

# BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010**  
**at 7:30 The Parish Room, Buckland Newton**

**Present:** Trevor Marpole, Nicki Barker, Andy Foot (ARF), Mark Needham, Chris Osmond, Doug Morse, Stephen White

**1. Apologies:** Alan Foot (AJF), Andrew Stone

**2. Welcome by Chairman:**

Cllr Marpole welcomed electors to the meeting and highlighted some of the items that the Parish Council have been involved with over the last year which included:

1. No increase in this year's precept.
2. The continuing maintenance of the children's play area and support for the Village Steering Group in their application for funding to install new equipment.
3. The construction of the new footpath across the playing field, which has been well received, and also the new gate.
4. Continuing contact with the Highway's Department in order to try and improve local roads.
5. Submission of planning comments.
6. Archiving of indenture documents discovered in parish room safe.
7. The use of the refurbished parish room by the outreach post office and also as a temporary home for the shop.

**3. Matters raised by Electors**

3.1 Chris Burnett raised concerns about the increase in the number of parked cars outside the new village shop and whether it would be possible to rent a strip of land opposite in order to alleviate the problem. It was agreed that this possibility could be investigated in the future but it was also felt that the parked cars slowed down the traffic through the village by restricting the road.

**4. Play Area Improvements**

4.1 No further update at the meeting.

**5. Affordable Housing**

5.1 The revised planning application is progressing and will hopefully be approved by the end of June, with the intention to commence building in July. The aim is for the new houses to be occupied by next spring.

**6. Verge Cutting**

6.1 It had been noted that verge cutters had been in the area recently and Cllr Barker requested whether it would be possible to protect certain sections that are covered in wild flowers. A representative from Dorset Wildlife had visited the area and looked at specific sections in full flower but only areas containing rare wild flowers can be officially identified on a map. It was suggested that the only way to protect certain verges is to mark the section with yellow posts at either end which would mean that the cutters would lift at these points. In addition it was felt that a letter from the Parish Council identifying the areas on a map would be beneficial.

The meeting was then concluded at 8.15pm

**Next meeting Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 8:00pm, Parish Room**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_