

BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday 9 February 2021 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
21/2-1	<p>Period of Public Questions Cllr Barker welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>1 <u>Community Police Officer – PCSO 6500 Alison Donnison – Report received.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No crimes/incidents for Buckland Newton reported between 12.1.2021 and 4.2.2021 • For information and to be aware that overnight on 20.1.20 an excavator was stolen from the Enterprise Park. On the same night there was an attempt to enter another unit but it was unsuccessful. <p>2 <u>Dorset Councillor (Chalk Valley) Cllr Jill Haynes – January Report received.</u></p> <p>COVID update The current case rate for the Dorset Council area is 277 per 100,000, and the case rate for BCP area is 621 per 100,000. While the case rate is falling, this is happening more slowly than we would expect or like to see, bearing in mind we have been in national lockdown for three and a half weeks now. Colleagues at Public Health Dorset are working closely with Public Health England to try and work out why the rate isn't falling more quickly.</p> <p>We must all continue to play our part and strictly follow the lockdown rules to prevent spread of the virus. Please help to reinforce this message within your communities.</p> <p>Particularly worrying is the ongoing pressure on our health and care services locally. A number of local care homes are dealing with outbreaks affecting both residents and staff and there are currently over 500 patients in Dorset hospitals with COVID, so the pressure on beds is huge. Please read our statement on how Dorset Council is supporting care homes providers at this time.</p> <p>Our health and social care colleagues need our support now more than ever, and we're redeploying colleagues to support hospitals with making calls and administrative tasks, and are also considering what else we can offer. Due to the number of cases and deaths due to COVID-19 in Dorset throughout January, the NHS is also facing tremendous pressure including on mortuary provision. It has therefore been agreed to activate the Mortality Support Facility at the Poole port site to help with the number of deaths that they are seeing.</p> <p>Vaccinations In more positive news, the roll out of COVID vaccinations in Dorset is going well, with over 70,000 people in Dorset now vaccinated, so making good progress to reach everyone in the top four priority groups.</p> <p>Feedback on the payment of business grants We have some great letters from both local and national businesses to Dorset Council has been the fastest and most efficient council at distributing the grants that they have dealt with in addition that the website content on how to claim the grants has been incredibly useful. Last week we paid out over £23million of government grants to support local businesses, which is great news.</p> <p>North Quay and Weymouth Bowl proposals We are often asked about what we are doing with various vacant properties and sites owned by the council. This week, Cllr Tony Ferrari publicly launched some initial proposals to use two</p>	

3	<p>such sites in Weymouth: North Quay, where the old Weymouth & Portland Borough Council building still stands, and Weymouth Bowl, on the other side of the harbour. You can read more about the proposals to build housing, including affordable housing, on these sites. There is a tremendous amount of work still to be done in the Asset Review and I think what we do with our properties either sale or redevelop will continue for the rest of this term of the council.</p> <p>Budget While we have set a balanced budget for the year 2021/22 with the current lockdown the overspend in the current financial year is not reducing. Not unexpectedly we are receiving large drops in income from both council tax and business rates and additional cost in all social service areas. Current estimate is £18M overspend which can be covered from reserves but puts additional pressure on next years budget to ensure all savings targets are met.</p> <p>Looking Forward While we are still in the height of the problems with the pandemic now is the time we must find extra time and effort to see what we need to be doing in the future. One area will certainly be learning and skills, for those who have lost jobs in hospitality and retail and also for those young people leaving school. It is early days yet but some very positive conversations are happening with a variety of organisations to make this happen. As you see in the paragraph about Weymouth we are looking to see where we can work to get more affordable housing across the council area. What we must not lose is the greater co-operative working across a whole plethora of organisations and the stronger communities that have been built during this time. Also the IT skills agenda which is developing and expanding all the time.</p> <p><u>Parishioner correspondence/Issues Raised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Parish Council have been asked to make a complaint about a helicopter that flew very low over Buckland Newton scaring two horses. Parish Clerk to report to Community Police Officer. 	SM
21/2-2	<p>Apologies Cllr Chris Osmond (CO) Accepted as valid by the Parish Council.</p>	
21/2-3	<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. Cllr Osmond spoke to the Clerk before the meeting to put forward his views.</p>	
21/2-4	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting held Tuesday 12 January 2021 were Passed, Agreed and Signed. <i>Proposed Cllr Foot, Seconded Cllr Collins, AIF</i></p>	
21/2-5 1 2	<p>Matters Arising/Clerk's Report CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS Adverts have been put on the Noticeboard at the shop, the Website, Community Facebook Page and in the LVN. Three people have enquired and one set of application forms has been returned. Closing date is 1 March 2021.</p> <p>HIGHWAYS <u>Hedge at Stickey Wicket</u> – The hedges are cut annually between January and February. Received a request that perhaps a Parish Councillor could arrange a visit to discuss the problem. Parish Clerk responded that due to lockdown restrictions it was not appropriate for a Parish Councillor to meet. Parish Clerk contacted Highways and they sent a Vegetation/tree leaflet. Highways advised that branches overhanging the footway needs to be 2.1 metre clearance and over the carriageway 5.2 metres clearance. <u>Hedge at Cemetery</u> – PCC contacted about hedge. PCC responded that they are looked after by Dorset Council and that they will contact them. <u>Hedge outside Brookfield</u> – Parish Clerk emailed in regard to the hedge. Leaflet attached. <u>Water running onto road above shop</u> – Flood risk team has been in contact to say that the issue is in hand. There used to be a ditch running along the field boundary which was piped. However, the pipe is now blocked so the ditch will be reinstated which will prevent the water flowing down onto the road. The work should be completed in the next couple of weeks.</p>	

3	<p>PARISH FIELD/PAVILION/PLAY AREA Fencing to be done/commence Monday 15 February.</p>																				
21/2-6 1	<p>Planning Matters Cllr Baker has reviewed the Local Plan Consultation. The main points specifically relevant to Buckland Newton from the Local Plan Consultation are listed below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Neighbourhood Plan will continue to be an adopted part of the new Local Plan until 2030. • the allocated sites in our Neighbourhood Plan and their associated policies will be unchanged. • the policy for “windfall” sites within the Defined Development Boundary remains unchanged, e.g., suitable garden sites. • Our Neighbourhood Plan policy for up to 50% affordable housing on each site will remain unchanged. • The new Local Plan policies for houses outside the Defined Development Boundary will essentially remain unchanged. Housing development will be restricted to rural exception affordable housing, rural workers’ housing and the re-use of existing rural buildings. • The Local Plan period will be until 2038. As is currently happening, Dorset Council expects some housing development over the next 18 years from “windfall” sites and those outside the Defined Development Boundary as detailed above. This will contribute to its housing target figures. • Buckland Newton will be placed in the new Tier 4 in the Housing Hierarchy. This will offer us more protection against speculative development in the case of Dorset Council not meeting its 5 year housing supply targets than, say, Cerne Abbas or Piddletrenthide which are in Tier 3. 																				
21/2-7 1	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS <u>Invoices Paid</u></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>SSE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 35.34</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Not paid yet</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parish Clerk Wages – January</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 374.84</td> <td style="text-align: right;">BACS 27.1.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dog Fouling Signs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 40.08</td> <td style="text-align: right;">BACS 27.1.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reimbursement to J Collins for websites</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 388.51</td> <td style="text-align: right;">BACS 27.1.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Piers Closier – Half cost deposit</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 4984.96</td> <td style="text-align: right;">BACS 27.1.21</td> </tr> </table> <p>Parish Clerk queried SSE invoice. Picture of meter has been sent in. Awaiting an amended invoice.</p> <p>2 <u>Invoices to be approved</u></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Parish Clerk wages</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 361.89</td> </tr> </table> <p>3 <u>Monies Received</u></p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Rent for Hountwell Pump</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 1.00</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Parish Clerk has issued a receipt.</i></p> <p>The above invoice were approved for payment</p> <p><i>Proposed Cllr Needham, Seconded Cllr Townsend, AIF</i></p>	SSE	£ 35.34	Not paid yet	Parish Clerk Wages – January	£ 374.84	BACS 27.1.21	Dog Fouling Signs	£ 40.08	BACS 27.1.21	Reimbursement to J Collins for websites	£ 388.51	BACS 27.1.21	Piers Closier – Half cost deposit	£ 4984.96	BACS 27.1.21	Parish Clerk wages	£ 361.89	Rent for Hountwell Pump	£ 1.00	
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4	Reconciled Bank Accounts at 31 January 2021			
	Nat West Current	9,450.11	*	
	Nat West Deposit - The Aykroyd Legacy and Project Support Fund.	10,000.32		
	Project Fund	98.68		
	Previous cheques	-		
	Uncleared cheques	-		
		19,549.11		
	* Play area B/F + Income	799.22		
	Less Expenses	711.11		
	Balance at 31.1.21	88.11		
	* Lockdown Grant for Pavilion	10,000.00		
	Less Expenses	4,984.96	deposit for fencing	
	Balance at 31.1.21	5,015.04		
	Actual Parish Council Funds in current a/c			
	9450.11 - 88.11 - 10000.00	4,346.96		
	The financial report was circulated prior to the meeting.			
	<i>Financial Report Proposed Cllr Needham, Seconded Cllr Godwin, AIF</i>			
5	<u>2021/22 Budget</u> – The finalised budget figures were circulated prior to the meeting. <i>Proposed Cllr Foot, Seconded Cllr Collins, AIF</i>			
6	The precept form has been submitted and confirmation of receipt has been received.			
7	Internal Auditor – It was agreed to continue with the current internal auditor. Parish Clerk to contact them to see if they are willing to complete the audit.			SM
21/2-8	Highways.			
1	Concerns have been raised about ice on the road by Little Gunville. This road is being used more because of diversions in place. Parish Clerk to contact Highways to see if it can be gritted.			SM
2	Ice on road outside Stickey Wicket – road very difficult to navigate as ice completely covers the road. Councillors to see whether it is possible to put a supply of salt on the verge, so that parishioners can self-help.			JB/AF
3	Speeding at Duntish – Parish Clerk to respond to parishioner email, that the speed survey in Duntish has been done, but they are waiting for a speed survey to be completed in Buckland Newton before any decision can be made.			SM
21/2-9	Parish Matters			
1	Parish Field and Boundary Fence.			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Foot and Cllr Godwin to start removing the old fence Work on new fence to commence on Monday 15 February 			
2	Telephone Box			SM

3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It has been suggested that the telephone box could be used as an exchange point. Councillors reviewed the plan/ideas. Parish Clerk to respond to the parishioner who is willing to run the project. <p>Bus Shelter Cllr Baker circulated drawings of the proposed changes to the bus shelter prior to the meeting. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Baker would re-work the drawings and produce some costings.</p>	JB
21/2-10	<p>Correspondence Wessex Water contacted Parish Council as they were checking maps from Land Registry in regard to sewers. Parish Council responded to affirm their ownership of Parish Field.</p>	
21/2-12	<p>Other Matters/Items for Agenda of Next Meeting. None</p>	
No voice recording was made at this meeting.		

Next Meeting – Tuesday 9 March 2021 – 7.30 pm

The meeting concluded at 9.08 pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____