any quality machinery that could be borrowed. The informant did speak to other locals and the males had stopped in three other places asking similar questions. The males were approximately age 50, one was wearing glasses.</p> <p>In another village a drone was reported as flying outside of CAA regulations. The laws for use of drones changed in November and anyone who owns an existing drone or plans to purchase one is required by law to register and get a unique registration number by completing an online course. Below is a link for other useful information.</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/drones-are-you-flying-yours-safely-and-legally">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/drones-are-you-flying-yours-safely-and-legally</a></p> <p>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 are regularly posted on the Dorchester Police Facebook page and via Dorset Alert.</p>	
2	<p><u>Dorset Councillor (Chalk Valley) Cllr Jill Haynes</u> – Report received.  The Council’s full council agreed the budget at the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February. It was agreed to raise the Council tax by 1.99% + 2% for Adult social Care. This brings the rate for a Band D property to £1694.79. The town and parish precepts and those for the Police and Fire Authorities are in addition to this figure. Also agreed was that there would be additional premiums for empty properties to encourage these back into use.</p> <p>A change to the Council’s governance was also agreed at the full council meeting. From May 2020 overview and scrutiny functions will be separated and the scrutiny committees of “Place and Resource” and “People and Health” will be chaired by opposition members. The committees will be meeting six times a year not the current four in order to speed up decisions on papers. The Leader also announced that he was introducing six new “Lead Member” roles to support the Cabinet. These roles have not been named as yet.</p> <p>The recommendations from the Corporate Peer Challenge have been agreed by Cabinet. These include a phased transformation plan, to further develop the Corporate Plan and an agreement to work more closely with other organisations including towns and Parishes to determine future relationships and approaches to devolution. It was acknowledged that we were building a brand new council and that this would take time to implement a change of culture.</p> <p>The financial report going to this month’s Cabinet shows an overspend in the Council’s budget of £8.1m down from last quarter by about 200K and still due to social care pressures particularly in Children’s services. The overspend in Adult Social Care has reduced by £3M in the quarter which is excellent news. However, there are serious concerns about the schools budget where the</p>	

	<p>overspend continues to rise and is currently standing at £7.8M up £1M in the quarter. While this is of serious concern there is more than sufficient funding in the reserves to cover the shortfall but the situation cannot continue long term.</p> <p>As part of future mitigation of the overspend in Children’s services Cabinet are looking at business cases for building additional children’s homes in Dorset as well as flats for care leavers. There is also a proposal for a “No Wrong Door” hub to support families and children who are on the edge of going into care.</p>	
3	<p><u>Parishioner correspondence/Issues Raised</u></p> <p>It has been raised that the Cricket chairs have been left in the loft at the village hall, which is making storage tight – The cricket chairs were removed from the loft for the opening of the Parish Pavilion and are currently being stored in the Parish Pavilion. Parish Council to investigate to see whether any of the red plastic chairs have been left in the loft of the village hall. If so, these will be removed.</p>	
2	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Chair Cllr Nicki Barker (NB) - abroad  Vice Chair Cllr Mark Needham (MN) - working  Cllr Andy Foot (AF) - meeting  Cllr Sam Sowerby (SS) – working  C Cllr J Haynes (JH) – meeting</p> <p>Accepted as valid by the Parish Council.</p>	
3	<p><b>Registers of Interest</b></p> <p>None</p>	
4	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting held</b> Tuesday 11 February 2020 were Passed, Agreed and signed.  <i>Proposed Cllr Baker, Seconded Cllr Townsend, AIF</i></p>	
5	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>1 Verge outside Parish Pavilion beside B3143 – Cllr Godwin has secured some eco mesh free of charge. Councillors agreed that it was difficult to stop people parking on the verge. It was felt that putting up reflector posts would urbanise the area and not actually stop people parking on the verge, as the posts have to be positioned 500 mm away from the edge of the carriageway. It has been extremely wet this year, which has led to the verge becoming rutted. Therefore it was decided to lay the eco mesh, fill with soil and seed once the weather and ground condition improves.</p>	
6	<p><b>Planning Matters</b></p> <p>1 <b>WD/D/19/002996 BROCKHAMPTON DAIRY FARM, BROCKHAMPTON, BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 7DJ</b>  Conversion of agricultural buildings to 4 residential dwellings (C3) including associated demolition. Variation of condition 1 of planning approval WD/D/19/000165  <i>24 February 2020 – Approval of Planning Permission</i></p> <p>2 <b>WD/D/20/000123 BROCKHAMPTON DAIRY FARM, BROCKHAMPTON, BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 7DJ</b>  Conversion of agricultural buildings to 4 residential dwellings (C3) including associated demolition.  Variation of condition 1 of planning approval WD/D/15/000166 - Plans list  <i>24 February 2020 – Approval of Planning Permission</i></p> <p>3 <b>WD/D/19/002716 SUNNYSIDE, BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 7BX</b>  Erection of replacement gate.  <i>14 February 2020 – Approval of planning permission.</i></p> <p>4 <b>WD/D/19/003160 1-4 DOMINEYS COTTAGES, DOMINEYS YARD, BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 7BS</b></p>	

<p>5</p>	<p><i>Comments by 10 March 2020 - Buckland Newton Parish Council support this application as it is appropriate and an improvement to the existing cottages. It cannot be seen from and does not impact on Domineys in any way</i></p> <p><b>WD/D/20/000363 LYONS HEAD HOUSE, LYONS HEAD FARM, COSMORE, DORCHESTER, DT2 7TW</b> Erection of single storey glass canopy to rear elevation. <i>Comments by 3 April 2020 – Cllrs to look at plans and circulate thoughts via email.</i></p>																			
<p>6</p>	<p>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – Cllr Baker raised the issue of our Neighbourhood Plan being considered “out of date” as it was adopted more than 2 years ago. If the Local Plan area’s supply of housing land falls below the required 5 years then there is a possibility that the “presumption of sustainable development” could kick in whereby a developer could get planning permission outside of the sites allocated in our Neighbourhood Plan. Whilst it appears that we are probably safe at the moment, the situation could quickly change. The regulations are complicated, so Cllr Baker suggested he should contact Jo Witherden, planning consultant, for her advice, and to establish the process and cost of doing a revision to ensure the plan remains “in date”, but preserving the same content of our existing Plan.</p>	<p>JB</p>																		
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5 6	<p>There has been a VAT refund of £ 2285.19. £1906.40 of this will be transferred into the reserve account as it was part of the project fund and will therefore replenish Sir William's Legacy. The total in the reserve account will then be £ 5524.75.</p> <p>Internal Auditor – Parish Clerk advised that the internal auditor is happy to continue.</p> <p>Bank Balances have been reconciled, verified and witnessed by Cllr Collins.</p> <p><i>Financial Report Proposed Cllr Osmond, Seconded Cllr Godwin, AIF</i></p>	
8 1	<p><b>8 Highways.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chevrons on Knapps Hill – Highways have informed Parish Council that chevrons will not be put on the corner of Knapps Hill. There have been no accidents reported in 16 years and there are already two slows and a bend warning.</li> <li>• Locketts Lane has been added to the job schedule.</li> <li>• The road outside the school has been resurfaced and the road markings will be repainted.</li> <li>• Cosmore – gate on entry has fallen down and needs to be erected.</li> <li>• Pothole by triangle near the church.</li> </ul>	SM
9 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	<p><b>9 Parish Matters</b></p> <p><b>1 Hountwell Pump</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul> <p><b>2 Parish Field and Boundary Fence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report</li> </ul> <p><b>3 Play Area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was agreed to remove the fence against the hedge running by Bels Court. The hedge can then be cut back and kept trimmed more easily.</li> <li>• Bark – Cllr Godwin had received 5 quotes for replacement bark. After discussion it was decided to go with County Town Aggregates, as they were the cheapest and the Parish Council have bought from them previously.</li> </ul> <p><b>4 Parish Pound</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flowers on the Pound are looking pretty.</li> </ul> <p><b>5 Telephone Box</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Henley telephone box has still not been repaired. Parish Clerk to report the fault again.</li> <li>• Gaggles of Geese telephone box – BT replied that there is not a separate contract for the Parish Council and that they are aware that the Parish Council is taking over adoption from CHT. Parish Clerk to send the signed adoption papers back.</li> </ul> <p><b>6 Parish Pavilion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside timer lights have been bought and will be fitted shortly.</li> <li>• There is now a notice in the shop directing public to the toilet in the Pavilion</li> <li>• Parish Clerk to advise cleaner when the pavilion is being used, so that she is aware of when it needs to be cleaned.</li> <li>• A parishioner has approached the Parish Council about converting the old toilets and using it as storage space. The cricket club are trying to re-start the club, which would mean they would need storage for their equipment. It was decided that an estimated cost for converting the toilets was needed, as well as finding out whether the cricket club is actually going to re-start before any further decision could be made.</li> </ul> <p><b>7 VE Street Party</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Collins attended the recent working party meeting, confirming that everything is very organized, with many parishioners helping and getting involved. The road closure has</li> </ul>	SM

	been given approval from Highways, but has to be signed off by a higher authority. The Parish Pavilion has been booked for the day.	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><u>Emails received</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FW: Dorset Best Village Competition</li> <li>• Travel &amp; transport newsletter – February 2020</li> <li>• Bookings are being taken for the DAPTC Conference on Monday 30 March 2020</li> <li>• Retirement of DAPTC Chief Executive Hilary Trevorah</li> <li>• Information from NJC - Circular: Coronavirus COVID-19</li> <li>• Scootability™ Coaching for Schools – <i>fwd to Buckland Newton School</i></li> <li>• Dorset Council News for Town and Parish Councils – Feb 2020</li> <li>• Is Your Council Taking Part In #GBSpringClean 2020?</li> <li>• FW: Statement of Community Involvement for Dorset Council - adopted 28 January 2020</li> <li>• NALC Spring Conference 2020</li> <li>• INVITATION: Place Day event at Dorset Council - 2 April 2020</li> <li>• Leader's Bulletin February 2020</li> <li>• Coronavirus update information from NALC</li> <li>• NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group Feedback Bulletin Children and Young People Mental Health Survey Extended</li> <li>• Second round of town and parish workshops with Dorset Council - Book your place now</li> <li>• FW: Calling for Information on Litter Hotspots in Dorset!</li> <li>• DAPTC E-Newsletter No. 22 - Late February 2020</li> <li>• Information - Coronavirus handwashing poster</li> </ul> <p><u>Post received</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pensions regulator – confirmation on re-declaration</li> </ul>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Other Matters/Items for Agenda of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>1 Website – Mr Collins attended the new accessibility training and has prepared a report. He is happy to help draw up an Accessibility Statement and Disproportionate Burden Statement. There may be some costs involved in acquiring software to assist in making the website compliant, but more research is needed.</p> <p>2 Corona Virus – Cllr Collins has checked the emergency plan. It was agreed that a note could be put in the LVN stating that if anyone was self-isolating and they needed help, they could contact a member of the Parish Council who would put them in touch with the relevant voluntary groups within the village. Parish Council to put any relevant/helpful information on the website.</p>	
No voice recording was made at this meeting.		

**Next Meeting – Tuesday 14 April – 7.30 pm, Parish Pavilion**

The meeting concluded at 9.30 pm

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

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