

BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 9 March 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
21/3-1	<p>Period of Public Questions Cllr Barker welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
1	<p><u>Community Police Officer</u> – PCSO 6500 Alison Donnison – No Report received.</p>	
2	<p><u>Dorset Councillor (Chalk Valley) Cllr Jill Haynes</u> – February Report received. As we move into nearly a year of Covid 19 restrictions and a particularly hard time for many in this last lockdown my post bag, phone calls and emails have never been so busy. Some are perfectly valid issues and need my intervention, but many are people just being very frustrated and sometimes worried with the situation and finding somewhere to vent their anger. It is happening to all members and to council senior officers as well. So I apologise that my report is a little late but I do try to respond to individuals first.</p> <p>This dry spell and in particular the sunny weather at the end of February made many people try to break the lockdown. Not just local people wanting to get out a bit further afield, but we have been getting a large number of day visitors to the coast from outside the county. It was reported that there were some 20 camper vans at West Bexington that weekend alone. It is of course not permitted to travel during lockdown apart from essential reasons, however the start of the reductions in restrictions coupled with most over 60's now having the first vaccination seems to have let off the handbrake in many peoples minds!! The volume of visitors that we are likely to receive in Dorset from Easter onwards, but particularly in the summer, is a big concern to the Council. We will have very little control over this influx or their behaviour, but lessons have been learnt after the terrible problems in the Purbeck area last summer. We have an officer group working with partners like the coastguards, fire brigade, police to name but a few. We will be putting in place additional signage, additional parking areas and places for overnight campervans, and additional waste bin emptying and toilet cleaning. However, with very few people looking to holiday abroad and many caravan sites already 85% fully booked I feel it will be a difficult time. Looking at the visitor issues last year one was disposable barbeques, and in particular the terrible fire in Wareham forest. It is extremely difficult to ban the sale or use of these in open countryside but we are going to be working with shop owners, landowners, National trust and of course Dorset Council owns country parks and beaches, to try to get an agreement to stop the use on beaches and vulnerable countryside.</p> <p>The good weather has also brought about many people doing work in the garden and having a spring clean this has cause long queues at the tip!! Because of the nature of the sites the need to be on the edge of housing and are often down rather narrow roads. It is causing particular issues on some sites for local businesses and householders. Like other councils we are now actively looking to put in a booking system for trips to the tip. It will take a couple of months, but I will let you know when that will start.</p> <p>Many people will have noticed the horrible amount of litter on our roadside verges, particularly the main roads. The council does pick the litter along main roads but it always becomes more noticeable at this time of the year when the countryside division do a "back cut" to remove brambles and seeded tree saplings from the back of the verge. The chopped-up paper and plastic is then much more difficult to remove. I have been working with the portfolio holder for highways to see if we can use machines that collect the brash as well as the litter in future years. I would also like to give a big thank you to those who collect as individuals or as a village spring clean in our rural areas. It is a disgusting and unnecessary and costs the council taxpayer a large</p>	

	<p>amount of money we need to change the culture and make it a shameful thing to throw litter.</p> <p>To finish on a really good note Dorset Council bid to central government for capital funding to support our Climate and Ecological Emergency Strategy. Apparently, our strategy was held up as an exemplar and we were awarded the massive amount of £19,000,000 to make changes to the heating systems and insulation to our buildings. This was the largest amount by far awarded to any council!! This will replace oil boilers with air source heat pumps, put solar on the roofs of buildings and will reduce the councils carbon footprint by about 10%, while making some £450K savings in fuel costs.</p>	
3	<p><u>Parishioner Correspondence/Issued Raised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request was received to help trace a burial site. Parish Clerk passed on to PCC who have been in direct contact and have been able to help. 	
21/3-2	<p>Apologies Cllr Chris Osmond (CO) Accepted as valid by the Parish Council.</p>	
21/3-3	<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. Register of Interest – Cllr Needham, agenda item 21/3-6, planning</p>	
21/3-4	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting held Tuesday 9 February 2021 were Passed, Agreed and Signed. <i>Proposed Cllr Foot, Seconded Cllr Townsend, AIF</i></p>	
21/3-5 1 2	<p>Matters Arising/Clerk's Report</p> <p>Helicopter – A Parishioner contacted the PC asking them to report a low flying helicopter. Parish Clerk contacted Community Police officer who said it was not a police matter but provided a link to report low flying military aircraft. This link was passed onto the parishioner.</p> <p><u>Highways</u></p> <p>Ice on the road by Little Gunville - This was raised as an issue at the last PC meeting. Parish Clerk contacted Corinne, who asked community highways manager; the response was “<i>We are only able to salt the signed diversion route in these circumstances. Due to the weather conditions over the last week we received a lot of request to salt beyond the main precautionary routes and community links. Unfortunately we are not in a position and do not have resources to cover the network beyond are normal routes. Thankfully the weather has now improved</i>”</p> <p>Flooding in Bookham Lane – The flood in Bookham Lane was reported to Highways. Highways came out and took a look. They cleared the drain/gulley and got a pipe running. A request has been registered for the drain/gulley to be sucked out (the last time this was done was 2015)</p> <p>Flooding from field onto B3143 above shop – Plan for work to be done is being discussed between all parties involved.</p> <p>Protecting verge – a parishioner contacted the Parish Council asking about the rules of putting sleepers on the verge to protect it. Highways have spoken directly to the parishioner.</p> <p>Signs on verge – Highways have received an anonymous complain about ‘A’ boards being placed on the verge advertising the Gaggle of Geese, Curry Van etc. Highways have no problem with the signs, provided they are 500 mm from the edge of the carriageway. Gaggle of Geese landlords have been spoken to and it was suggested that the sign could be zip tied so that it does not blow over.</p>	
21/3-6 1	<p>Planning Matters WD/D/20/002718 HENLEY OLD FARM, HENLEY, DORCHESTER, DT2 7BL Connection from existing ditch to new silt/sediment trap (retrospective) <i>Comments by 8 March 2021 – Buckland Newton Parish Council support - this newly installed system of attenuating rainwater flow off the fields has been very successful in eliminated historic flooding onto the highway.</i></p>	

**WD/D/20/003076 THE OLD FARMHOUSE, BOOKHAM LANE, BUCKLAND
NEWTON, DORSET, DT2 7DJ**

Adapt former dairy building to create one dwelling.

Comments by 12 March 2021 – Parish Council support – a good use of a redundant building.

P/PAOD/2021/00475 - Location: Office, Keepers Lodge Bookham Lane

Proposal - Change of use from offices to 'Master Art Classes/Experiences' with accommodation to stay in overnight.

The above application has been received. The Parish Council are being notified for information purposes. This application is not a planning application but a request for a legal determination of the Council as to whether or not Prior Approval is required for the proposal.

21/3-7 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1 Invoices Paid

Parish Clerk Wages £361.89 BACS 3.3.21

2 Invoices to be approved

Parish Clerk Wages £ 360.14
Piers Closier Fencing £ 5460.16

3 Monies Received

None

The above invoice were approved for payment

Proposed Cllr Needham, Seconded Cllr Godwin, AIF

Reconciled Bank Accounts at 28 February 2021			
	Nat West Current	9,088.22	*
	Nat West Deposit - The Aykroyd Legacy and Project Support Fund.	10,000.40	
	Project Fund	98.68	
	Previous cheques	-	
	Uncleared cheques	-	
		19,187.30	
*	Play area B/F + Income	799.22	
	Less Expenses	711.11	
	Balance at 28.02.21	88.11	
*	Lockdown Grant for Pavilion	10,000.00	
	Less Expenses	4,984.96	deposit for fencing
	Balance at 28.02.21	5,015.04	
	Actual Parish Council Funds in current a/c		
	9088.22 - 88.11 - 5015.04	3,985.07	

The financial report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Financial Report Proposed Cllr Baker, Seconded Cllr Godwin, AIF

Proposed Cllr Foot, Seconded Cllr Collins, AIF

To consider Dorset Council Grounds Maintenance Contract – The contract amount has increased

