

BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Pavilion

Present: Chair Cllr Nicki Barker (NB), Vice Chair Cllr Jane Collins (JC), Cllr Andy Foot (AF), Cllr Chris Osmond (CO), Cllr John Baker (JB), Cllr R Godwin (RG),

Clerk: Sarah Mitchell (SM)

Item	Detail	Action									
1	<p>Period of Public Questions Cllr Barker 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 were reported at Enterprise Park Piddlehinton <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">18/11/19</td> <td style="width: 60%;">Theft of fuel from vehicle</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Enterprise Park</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25/11/19</td> <td>Criminal damage to vehicle</td> <td>Enterprise Park</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10/12/19</td> <td>Criminal damage to vehicle</td> <td>Enterprise Park</td> </tr> </table> • Increased visibility (foot patrols, delivering school assemblies) following the reported rape in Dorchester. Additionally there was an indecent exposure reported in Charminster between Christmas & New Year. • The “Nottingham Knockers” have been reported in the area of Dorchester. Nottingham Knockers are doorstep callers who offer a selection of household products for sale. The callers are often ex-convicts who claim to be part of a rehabilitation scheme which probably doesn't exist. They buy a bag of goods off the person who employs them, and are allowed to keep anything they make above this price. If when the money is taken it is crumpled, they accept it and move on. If it is crisp, flat and new – they are much more interested and engage the person in more conversation, to find out details about them. The caller also smells the note as they leave. If it is slightly musty, it is an indication there may be more in the property. Those addresses are noted and sold to interested parties in prisons, pubs and among certain trades. Unfortunately the elderly are often targeted for these scams, and any suspicious activity should be reported to police. The best advice is : TURN THEM AWAY - REMEMBER if cold callers don't get any sales in your area, they are less likely to return. • 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. 	18/11/19	Theft of fuel from vehicle	Enterprise Park	25/11/19	Criminal damage to vehicle	Enterprise Park	10/12/19	Criminal damage to vehicle	Enterprise Park	
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2	<p><u>Dorset Councillor (Chalk Valley) Cllr Jill Haynes</u> – Report received</p> <p>Dorset Council to increase funding for adult social care and children’s services Dorset Council has submitted proposals for its 2020-21 budget in a report going to three Scrutiny Committees (People, Place and Resources) on 13 January. These proposals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in funding for adult social care of £11.7m, taking the budget from £111.2m last year to £122.9m to meet the forecast demand for social care for older and disabled people • Increase in funding for children’s services of £10.3m, taking the budget from £63.7m last year to £74m to meet the forecast demand for support for children with complex needs and those in care. <p>The 2020-21 budget is set in a context of rapidly rising demand for both adults and children's care both this year and into the foreseeable future. This financial year (2019-20) the council is currently forecasting an overspend of £8.2m on directly controlled budgets, and £6.5m on funding for schools and education. This overspend is</p>										

largely due to unprecedented and growing levels of demand for social care services, which, in turn, is the result of population changes such as more people living longer with chronic and complex conditions, and an increase in diagnosis of children's special educational needs and disabilities. Dorset Council's proposed increased budget for 2020-21 aims to address the predicted growing demand.

Since 2010, central government grants to councils have been cut by nearly 60%. Dorset Council no longer receives any Revenue Support Grant from central government. This loss of funding has placed significant pressure on councils nationally, including Dorset Council, and on their ability to continue providing quality local public services.

In order to help fund the essential budget increases for adult social care and children's services, Dorset Council proposes an increase in council tax of 3.996% for 2020-21. Of this increase, 2% is the social care precept agreed by Government in the September spending review to help fund growing demand for social care. This would generate £9.6m of additional income.

However, the council tax increase will not fully cover the forecast increased social care costs, so in order to balance the budget Dorset Council will need to continue making substantial reductions in its expenditure without affecting the delivery of frontline services.

Dorset Council has already achieved significant cost reductions over the past year as a result of Local Government Reorganisation. For example:

- A reduction in the number of senior officer roles, and where there is duplication and overlap across support services like finance, HR, IT and others, delivered savings of £10m.
- A reduction in the number of councillors from 204 to 82 delivered £400k in savings.
- Cost reductions have been made on insurance, audit fees and other activities where the council only has to pay for one organisation rather than six. A new single banking provider is anticipated to deliver a saving of £70k a year.

Next year's proposed budget includes further multi-million pound savings through property rationalisation, reducing travel and transport costs, and a £3m reduction on expenditure through procurement. All savings are reinvested into frontline services.

Cllr Tony Ferrari, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Assets, said:

"Over the last year, the creation of the new unitary Dorset Council has enabled us to make significant efficiencies by removing duplication across the former councils. As a result we've been able to continue to deliver all services previously provided by the district, borough and county councils despite the growing demand for and cost of adult and children's social care services. However, we recognise that we need to increase our budget for the coming financial year in order to fund the continuing growth in demand.

"The council must – and will – deliver services sustainably within budget. We are developing innovative solutions to transform how we provide services with the aim of providing better services at a lower cost. However, transformation takes time, and residents of Dorset need services to be delivered in the meantime, so our 2020-21 proposals will enable us to fund additional demand over the coming year."

Cllr Spencer Flower, Leader of Dorset Council, said:

"We would of course prefer not to raise council tax. However, we are left with no choice due to a steady decline over recent years in the overall funding from central government and the rising cost of adult social care and children's services. The alternative would be to cut discretionary services such as libraries, highways and parks which neither I nor my colleagues wish to do.

"As an advocate for Dorset, over recent months I have lobbied Government for fairer funding – particularly for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and social care. As a result, we did secure a much needed additional £10m funding from Government in the autumn spending review. I will continue to make the case for Dorset with Government throughout the coming year.

"We have a statutory obligation to deliver many of our services. Looking after our most vulnerable residents is very important to us. And it is also important that we achieve a balanced budget through efficiency, not cuts."

3	<p>The council's proposed net expenditure budget for 2020-21 is £305m. A diagram attached outlines the proposed sources of the council's funding for next financial year. Following discussion at the Scrutiny Committees on 13 January, budget proposals will then be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 28 January and at the Full Council meeting on 18 February for final approval. These are all public meetings and members of the public are welcome to attend. Details of meetings are here: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/committees</p> <p><u>Parishioner correspondence/Issues Raised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verge outside the Parish Pavilion on B3143 – concerns that the verge is getting very muddy and damaged. It was suggested that little posts could be put on the verge to stop parking on the verge. The posts would have to be at least 500 mm from the carriageway. Another suggestion was for Eco mesh to be put down. This allows the grass to grow through it, but stops the verge being damaged if cars drive on it. Cllr Godwin to obtain prices and report at the next meeting. • Mirror at crossroads – A mirror can be placed at the crossroads with the landowners permission and must be sited at least 500mm from the carriageway. The landowner has given permission, but they will not accept any liability for the mirror. The Parish Council have passed this information onto the party who raised the suggestion and said that they are happy for them to action mirror. • Road surface outside of the school – This has already been put on the register of works to be done. Representatives from Highways have recently been to Buckland Newton and assessed certain areas; they have stated that they will be contacting the asset management team with regards to resurfacing the road. • Parking near the crossroads – Highways have assessed the crossroads and the score was not high enough to have double yellow lines put on it. The Police have been made aware of the situation. A notice has been put in the school newsletter reminding parents to park responsibly. 	RG
2	<p>Apologies Vice Chair Cllr Mark Needham (MN) – holiday Cllr Lin Townsend (LT) - unwell Cllr Sam Sowerby (SS) - unwell C Cllr J Haynes (JH) – unwell</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 10 December 2019 were Passed, Agreed and signed. <i>Proposed Cllr Collins, Seconded Cllr Foot, AIF</i></p>	
5	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>1 Footpath opposite the shop – rubble has now been removed.</p> <p>2 Record Keeping – Parish Clerk has checked the guide on retention and disposal of records issued by DAPTC and Dorset Council. There is no mention of emails having to be kept. It states that any electronic records that are important should be printed off and kept as hard copies, as computer hard and soft ware soon become obsolete rendering the records potentially unreadable in the future.</p>	
6	<p>Planning Matters</p> <p>1 WD/D/19/002715 FORMER WILDLIFE HIDE, BOOKHAM FARM, ALTON PANCRAS Change of use and extension to form residential accommodation. <i>Comments by 30 December 2019 – The Parish Council supports the application as it supports the rural infrastructure, will provide more holiday accommodation for the area and provide local employment opportunities. The Parish Council applaud the environmental aspect of it.</i></p> <p>2 WD/D/19/002716 SUNNYSIDE, BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 7BX Erection of replacement gate.</p>	

Comments by 4 January 2020 – The Parish Council supports. As an automatic gate, it provides improved road safety to householder entering property with a vehicle as entrance is close to a dangerous bend.

3 WD/D/19/001126 K NAP FARM, LOCKETTS LANE, BUCKLAND NEWTON, DT2 7BS

Repair existing track surface by rebuilding and regrading with imported stone and soil.
11 December 2020 – Approval of planning permission.

4 WD/D/19/002394 NOTIFICATION TO REMOVE TELEPHONE BOXES

*7 January 2020 – Henley Telephone Box has been removed from the recovery programme.
 7 January 2020 – Gaggle of Geese Telephone Box has been adopted by Community Heartbeat Trust.*

7 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1 Invoices Paid

Parish Clerk wages	£ 320.38	BACS
ICO Renewal	£ 35.00	DD
Mr N Baker – Sand store refill	£ 30.00	BACS
Buckland Newton Village Hall	£ 25.00	BACS

2 Invoices to be approved

BNH – Additional works (gate and posts)	£ 460.97
Parish Clerk Wages	£ 370.36
SSE – (14.9.19-14.12.19)	£ 27.00
Reimbursement – Cllr Barker – Heater	£ 35.00

3 Monies Received

United Charities – hire of Pavilion	£ 5.00
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4 Reconciled Bank Accounts at 31 December 2019

Nat West Current	5,929.61	*
Nat West Deposit (Balance of Sir William Aykroyd's legacy)	618.35	
Project Fund	3,098.68	
Previous cheques	-	
Uncleared cheques	-	
	9,646.64	
Play area B/F + Income	887.97	
Less Expenses	88.75	
Balance at 31.12.19	799.22	
Actual Parish Council Funds in current a/c		
5929.61 - 799.22	5,130.39	

5 Budget/Precept setting – It was agreed that the Precept should remain the same as this year. The precept request form was filled out and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr Foot, Seconded Cllr Osmond, AIF

6 Bank Balances have been reconciled, verified and witnessed by Cllr Collins. It was agreed that the remaining money in the Project Fund should be paid into the Reserve Account.

Financial Report Proposed Cllr Foot, Seconded Cllr Baker, AIF

<p>8 1</p>	<p>Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gullies on Locketts Lane have been emptied. • Dips on B3143 near Lydden Meadow - This section of carriageway has been inspected by a structural maintenance engineer and will continue to be monitored on a monthly basis. • There are pot holes at the crossroads. • The pot hole near Sunnyside is getting bigger • There is a drain on the East side of the shop near the bungalow that is blocked. • There is a need for a pair of single chevron signs on the sharp bend coming down Knapps Hill. Three cars have gone up and over the bank in the last nine months. <p>Parish Clerk to report on dorsetforyou site</p>	<p>SM</p>
<p>9 1 2 3 4 5 6</p>	<p>Parish Matters</p> <p>Hountwell Pump Nothing to report.</p> <p>Parish Field and Boundary Fence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BNH have confirmed that they will complete work on the trackway once the weather improves. <p>Play Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Osmond has bound the bottom of one of the ropes as it was beginning to fray. • Parish Clerk and Cllr Godwin to obtain prices for new wood chippings. • Parish Clerk to arrange a gift as a thank you for on-going play area inspection. <p>Parish Pound</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ‘No Parking’ sign has gone missing. Parish Clerk to advise how much the sign cost and monitor whether a parking issue develops that warrants replacement of the sign <p>Telephone Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Clerk has sent letter to Ofcom and will circulate to Councillors for their information. • Community Heartbeat Trust has agreed that the Parish Council can take over the adoption from them. The paperwork was signed at the meeting and Parish Clerk will return to them. • Henley telephone box is not working. Parish Clerk to report the fault again. <p>Parish Pavilion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A snagging report has been done, which has been passed onto the builder for completion. • It was agreed to employ a cleaner to do the cleaning once a week. • Heater – Cllr Baker had done some research on heaters for the Pavilion. He has managed to download the instruction manual for the current heater. It was agreed in the first instance to buy a timer for the heater that could be set for different periods of times. This means that the hirer only has to push one button for the heater to start working and the heater will automatically switch off at the end of the desired period. 	<p>RG SM SM SM JB</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Correspondence <u>Emails received</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset Council News for Town and Parish Councils • MHCLG Neighbourhood Planning Research – passed to Cllr Baker • 2020/21 Precept Request • December's Travel & transport news – fwd for website • News release: ‘Call for Ideas’ to help tackle Climate Emergency • Re: Parish engagement event – new local plan • NALC CHAIRMAN'S OPEN LETTER TO ALL COUNCILLORS • New Managing Director joins South Western Railway 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY MAY 2020 - NOMINATIONS DUE IN BY FRIDAY 24th JANUARY 2020 • Refresh of Dorset Heathland Framework Supplementary Planning Document, consultation closing date midday 3rd February-stats-pandtc-local-org • News release: Climate and Ecological Emergency panel December update • Adoption of the Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Mineral Sites Plan 2019 and Waste Plan 2019 • Possible training on 'Negotiating a better outcome in Planning' • Re: Children's Playgrounds – safety checks, repairs and replacements <p><u>Post received</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
<p>11</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Other Matters/Items for Agenda of Next Meeting</p> <p>Website – The new regulations have been looked into and it would be very costly to change the existing website. The Parish Council feel that it is a disproportionate burden as the website is not specifically aimed at people who are likely to have a disability. It was decided that Councillor contact details should be displayed boldly on the website enabling parishioners who do have a disability to be able to contact the Councillors and discuss the information they require.</p> <p>Signage – Cllr Baker re-capped what had been decided with signage around the village. It was agreed that the signs would be green with white painted routed lettering. Signs would be positioned around the village indicating, shop, village hall, parish pavilion and pub. The next step is for Cllr Baker to contact Highways with specific details of what is wanted.</p>	<p>JB</p>
<p>No voice recording was made at this meeting.</p>		

Next Meeting – Tuesday 11 February – 7.30 pm, Parish Pavilion
The meeting concluded at 9.25 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____