

**BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Tuesday 11 August 2020 at 7.30 pm on the Parish Field**

**Present:** Chair Cllr Nicki Barker (NB), Vice Chair Cllr Jane Collins (JC), Cllr Chris Osmond (CO), Cllr John Baker (JB), Cllr Roy Godwin (RG), Cllr Sam Sowerby (SS)

Three Parishioners

Clerk: Sarah Mitchell (SM)

Item	Detail	Action
1	<p><b>Period of Public Questions</b> Cllr Barker welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
1	<p><u>Community Police Officer</u> – PCSO 6500 Alison Donnison – Report received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have been no reported crimes since the last meeting.</li> <li>• A reminder not to leave valuables in your car, as there has been an increase in thefts from cars parked at beauty spots.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	
2	<p><u>Dorset Councillor (Chalk Valley) Cllr Jill Haynes</u> – Report received.</p> <p>Dorset workplace update - In his latest announcement last week, Boris Johnson said that from 1 August the government will give employers more discretion to decide how staff can work safely, which could include allowing more employees to return to ‘covid secure’ workplaces. At Dorset Council however, we are continuing to advise all colleagues to continue working as they are now until at least the end of September. For many colleagues, this will mean continuing to work from home. Our priority is to ensure employees’ safety and wellbeing, and the coronavirus is unfortunately still a real threat to us all at this time. Following the government announcement of further easing of lockdown restrictions from 4 July they strongly advise local councils to continue to meet remotely, without the need for face to face contact. The government rules still state that we should all work from home if we can.</p> <p>Local councils have the powers to hold public meetings remotely by using video or telephone conferencing technology until May 2021 and so most councils will have no need to meet in person. Furthermore, local councils have the duty to allow the public to observe council meetings without placing restrictions on the number attending, which many council meeting venues will not be able to accommodate in a safe way at this time.</p> <p>A New Special School for Dorset - A new special school will be built in Dorset so more children can be educated closer to their homes. The Government gave the go-ahead on Sunday (19<sup>th</sup>) after we successfully bid for funding for the new special free school. It is expected that the new school will welcome up to 75 young people aged 14-19 with autism and complex learning difficulties. It has not yet been decided on which site this will be built as there several options being investigated.</p> <p>The draft Dorset Council Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy is going before Cabinet on 28<sup>th</sup> July for approval to go out to public consultation. There has already been general support for the strategy from Extinction Rebellion.</p> <p>Also, at next week’s Cabinet meeting for approval is the Economic Growth Strategy for the council. I was involved in the work for creating this document and found it very interesting. It is worked around six foundations for sustainable growth:            Digital infrastructure, People &amp; Skills, Innovation &amp; ideas, Transport Infrastructure, Place, Business environment. I think that it is currently not sufficiently supporting culture and the arts</p>	

	<p>which bring considerable footfall and income into the county. However, it is a working document and I believe this omission will be rectified.</p> <p>Central Government is looking for bids for funding to accelerate economic growth as we recover from the Covid pandemic. Dorset Council is putting in a bid via the LEP for some £8M to progress multiple interventions into one programme to close the connectivity gap in the rural areas of Dorset. This is not about superfast speeds which now cover over 95% of the council area. This is about Gigabit – often described as full fibre – for which there is currently only 4% coverage. This has very rapidly become so important to many businesses and individuals with so many people working from home for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>As we start to look at what future working will look like for everyone there is just so much that the council needs to be looking at supporting and working in co-production with others. The skills agenda and retraining for those likely to lose their jobs, our high streets, surplus commercial properties, and the knock-on effect on commercial bus routes of people working from home. The list is really never ending all in the shadow of a huge deficit and a possible second wave of the pandemic. Although I think that August as always will be a little quieter, I think September onwards will be very busy indeed.</p>	
3	<p><u>Parishioner correspondence/Issues Raised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressed in 8.1 and 9.5</li> <li>• Parishioners attended to explain their planning applications and to answer any questions from the Parish Council.</li> </ul>	
2	<p><b>Apologies</b>  Vice Chair Cllr Mark Needham (MN) - working  Cllr Lin Townsend (LT) – prior engagement  Cllr Andy Foot (AF) - working  C Cllr J Haynes (JH)</p> <p>Accepted as valid by the Parish Council.</p>	
3	<p><b>Registers of Interest</b>  None</p>	
4	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting held</b> Tuesday 7 July 2020 were Passed, Agreed and signed.  <i>Proposed Cllr Collins, Seconded Cllr Osmond, AIF</i></p>	
5	<p><b>Matters Arising</b>  1 None</p>	
6	<p><b>1 Planning Matters</b></p> <p><b>WD/D/20/001616 DUNTISH PADDOCKS, FACTORY LANE, BUCKLAND NEWTON</b>  Change of use of agricultural building to a self-contained dwelling  <i>Comments by 22 August 2020</i></p> <p><b>2 WD/D/20/001442 GLENAFON, REVELS HILL, COSMORE, DORCHESTER, DT2 7TW</b>  Remove 3 no existing storage containers and erect single storey detached timber store and lean to house extension.  <i>Comments by 31 July 2020 – Support due to the removal of the containers</i></p> <p><b>3 WD/D/20/0001582 VARIOUS SITES IN WDDC AREA</b>  Notification of intention to remove 23 public payphones  <i>Comments by 3 August 2020 - Buckland Newton Parish Council objects to the removal of the above telephone box.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The mobile signal in Henley and Buckland Newton is very poor and in some parts of the village it is non-existent, therefore it is required if an emergency arises.</li> <li>- Some of the parishioners do not own a mobile telephone.</li> <li>- People staying in local holiday accommodation may need to use it.</li> <li>- It has a historic importance to the village. The junction at Henley where the telephone box is situated has ancient importance. It marks where the medieval coffin road from Plush, met</li> </ul>	

Landscombe Lane from Sturminster Newton to go through Henley and into Buckland Newton via Hilling Lane. It is therefore a landmark for both drivers and residents as it marks an important point in the history of Buckland Newton traffic, whether on foot, horse or wheels.

The Parish Council notes that it shows as having 0 calls and would like to state that the telephone box was reported as being out of order to BT on 30 July 2019. The Parish Council continued to request that the telephone be mended with the last request on 31 January 2020. On the 3 February BT advised that it would be mended in five working days, but at the beginning of March it was still out of order.

4 **WD/D/19/000507 LAND AT MARLAYS, BOOKHAM LANE, BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 7DL**

8 July 2020 – Certificate of lawful use or development – Notice of refusal of application.

5 **WD/D/20/001131 BROCKHAMPTON FARM, BROCKHAMPTON, BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 7DJ**

Alterations and change of use of agricultural barn to form one dwelling house including residential curtilage.

8 July 2020 – Approval of Planning Permission..

6 **WD/D/19/000518 LAND AT BROOKFIELD, CRANES MEADOW, BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 7BY**

Erection of 6 dwellings with access through Bels Court (temporary access for construction traffic through existing curtilage of Brookfield)

20 March 2020 – Approval of Planning Permission

7 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1 Invoices Paid

July	ROSPA – Play area inspection	£ 86.40	BACS 14.7.20
	DAPTC – Annual subscription	£ 251.59	BACS 14.7.20
	Planminster (Strimming)	£ 30.00	BACS 14.7.20
	Ehanddryers.com	£ 132.00	BACS 14.7.20
	INT – hand sanitizer	£ 17.65	BACS 14.7.20
	Parish Clerk Wages	£ 376.82	BACS 14.7.20
August	Planminster	£ 34.50	BACS 5.8.20
	Clerks Wages (July)	£ 354.50	BACS 5.8.20

2 Invoices to be approved

Namesco Ltd – SSL Certificate & Domain Name £ 94.78

3 Monies Received

None

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Reconciled Bank Accounts at 31 July 2020		
Nat West Current	6,906.23	*
Nat West Deposit (Balance of Sir William Aykroyd's legacy)	5,527.89	
Project Fund	98.68	
Previous cheques	-	
Uncleared cheques	389.00	
	<b>12,143.80</b>	
* Play area B/F + Income	799.22	
Less Expenses	-	
<b>Balance at 31.07.20</b>	<b>799.22</b>	
Actual Parish Council Funds in current a/c		
6906.23 - 799.22	<b>6,107.01</b>	

	<p>The financial report was circulated prior to the meeting. The clerk confirmed that all spending was within the budget.</p> <p>Bank Balances have been reconciled, verified and witnessed by Cllr Collins.</p> <p><i>Financial Report Proposed Cllr Godwin, Seconded Cllr Sowerby, AIF</i></p>	
5	The Parish Clerk confirmed that the AGAR form had been submitted and acknowledgement of receipt had been received.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Highways.</b>	
1	Gates at Cosmore – Highways have stated that it is down to the Parish Council to replace the gates. Cllr Townsend has drafted a letter to the residents of Cosmore regarding the gates and the cost of replacements.	
2	B3143 – Duntish – The Parish Council has received concerns from a parishioner of speeding through Duntish. Highways have advised that nothing can be done, until there is proof of speeding. Records have been checked and the last reported incident was in 2018. To get proof of speeding the Parish Council would need to pay for strips installed. Parish Clerk to find out the cost and report back. Cllr Sowerby to speak to residents in Duntish to find out their views and seek any ideas of how to reduce the speeding vehicles.	SM SS
3	B3143 – Henley to Duntish – The Parish Council have received a request from a Parishioner requesting a reduced speed limit to 20 mph. Again proof of speeding would be required before Highways could be approached.	
4	Iron Man – residents have received a letter with details of road closures for the Iron Man. Many are concerned that the Iron Man is going ahead during the pandemic. Parish Clerk advised that Dorset Council have stated that the Multi Agency Advisory Group are meeting this week to make a final decision on whether the event is taking place.	
<b>9</b>	<b>Parish Matters</b>	
1	<b>Hountwell Pump</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr Needham has visited the pump on 11 July. The pump site has a steady flow of water and the fencing, gate and padlock are all in good order.</li> </ul>	
2	<b>Parish Field and Boundary Fence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cycle Rack – this has been removed.</li> <li>All-weather track - BNH is due to carry out the final work to the track this week.</li> <li>Cllr Needham has trimmed the grass between the hedge and running track.</li> </ul>	
3	<b>Play Area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seats need to be removed from the play area, to stop families congregating in one spot.</li> <li>Signage was agreed for when the play area re-opens. Cllr Baker to get it printed.</li> <li>Cllr Godwin to remove fence inside the play area and trim back the hedge</li> <li>Cllr Godwin to cap fencing posts</li> </ul>	JB RG
4	<b>Parish Pound</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Handyman is doing a good job keeping the pound tidy.</li> </ul>	
5	<b>Telephone Box</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Henley telephone – The Parish Council has objected to the removal of the telephone. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should consider adoption of this telephone box if it is to be removed.</li> <li>Gaggle of Geese telephone box – Cllr Baker has ideas to make this an information hub for the village.</li> </ul>	
6	<b>Parish Pavilion</b>	

7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Pavilion should remain closed, due to not being able to clean it efficiently to meet government guidelines.</li> <li>• Cllr Baker to chase quote for re-pointing of wall.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bus Shelter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sign has been put up stating that the bus shelter should not be used.</li> <li>• It was agreed that the roof should be repaired to make it safe for the coming winter period.</li> <li>• It was agreed that the bus shelter should be removed as part of the project to replace the parish field fence, when money becomes available.</li> </ul>	JB
8	<p><b>Allotments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new gate has been put in to stop the goat from escaping.</li> <li>• Parish Clerk to raise invoice to the Allotment Group for rent.</li> </ul>	
9	<p><b>Emergency Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lanyards have been ordered.</li> <li>• Thank you letters have been sent</li> </ul>	
10	<p><b>EE Signal</b></p> <p>A new EE mast has been erected in the Piddle Valley. It is possible that a relay station could be put in the church tower. Parishioners need to canvass the PCC for this to happen.</p>	
10	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><u>Emails received</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SSEN Network Upgrades – affected properties to receive letters</li> <li>• Tesco Bags of Help COVID 19 Community Grants Funding – <i>Parish Clerk has looked into this and it is not suitable for help with costs to making the Parish Pavilion covid safe. It is for community projects.</i></li> <li>• Possible funding sources for community projects</li> <li>• ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – Dog fouling – possible training available for Parish Council representatives to enforce dog fouling measures.</li> </ul> <p><u>Post received</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
11 1	<p><b>Other Matters/Items for Agenda of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>None</p>	

No voice recording was made at this meeting.

**Next Meeting – Tuesday 13 October 2020**

The meeting concluded at 9.15 pm

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