

BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday 8 December 2020 at 7.30 pm via Zoom

Present: Chair Cllr Nicki Barker (NB), Vice Chair Cllr Jane Collins (JC), Vice Chair Cllr Mark Needham (MN), Cllr John Baker (JB), Cllr Roy Godwin (RG), Cllr Lin Townsend (LT), Cllr Andy Foot (AF)

Clerk: Sarah Mitchell (SM)

Item	Detail	Action
20/12-1	<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.</p>	
2	<p><u>Dorset Councillor (Chalk Valley) Cllr Jill Haynes</u> – Report received. It has been a very intense month with both the second lockdown and the preparations for the budget, I don't think my diary has ever been this busy! Added to the mix there also seems to be some increasingly difficult casework, much of which is about families running out of jobs and therefor money which puts housing at risk, it's really tough out there for many.</p> <p>Most of you will have seen the news about the terrible fire at the waste depot in Chickerell which happened at the beginning of the month. We lost 21 vehicles in the fire and without the prompt arrival of a large number of the fire service we would have lost the buildings as well. The fire service conducted a full investigation and there were a lot of CCTV cameras to provide evidence. It looks very much as if it was started by an electrical fault caused by water from the heavy storms and then spread with the strong winds. Luckily there were no injuries. The staff on the ground did a remarkable turn around and were up and collecting waste again on the Tuesday after the Sunday fire. Relief vehicles were called in from other depots and some specialist vehicles were brought in on short term hire. The council insures third party and then is self-insuring as are most councils. Monies are put aside to cover the council and this makes a saving to the council of about £500k each year. There was more than sufficient in the fund to cover this fire and still have cover for other emergencies. We are currently out to tender for replacement vehicles.</p> <p>In next weeks Cabinet we are looking to approve to go out to public consultation on the new Local Plan in January 2021 this has been a massive piece of work bring the five district plans into one for the whole of the Dorset Council area. The consultation will last 8 weeks and will of course be fully advertised nearer the time. The comments will then be reviewed and there will be a further opportunity to comment towards the end of the year.</p> <p>There has been a huge amount of work done to get a balanced budget for next year. We have had to find savings or increased income to cover a gap that started in September at £45M. Last Friday there was a whole day budget session with all the Councillors to look at the proposals. These will then go the Scrutiny committees in December prior to Cabinet and Full Council. Many of the proposals are around protecting front line services and in particular the vulnerable adults and children we care for. Some areas will be looking to radically change the way that they work in order to provide early intervention and prevent people coming into the system. We have to set a balanced budget.</p> <p>The government announcement that Dorset was in tier 2 after lockdown has been a big blow for many particularly those in hospitality. I understand that this may well be reviewed later in December, of course we are all hoping that people use some common sense and that we don't end up with another lockdown in early 2021. .Later this week the council will be reopening things like our libraries and leisure centres but there will be the usual measures on social distancing.</p>	
3	<p><u>Parishioner correspondence/Issues Raised</u></p>	

	It has been suggested that the bus shelter could be used as an information centre. After discussion the Councillors decided that due to other plans that they could not justify spending money on it at the moment.	
20/12-2	<p>Apologies Cllr Chris Osmond (CO) Cllr Sam Sowerby (SS)</p> <p>Accepted as valid by the Parish Council.</p>	
20/12-3	<p>Registers of Interest and Grants of Dispensation Grant of Dispensation has been granted to Cllr Chris Osmond as he has no access to the internet.</p>	
20/12-4	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting held Tuesday 10 November were Passed and Agreed. They will be signed at a later date, due to Covid-19 restrictions. <i>Proposed Cllr Godwin, Seconded Cllr Baker, AIF</i></p>	
20/12-5 1	<p>Matters Arising/Clerk's Report</p> <p><u>Speed surveys</u> – Duntish Speed survey has been done and statistics/results have been circulated to Councillors. The Buckland Newton Survey will be done after lockdown. Highways interpretation – Joe Allen – “ <i>From my point of view both sites heading into the village, meet criteria for a SID as they are over the required 10%+2mph of the posted speed limit of 30mph. If you wanted to proceed with a community SID programme then we could provide all the guidance and support to do that. I think we have previously discussed this, but I have attached the information sheet again for you</i>”</p> <p>Other options or concerns can be discussed with Community Highways Officer.</p> <p><u>Highways</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways will check the gullies on the B3143 down the hill towards the shop and get them cleared if necessary. • Cllr Baker has produced a detailed report (including maps) of roads that need resurfacing in the village. Highways have raised these as a request to the Asset Management team to be considered for future resurfacing. Two jobs have been raised to repair some potholes (traditional repair). There were no safety defects found at this time on the other sections of carriageway that were mentioned. <p><u>Second Lockdown Grant</u> To qualify for the second lockdown grant your business must be in the Dorset Council area and must have been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • open as usual before the November lockdown restrictions, and • providing services in person to customers from the premises, and • required to close due to restrictions imposed by government, and • paying business rates for the premises before restrictions started <p>As the Parish Room was not open before the second lockdown, the Parish Council are unable to apply.</p> <p><u>Trustee</u> - Cllr Osmond has agreed to be the new trustee for The United Charities of Buckland Newton.</p> <p><u>Planning</u> – Letter has been sent to Chris Loder MP regarding the Housing White Paper - awaiting response</p>	
20/12-6 1	<p>Planning Matters WD/D/20/002255 - HIGHER FARM, MAJORS COMMON, BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORCHESTER, DT2 7BZ Demolition of existing dwelling house and attached garage, erection of a replacement dwelling house with detached garage.</p>	

Comments by 11 December 2020 – Buckland Newton Parish Council support as there will not be an impact on the neighbours either side.

20/12-7 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1 Invoices Paid

Dorset Council – Grass Cutting	£ 970.50	BACS 4.11.20
Parish Clerk wages – Oct	£ 362.84	BACS 4.11.20
PKF Littlejohn – Audit	£ 480.00	BACS 4.11.20
Playdale	£ 182.30	BACS 13.11.20
SSE	£ 65.86	BACS 15.10.20

2 Invoices to be approved

Parish Clerk Wages – November	£ 372.20
Parish Clerk Wages – December	£ 362.84
ICO	£ 40.00
Village Hall (Post Office Donation)	£ 150.00

3 Monies Received

Allotment Rent	£ 336.50
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The above invoices were approved for payment

Proposed Cllr Foot, Seconded Cllr Townsend, AIF

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Reconciled Bank Accounts at 30 November 2020		
Nat West Current	15,808.10	*
Nat West Deposit - The Aykroyd Legacy and Project Support Fund.	10,000.16	
Project Fund	98.68	
Previous cheques	-	
Uncleared cheques	-	
	25,906.94	
* Play area B/F + Income	799.22	
Less Expenses	-	
Balance at 1.9.20	482.62	
Actual Parish Council Funds in current a/c		
15808.10 - 482.62	15,325.48	

5 The financial report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Financial Report Proposed Cllr Needham, Seconded Cllr Collins, AIF

6 2021/22 Budget Setting for Precept – The precept request form has to be submitted before 31 January 2021. Parish Clerk to prepare up to date figures and circulate before the January meeting for a final discussion.

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20/12-8 Highways.

1 Sand Box – Parish Clerk circulated pictures and prices prior to the meeting. None were exactly what was required, therefore, Cllr Baker has offered to make one. Cllr Baker will draw some plans and do costings.

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3	Over flowing water opposite the shop – Parishioners have raised concerns about the amount of water that gushes out onto the B3143, especially during heavy downpours. Parish Clerk has been advised that all road issues need to be reported on the Dorset Council website; it would be useful to include photographs of the issue as well and concerned parishioners have been asked if they can help with this (photographs).	SM
4	Parishioners have raised concerns as the hedges on the road by Stickey Wicket are over hanging, causing lorries to drive on the wrong side of the road to miss them. Parish Clerk to write to owner asking for the hedges to be cut.	SM
5	It has been noted that cars are being parked on the B3143 on a corner in Duntish. Safety concerns were raised as two near misses have been reported to the Parish Council. Parish Clerk to speak to Highways about the problem.	SM
	Markings on the virtual pavement need to be repainted. Parish Clerk to report.	SM
20/12-9	Parish Matters	
1	Parish Field and Boundary Fence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing – Three quotes have been received which were compared and discussed. It was agreed that the fence on the Parish Field alongside the B3143 should be replaced. Parish Clerk to contact the company and arrange for a site meeting to take place. • Cllr Godwin will do work to the verge near the Parish Pavilion once the fence has been completed. • It has been suggested that small trees could be planted on the Parish Field in response to the National Campaign. • The track has been sprayed. • There has been an increase in dog fouling on the Parish Field. Note to be put in the LVN. Parish Clerk to buy some signs. 	SM
20/12-10	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEE – instalment of new Smart Meter – an engineer has been in contact and has requested a meeting to install a new meter. Cllr Baker offered to meet the engineer. 	
20/12-11	Other Matters/Items for Agenda of Next Meeting. The Parish Council has been asked whether there is any voluntary work available for somebody who is doing their Duke of Edinburgh Award. Unfortunately at the moment there is nothing that would be suitable.	
No voice recording was made at this meeting.		

Next Meeting – Tuesday 12 January 2021 – 7.30 pm
The meeting concluded at 8.48 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____