

BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, 12 July 2012 at 8.00 pm in the Parish Room

Present: Chair - Trevor Marpole, Mark Needham, Mark Hammick, Rodney Cuff, John Baker, Lin Townsend, Chris Osmond District Councillor: Jacqui Cuff Clerk: Vanessa Wellstead (VW)

Item	Detail	Action
1.	Apologies: Nicki Barker, Andy Foot County Councillor: Jill Haynes	
2.	Declarations of Interest: 1. Cllr Baker re: Court Farm item	
3.	Democratic Half Hour 1. Mr Chris Holland attended the meeting to talk about his plans for a new driveway at his property Higher Still. He wanted to advise the Parish Council before starting work on the driveway which would involve the use of a digger. The new permeable driveway will be well drained to avoid water running on to the road. Mr Holland is also looking at the possibility of constructing a double garage and was considering the best location. The Parish Council advised Mr Holland to talk to the Planning Dept before submitting a planning application and also to speak to his neighbours to make sure they are happy with the plans. 2. Chris Burnett and Lesley Docksey attended the meeting to discuss the Buckland Newton Community Plan. A letter had been sent prior to the PC meeting raising concerns about the lack of Parish Council attendance at the Working Group meetings. Also it was suggested that the Parish Council had made amendments to the planned questionnaire. Cllr Baker had discussed the questionnaire at a previous PC meeting and Cllr Barker had made some suggestions but Cllr Baker pointed out that these suggestions had then been discussed at a Working Group meeting where some of the ideas were rejected. Cllr Baker explained that the Parish Council is ultimately responsible for the Community Plan and therefore it is necessary for him to keep them updated at PC meetings and for the Parish Council to endorse decisions. Ms Docksey felt it would be better if more Parish Council representatives could attend the Working Group meetings when decisions are made. Several of the Parish Councillors had attended previous meetings but felt it was not possible to guarantee how many could attend in the future. It was also suggested that members of the Working Group could come to the Parish Council meetings to discuss the Community Plan. The Parish Council felt that it was important for a variety of local people to attend the Working Group meetings to voice their opinions. The questionnaire which is planned for September will be used as a tool for gathering information and will target the whole parish. Mr Burnett suggested that it would be a good idea to include a question about the Parish Precept as he felt that a lot of local people are unaware of what the Precept is. This could establish whether people are happy for the Precept to be raised to enable the Parish Council to do more within the Parish. The Parish Council are very keen to keep the Precept at its current level and feel that it is a difficult time to ask people to pay more. The Parish Council did agree that they would look at an increase in the future for a special project but this would have to be justified and had no plans to raise the Precept just for the sake of it. Cllr Baker suggested that the Working Group members came up with a question about the Precept to be included in the questionnaire which he would then email to the Parish Council for discussion.	

4.	Minutes of Last Meeting held 12th June : Passed Agreed & Signed	
5.	<p>Planning Applications:</p> <p>1. 1/D/12/000265 Court Farm, Buckland Newton Revised layout of site, various changes of uses, extensions and alterations. <i>Development Control Committee Meeting 21 June 2012</i></p> <p>2. 1/D/12/000631 Beaulieu Wood Farm, Buckland Newton Building to cover over an existing open yard <i>Approval of Planning Permission</i></p> <p>3. 1/D/12/000596 The Rectory, Buckland Newton Demolish existing building and erect replacement dwelling in accordance with previous application 1/D/10/002078 and erect detached garage <i>Amended Plan</i></p>	
6.	<p>Financial Matters:</p> <p>1. Following invoices agreed for payment Southern Electric £15.36 ROSPA £79.20 Play Area Inspection V Wellstead £602.25 There is also an invoice from Tony Perrett for the work to the play area fence for £190 approx. Cllr Marpole will pass the invoice to the Parish Clerk for payment. <i>Proposed RC Seconded LT AIF</i></p>	
7.	<p>Play Area/Recreation Ground</p> <p>1. The inspection report for the play area had been received from ROSPA. It advised that the chains on the buddy wing were too long and so Cllr Marpole had made the necessary adjustment. Also there was a comment about the roundabout regarding the bearing which needs to be monitored and checked on a routine basis. An engineer from Playdale had already been out to look at the roundabout but had been unable to undo the bolts and was due to arrange another visit. <i>Parish Clerk to chase up Playdale.</i></p> <p>2. A local resident had raised concerns about dog fouling on the land behind and adjacent to Cranes Meadow. Previous concerns had been raised about the increasing incidents of owners who walk their dogs on the playing field and do not use the provided bins. <i>Parish Clerk to submit another reminder in the LVN.</i></p>	
8.	<p>Post Office</p> <p>1. An email had been received from Laura Tarling advising that the Post Office were in contact with BT to establish whether a connection problem could be contributing to the problems with the Outreach Service.</p>	
9.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>1. The Working Group is arranging a local consultation due to start in September with a launch meeting planned for the 27th in the Village Hall. There will then be several other meetings and the questionnaire, which has yet to be finalised, will be distributed around the same time.</p>	
10.	<p>Code of Conduct/Register of Interests</p> <p>1. DAPTC advised adopting a new Code of Conduct based on the NALC model. Each Parish Councillor had received a copy of the new Code of Conduct and all agreed at the meeting to adopt the new Code. <i>Proposed MH Seconded CO AIF</i></p>	

2.	Register of Interest forms to be completed by each Parish Councillor and returned to the Parish Clerk.	
11. 1.	Highways A local resident had reported an accident to Cllr Marpole after tripping over the very uneven surface surrounding the BT manhole cover opposite the school. The accident led to a trip to hospital but fortunately the lady concerned was alright. Cllr Marpole contacted BT about the incident and the Parish Clerk also advised the Highways Dept. It would appear that work has been carried out to improve the surface but unfortunately around the manhole cover by the junction and not the one that was reported. <i>Cllr Marpole to contact BT again.</i> 2. Cllr Osmond asked when the verges are due to be cut. Verge cutting is now carried out slightly later in the year to protect the wild flowers but has begun in some areas.	
12. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Correspondence SSE – Electricity Supply Contract ROSPA – Play Area Safety Inspection Report WDDC – Community Infrastructure Levy DCC – Draft Minerals Core Strategy WDDC – Local Plan Draft Consultation	
13.	Other Matters/Items for Agenda of Next Meeting	

Next Meeting Tuesday, 14th August 2012 at 8:00pm, Village Hall

The meeting was concluded at 9.30 pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____