

BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Full Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 12 October 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Pavilion

Present: Chair Cllr Mark Needham (MN), Cllr John Baker (JB), Cllr Chris Osmond (CO), Cllr Mick Ames (MA), Cllr Christina Manny (CM), Cllr Lin Townsend (LT)

Clerk: Sarah Mitchell (SM)

Item	Detail	Action
	Cllr Needham welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
	Period of Public Questions None	
2021/10-1	To Receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reason given Vice Chair Cllr Roy Godwin (RG) - working Cllr Sheila Crouch (SC) - holiday Cllr Andy Foot (AF) – working Accepted as valid by the Parish Council	
2021/10-2	To Receive Declarations of Personal or Pecuniary Interests or Grants of Dispensation None	
2021/10-3	To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14 September 2021. The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record. <i>Proposed Cllr Ames, Seconded Cllr Townsend, AIF</i>	
2021/10-4	Clerk's Report 1 Parishioner Queries/Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further correspondence has been received from parishioner with a copy of the response received from Enforcement. 2 Highways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk has put order in for new 'Buckland Newton' sign 3 Parish Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation received that the mower can be stored in the new storage shed and that the mower container can be used as a sand store. • Bus shelter roof has been repaired • Strimming under new fence along B3143 has been completed. • School advised that any grant money is ring-fenced and therefore will not be able to make a contribution to the all-weather track. 4 Accounts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk has set up standing order of £ 50 per month into project fund 	
2021/10-5	To receive reports <u>Cllr Jill Haynes - Chalk Valley Ward, Dorset council</u> Just a few bullet points of things that are headlines at the council for this month but also in preparation for the budget process for 2022/23 which we are about to be working on. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In children's services we are seeing a concerning increase of children requiring mental health beds and there is a terrible shortage of this provision in Dorset and the SW as a whole. Much of this has arisen from lockdown issues and in particular appears to be causing eating disorders. • We currently have 196 foster carers but we desperately need more. They do a fantastic job but some are now getting to an age when they want to stop and we are working hard to find local replacements. You don't have to be a family you don't even need 	

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<p>2021/10-6 1</p>	<p>Planning Matters P/FUL/2021/02135 – LAND AT BROOKFIELD, CRANES MEADOW, BUCKLAND NEWTON, DT2 7BY Erection of 7 No. dwellings and associated access, parking and landscaping (revised proposal of planning permission ref. WD/D/19000518) <i>Comments by 8 October 2021 (extension granted until 18 October 2021) -</i> The Parish Council is aware that this application contravenes the Buckland Newton Neighbourhood Plan Policy RES3: Field north of Brookfield, west of Parish Field, which states “the site will provide up to 6 homes in total,..” as it proposes the erection of 7 new dwellings (3 open market and 4 affordable). However, it exceeds the provisions in Policy H3: The delivery of Affordable Housing, which requires up to 50% to be affordable homes on all housing sites.</p> <p>The Parish Council is also aware of the fact that the Neighbourhood Plan is now considered to be “out of date” due to Dorset Council not meeting its housing targets and the Neighbourhood Plan is now more than 2 years old. Thus it understands that less “weight” may be given to the Neighbourhood Plan policies.</p> <p>The main thrust behind the Neighbourhood Plan was the provision of affordable housing in our community. The Parish Council understands the difficulties the applicants have had in attracting a Registered Provider (Housing Association) to take on the affordable houses on this site because of financial viability issues to keep the rents low. It is noted that this matter has been discussed with the Council’s Housing Enabling Team who support the principle of increasing the affordable housing offer given the need to boost the supply of affordable homes across Dorset.</p> <p>The Parish Council has therefore taken a pragmatic view and supports the provision of an extra affordable dwelling on this site, and regards this as a better alternative to the possibility of a reduced number of affordable houses to make the provision financially viable.</p>																														
<p>2021/10-7 1 2 3 4</p>	<p>To approve the Financial Statement and agree any actions in relation to Financial Matters.</p> <p><u>Invoices Paid</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Reimbursement Cllr Baker – GS Products + Paints</td> <td>£ 117.15</td> <td>paid 13.9.21 BACS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerks Wages & Exps + Cilca hours unit 1</td> <td>£ 516.27</td> <td>paid 27.9.21 BACS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N J Green Fencing and Plant Hire – all-weather track</td> <td>£ 420.00</td> <td>Paid 13.9.21 BACS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Piers Closier Fencing – Play Park</td> <td>£ 2724.11</td> <td>paid 27.9.21 BACS</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transfer to Project Fund</td> <td>£ 50.00</td> <td>paid 27.9.21 BACS</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Invoices to be approved</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Dorset Council – Allotment Rent</td> <td>£ 325.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reimbursement Cllr Needham – Bus Shelter repairs</td> <td>£ 63.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SSE – 26.6.21-14.9.21</td> <td>£ 33.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planminster</td> <td>£ 48.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R A Murgatroyd – Bus shelter repairs</td> <td>£ 120.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Clerk Wages</td> <td>£ 512.94</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Invoices were approved for payment – Proposed Cllr Manny, Seconded Cllr Osmond, AIF</i></p> <p><u>Monies Received</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Dorset Council – 2nd half precept</td> <td>£ 5467.50</td> </tr> </table>	Reimbursement Cllr Baker – GS Products + Paints	£ 117.15	paid 13.9.21 BACS	Clerks Wages & Exps + Cilca hours unit 1	£ 516.27	paid 27.9.21 BACS	N J Green Fencing and Plant Hire – all-weather track	£ 420.00	Paid 13.9.21 BACS	Piers Closier Fencing – Play Park	£ 2724.11	paid 27.9.21 BACS	Transfer to Project Fund	£ 50.00	paid 27.9.21 BACS	Dorset Council – Allotment Rent	£ 325.00	Reimbursement Cllr Needham – Bus Shelter repairs	£ 63.28	SSE – 26.6.21-14.9.21	£ 33.28	Planminster	£ 48.00	R A Murgatroyd – Bus shelter repairs	£ 120.00	Parish Clerk Wages	£ 512.94	Dorset Council – 2 nd half precept	£ 5467.50	
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		Reconciled Bank Accounts at 30 September 2021			
		Nat West Current	7,760.56		
		Nat West Deposit - The Aykroyd Legacy and Project Support Fund.	10,000.99		
		Project Fund	148.68		
		Previous cheques	-		
		Uncleared cheques	-		
			17,910.23		
Financial Report was given by Clerk.					
2021/10-8	To consider and agree any actions in relation to Highways and Rights of Way				
1	SID – Cllr Ames has put information on the village Facebook page and there will be a report in the November LVN. He has put in a bid to the village fete for help towards funding. So far £1900 has been pledged towards the SID.				
2	The village sign (near the shop) has been replaced.				
3	Parking along B3143 - Parishioner is raising concerns about increased parking from parents along the B3143 at drop off and pick up times for school. They appreciate it is for a short period of time, but it causes congestion especially with lorries and tractors travelling along the road. As the vehicles are parking on the verge, this will become churned up during the winter period. Clerk to contact school to see whether a note about parking sensibly and respectfully can be included in the newsletter.				SM
4	Highways have confirmed that all salt bins will be re-filled shortly.				
2021/10-9	Parish Matters				
1	Play Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk to forward photographs from the weekly check to Cllr Baker for him to review and investigate. Cllr Godwin obtained three quotes for replacement bark. Clerk to obtain samples to make sure it is suitable. 				SM SM
2	Parish Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All-weather track – Cllr Needham brought samples of material for the top layer of the track. It was suggested that they should be put on the track to see how they weathered. As the Parish Council does not currently have enough money to complete the work, Councillors agreed that it should be re-considered in the Spring. Cllr Needham to seek quote for relocation of bin 				MN
3	Parish Pavilion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-pointing – may need to find another builder to carry out the work. Cllr Baker to enquire and report to Councillors. 				JB
4	Bus Shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work on the bus shelter to make the roof safe and water proof has been completed. 				
5	Sand Store <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The container currently being used to house the mower on the Parish Field will be used as the sand store. Cllr Baker to change the lock. 				JB

2021/10-10	To consider adoption of the new Code of Conduct To be an agenda item for the next meeting.	
2021/10-11	To receive information on the completion of electronic Register of Interests Clerk explained that all ROIs have to be done electronically by the end of October. Clerk will send a link to all Councillors.	SM
2021/10-12	To consider all Correspondence received for decision, consultation and information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yeovil Hospital – information regarding becoming a member and whether the PC would like a Governor to virtually attend a meeting. • LIVE CONSULTATION - Dorset Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2022-2032 - Deadline 31st October – <i>circulated to Cllrs, on website and Clerk to forward to RoWLO</i> • DAPTC – Electronic ROI – to be completed by 31 October 2021 • Governance Consultation – end of consultation 28 October 2021 – <i>Councillors have reviewed and do not want any changes, therefore no further action required as stated in email dated 22 Feb 2021 from Jacqui Andrews.</i> • 	
2021/10-13	Other matters for information and agenda items for Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to put information about re-registering on housing register on website and in LVN 	
No voice recording was made at this meeting.		

Next Meeting – Tuesday 9 November 2021 – 7.30 pm

The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____