

BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday 7 July 2020 at 7.30 pm on the Parish Field

Present: Chair Cllr Nicki Barker (NB), Vice Chair Cllr Jane Collins (JC), Vice Chair Cllr Mark Needham (MN) Cllr Chris Osmond (CO), Cllr Lin Townsend (LT), Cllr Andy Foot (AF)

Clerk: Sarah Mitchell (SM)

Item	Detail	Action
1	<p>Period of Public Questions Cllr Barker welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
1	<p><u>Community Police Officer</u> – PCSO 6500 Alison Donnison – Report received. <u>Crimes/Incidents Reported between 21.05.2020 – 25.06.2020</u> 09/06/2020 Report of criminal damage – hay bales slashed – now unable to use</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 financial situation at the Council still remains very concerning. As I said in my last report, we are predicting a £60M additional cost to the council due to Covid. We have received £21M from central government but as yet nothing further. Senior management are meeting weekly with our MP’s asking for action but there has been no response so far. I am very concerned that the additional money will be sought by the government raising the council tax threshold which will be a terrible blow to Dorset. On the more positive side we received £134M to support businesses and have so far paid out £103M. All those who are eligible, but have not claimed, have been written to urging them to get in touch. An addition £6M was provided by Government for those who fell through the criteria for the main support grant. These were businesses like B&B’s, charter boats, and some activity providers. This money was open for claim for a limited period and the fund is now closed, 2100 businesses were further supported.</p> <p>We have also received £340K to help support our high streets to re -open. This will be used creating pedestrian one-way systems, in some cases widening pavements and also some limited road closures. There a dedicated team at the council involved in this work and some of the funding will pay for advertising our small town centres.</p> <p>The Institute of Fiscal Studies are predicting that Dorset will be in the bottom 9 worst affected council areas for employment. This is due to so many jobs being tied to tourism and hospitality businesses. In addition, they are mostly small seasonal businesses who cannot cope with losing a summers income. The council is already working with Bournemouth University to see what training and skill opportunities could be provided going forward. It is really important that we encourage diversification opportunities and that they are for better paid work.</p> <p>Over 1100 laptops have been provided by the council, businesses and charitable organisations to assist young people from poorer families to access schooling during the lockdown. In many cases we also had to assist in getting them a broad band connection too. The council will be sponsoring a series of activities through a “Summer in Dorset” programme. These will be targeted at special needs children, young carers and others whose families may need respite. There will be lots happening including at some of the council’s outdoor education centres and I have asked for full details when they are ready.</p> <p>In some areas there has been a spike in antisocial behaviour involving young people. We have found that this is often linked to “County line” activity. Probably not so much in our very rural</p>	

	<p>villages but certainly in the bigger villages and towns. We all need to be vigilant as our area is an easy target. Please watch out for additional/unusual vehicle movements, particularly taxis from out of the area, many are coming here from Liverpool and Manchester. Young people that are not about and then back mixing with friends possibly using more money than they would usually. The police are being very proactive in this and so please do not hesitate to contact them if you have concerns.</p> <p>There will be a special Joint Health Scrutiny of both Dorset and BCP committees on 1st July to look at the health response to Covid 19. We have, so far been relatively lightly affected by the virus but there will be lessons to be learnt and I know the committees will want to understand how prepared we are if there is a second wave of infection. More on this in my July report.</p> <p>I should now say something about the issues there have been in recent days at our beaches. I'm sure you are just as disgusted as I am about the behaviour exhibited. It takes up a considerable amount of officer time and cost to patrol, police and then clear up after these events, to say nothing of the blatant disregard for social distancing. Yesterday there was 27 tons of waste on Bournemouth beach alone. The council is doing its best to say keep safe, but I suppose part of the problem is that we are just within range of a day's drive from London and the midlands.</p>	
3	<p><u>Parishioner correspondence/Issues Raised</u> Parents have been asking when the play-ground will be re-opened. See 9.2 below.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies Cllr John Baker (JB) Cllr R Godwin (RG) C Cllr J Haynes (JH)</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 March 2020 were Passed, Agreed and signed. <i>Proposed Cllr Collins, Seconded Cllr Townsend, AIF</i></p>	
5 1	<p>Matters Arising Emergency Plan – Cllr Collins summarised outcomes of instigating the emergency plan in response to Covid-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be useful to have identification and Hi-Viz jacket, when walking around the village, so that parishioners could see that the Cllrs were acting as emergency helpers – <i>Cllr Collins to look into getting some.</i> • Community connections put out a flyer in the LVN listing a central contact number for parishioners to ring if they needed help. This worked well as all requests for help went to the same place, which meant they could be dealt with and monitored. – Cllr Townsend didn't think that the flyer was included in the magazine in Cosmore. • The Parish Council produced a flier which was delivered only to vulnerable people in the Village (with PC phone numbers.) A version of the flier was also printed in the LVN. • There was a great response from parishioners within the village who helped others – <i>Parish Clerk to write thank you notes.</i> • Sectors on Emergency Plan map – most sectors were covered and worked well. Important to keep monitoring who needs help in each sector as this is always changing. • Cllrs agreed that it was useful to have the weekly update that was provided by Cllr Collins. <p>Cllr Barker thanked Cllr Collins for all her co-ordination and help during the lockdown.</p>	JC SM
6 1	<p>Planning Matters WD/D/20/001058 K NAP FARM, LOCKETTS LANE, BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 7BS Form new agricultural access track. <i>Comments by 7 June 2020 - Buckland Newton Parish Council object to this planning application.</i></p>	

This application has caused a great deal of concern amongst our Parishioners and a number of very relevant highway and environmental points are raised in their many letters sent to you.

Hilling Lane is totally unsuitable for any increase in large sized traffic such as that of modern farm vehicles or HGV's and offers no benefit whatsoever to the existing farm access via Locketts Lane. It is also a single track road but with additional highway dangers. To the north of the proposed access, the lane is heavily confined by high hedges along with a very blind bend on the steepest section, and to the south by a dangerous junction and blind cross roads at Henley.

Since Knap Farm is in the same ownership and contiguous to Court Farm Business Park, with its own excellent vehicular access for HGV's north towards the main Sherborne - Dorchester road, the creation of an additional farm access onto narrow Hilling Lane with all its inbuilt dangers, seems unnecessary purely for agricultural activity.

Hilling Lane is much used locally by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders and over a considerable part of its length there is little room for foot and cycle traffic to pass even a small vehicle, such as a car.

The proposed track itself is within the AONB and raises a number of environmental concerns, as documented in objectors' letters.

We would request a site visit from both the Planning Officer, Environmental Officer and Highways Officer before a decision is reached on this application.

Noted that this application has been withdrawn.

- 2 **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.
Comments by 14 June 2020 - Buckland Newton Parish Council have no objection. The removal of the sleeper wall and concrete forming part of the existing yard will be a visual improvement.
- 3 **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
- 4 **WD/D/20/000363 LYONS HEAD HOUSE, LYONS HEAD FARM, COSMORE,
DORCHESTER, DT2 7TW**
Erection of single storey glass canopy to rear elevation
1 May 2020 – Approval of Planning Permission
- 5 **WD/D/19/003160 1-4 DOMINEYS COTTAGES, DOMINEYS YARD, BUCKLAND
NEWTON, DT2 7BS**
Erection of a two storey extension to terrace of four cottages.
18 June 2020 – Approval of Planning Permission

The Parish Council agreed that when Planning notifications are received they should be put on the website. A note should also be added to the LVN report to explain that applications listed were received by the deadline date and that others may have been received after that date.

7 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1 Annual Accounts

- The annual accounts have been audited by the internal auditor and the report has been discussed.
- Section 1 Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Report 2019-20 was approved and signed.
- Section 2 Accounting Statements of the Annual Report 2019-20 was approved and signed.
- The Parish Council approved the return for the External Audit.

Proposed Cllr Townsend, Seconded Cllr Needham, AIF

Parish Clerk to submit AGAR form and post notice regarding the exercise of Public Rights

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2 Invoices Paid

Clerks Wages & Exps + extra hours owed	£ 708.32	BACS 23.3.20
SSE – (20.12.19 – 18.2.20)	£ 47.42	BACS 19.3.20
Reimbursement Cllr Baker (Shelving unit/outside lights)	£ 180.16	BACS 19.3.20
Cleaning of Parish Pavilion	£ 30.00	BACS 19.3.20
Reimbursement Cllr Godwin – filing cabinet	£ 40.00	BACS 19.3.20
April Wessex Water	£ 55.67	BACS 20.4.20
DAPTC – Website accessibility	£ 17.50	BACS 20.4.20
Clerks Wages & Exps	£ 353.70	BACS 20.4.20
May BHIB Ltd – Insurance	£ 388.59	BACS 15.5.20
DAPTC – Zoom Training	£ 10.00	BACS 15.5.20
Planminster – Strimming and repairs	£ 53.00	BACS 15.5.20
Clerks Wages & Exps	£ 348.20	BACS 22.5.20

3 Invoices to be approved

ROSPA – Play area inspection	£ 86.40
DAPTC – Annual subscription	£ 251.59
Planminster (Strimming)	£ 30.00
Ehanddryers.com (hand dispensers)	£ 132.00
INT – hand sanitizer	£ 17.65
Battco Ltd (batteries for dispensers)	£ 6.96
Viking (Hand towel dispenser + towels)	£ 50.38
Parish Clerk Wages	£ 376.82
DAPTC – Training	£ 17.50

4 Monies Received

VAT refund	£ 122.40
Dorset Council 1 st half precept	£ 5467.50

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Reconciled Bank Accounts at 31 May 2020		
Nat West Current	7,824.05	*
Nat West Deposit (Balance of Sir William Aykroyd's legacy)	5,526.05	
Project Fund	98.68	
Previous cheques	-	
Uncleared cheques	-	
	13,448.78	
* Play area B/F + Income	799.22	
Less Expenses	-	
Balance at 31.05.20	799.22	
Actual Parish Council Funds in current a/c		
7824.05 - 799.22	7,024.83	

	<p>Parish Clerk gave a financial report, confirming that all spending was within the budget. Bank Balances have been reconciled, verified and witnessed by Cllr Collins.</p> <p><i>Financial Report Proposed Cllr Osmond, Seconded Cllr Foot, AIF</i></p>	
8 1	<p>Highways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cosmore – both gates need attention - <i>Parish clerk to report.</i> • Road Closure in Alton Pancras to allow work to be done on a culvert near Austral Farm. The road closure is proposed to begin on 24 August 2020 and end on 02 October 2020. The road will be closed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during the closure period. No night time or weekend access will be permitted 	SM
9 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	<p>Parish Matters</p> <p>Hountwell Pump</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report <p>Parish Field and Boundary Fence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle Rack – this is rotten and will be removed. • All-weather track - Clerk asked to chase BNH to do final finish to track, removing surface stone to store at north end of field and finishing with rolled fines as agreed. • Cllr Needham to top around the edge of the Parish Field. <p>Play Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual independent safety report has been received. • A risk assessment has been carried out with regard to re-opening under Government guidelines. • It was decided that the Play Area should remain closed until issues raised in the safety report could be completed and alterations to allow for social distancing and maintenance work could be done. • Parish Clerk to speak to Handyman re jobs that require attention. • Thank you to Cllr Godwin who has mended the hole in the footpath leading to Lydden Meadow. <p>Parish Pound</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report <p>Telephone Box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henley telephone box is now working. The door is broken. Parish Clerk to take photographs and ask for the door to be mended. • Gaggle of Geese telephone box – The adoption has been passed from CHT to the Parish Council. <p>Parish Pavilion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic Hand sanitizers have been installed. • A paper towel dispenser has been bought and needs to be installed. • After discussion it was agreed to keep the Parish Pavilion closed and review at the next meeting. • Parish Clerk to chase quote for re-pointing of the wall. <p>Cranes Meadow</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p>Bus Shelter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sign to be put up stating that the bus shelter should not be used. 	SM

<p>10</p>	<p>Correspondence <u>Emails received</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates have been received from Dorset Council, DAPTC and Nalc • Fed up of Dog Fouling in DORCHESTER – <i>Cllr Barker completed survey and forwarded to Buckland Newton School.</i> • DAPTC – Area representatives required • DAPTC – Proposals deadline 5 August • DAPTC – Feedback – online training • Tesco – bags of help <p><u>Post received</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
<p>11 1</p>	<p>Other Matters/Items for Agenda of Next Meeting None</p>	
<p>No voice recording was made at this meeting.</p>		

Next Meeting – To be confirmed
The meeting concluded at 9.15 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____