

BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 13 May 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room

Present: Chair - Cllr Trevor Marpole (TM), Acting Chair - Cllr Nicki Barker (NB), Cllr Andy Foot (AF), Cllr Rodney Cuff (RC), Cllr John Baker (JB), Cllr Chris Osmond (CO), Cllr Alison Chant (AC), Cllr Lin Townsend (LT), Cllr Mark Needham (MN), District Councillor Jacqui Cuff (JC) County Councillor Jill Haynes (JH) Clerk - Sarah Mitchell (SM)

| Item | Detail | Action | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1 | Apologies: None | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Declarations of Interest None | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Period of Public Questions | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Cllr Nicki Barker welcomed everyone to the AGM and asked all present to partake in a minutes silence in respect of Mr John Hillman and Mrs Jane Sargent who have both recently passed away. Mr Hillman had been a parish councillor and Chairman and Mrs Sargent had been Parish Clerk, both had given many years service on the Parish Council. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Some residents raised concerns that the Gaggle of Geese Pubs opening hours has been reduced. It has been confirmed that the pub will be opening on Wed, Thurs and Fri evenings - 6 - 11 pm. The post office will continue to run as normal. As the owners have not discussed their future plans for the pub no action can be taken at the moment. It was agreed that we ask our District Councillor to initiate registering the pub as a village asset. This would mean that should the pub ceased trading and is put on the market, a Community Right to Buy is invoked, giving the Parish 6 months in which to put together an alternative bid to purchase. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Residents also asked what was happening with the offices at Stevens Walk. D Cllr Jacqui Cuff updated the residents. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | C Cllr Jill Haynes gave an annual report - see attached. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Election of Officers <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Chairman</td> <td>Cllr Trevor Marpole</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice Chairman</td> <td>Cllr Nicki Barker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Recreation Officers</td> <td>Cllr Chris Osmond and Cllr Rodney Cuff</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Footpath Officer</td> <td>Mr Stephen White</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Flood Warden</td> <td>Mr Douglas Morse</td> </tr> </table> <p>The above were elected on block. <i>Proposed MN, Seconded AF - AIF</i></p> | Chairman | Cllr Trevor Marpole | Vice Chairman | Cllr Nicki Barker | Recreation Officers | Cllr Chris Osmond and Cllr Rodney Cuff | Footpath Officer | Mr Stephen White | Flood Warden | Mr Douglas Morse | |
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| Footpath Officer | Mr Stephen White | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 5 | Minutes of Last Years AGM Meeting held Tuesday 4 June 2013 were Passed, Agreed and Signed. <i>Proposed AC, Seconded RC - AIF</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Chairman's Report Acting Chair Cllr Nicki Barker read out the 'Chairman's Report For Last Year'. Cllr Andy Foot thanked Cllr Nicki Barker for preparing a thorough report. The report | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | is attached. | |
| 7 | Financial Report | |
| 1 | End of year report attached. Accounts have been audited. The Annual Return for the financial year and the Annual governance statement for 2013/14 were approved. <i>Proposed AF, Seconded MN - AIF</i> | |
| 2 | <u>Invoices Paid</u> Clerks Wages (12.3.14 - 8.4.14) +Stamps & photocopying - £ 216.35 Southern Electric - 19.12.13-17.3.14 - £ 36.07 Countryside Services - Grass cutting - £ 375.00 <u>Invoices to be approved</u> DAPTC HMRC Workshop training - £ 30.00 Clerks wages (8.4.14-12.5.14) + stamps - £ 207.11 The Dorset Locksmith (cleaning) - £ 60.00 AON Insurance - £ 476.88 | |
| 3 | Natwest Current Account Balance - £ 11,340.15 at 2.4.14* Natwest Reserve Account Balance - £8015.22 at 2.4.14 *includes Neighbourhood Plan and Play Area = £ 7331.95 £ 3958.20 Actual <i>Proposed RC, Seconded CO - AIF</i> | |
| 4 | It was agreed that the £50.00 prize money from the Best Kept Village competition should be used to pay for plant material in the planters at the entrance to the village on the B3143. <i>Proposed TM, Seconded AC - AIF</i> | |
| 5 | SM to obtain quotes for the replacement of the existing Parish Council laptop as it cannot support some of the software now required and is very slow. | SM |
| 8 | Minutes of Last Meeting held Tuesday 8 April 2014 were Passed, Agreed and Signed. <i>Proposed AF, Seconded AC, AIF</i> | |
| 9 | District Councillor - Jacqui Cuff | |
| 1 | D Cllr Jacqui Cuff gave her annual report - see attached | |
| 10 | Planning | |
| 1 | None | |
| 11 | Highways | |
| 1 | <u>Enquiry Number 1014431</u> - From the village shop on the right hand side of the road running up to Henley - Deep Gully. Highways comment - Permanently Repaired. After discussion it was agreed that SM should contact Highways and advise that this has not been repaired adequately. | SM |
| 2 | Residents from Buckland Newton have asked if white lines could be continued on the centre of the road from the top of Knapps Hill to the C12 junction as these are invaluable as a safety guide in the common problem of low cloud/hill fog that occurs | SM |

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| | there. This has been raised before. SM to chase. | |
| 3 | Flooding at Lanscombe Lane. The surface needs inspecting, it is badly rutted, water collects resulting in flooding. It is hazardous. SM to report. | SM |
| 12 | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>Emails received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Schedules 2014-15 - <i>Put in the Lydden Vale and on Village Hall Notice Board</i> • NALC Consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) • Flood Relief Funding for Dorset • Police and Crime Commissioner West Dorset Community Engagement Forum - Broadwindsor , Comrades Hall , Tuesday 13th May 2014 18.00-20.00 • ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, A352, CHARMINSTER TO CERNE ABBAS • Chalk & Cheese Local Action Group - Local Development Strategy UPDATE 22nd April 2014 • Dorset fingerposts newsletter • Road Verge Management 2014-2015 • Dorset online - details of residents week and attractions. • Upcoming DAPTC courses and seminars • Dorset Playground Enquiry - <i>questionnaire has been filled out and returned.</i> • Centenary Fields Programme • Sustainable Communities Act, see DAPTC website for more information • CE Circular May 14 <p>Post received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife, working with the community, Saturday 17 May • Life Education - asking for a donation towards attending Buckland Newton School. • Tony Perrett - Quote • Mr Nickisson - Quote | |
| 13 | <p>Other Parish Matters</p> <p>1 Benches - Two quotes, one decline and one no response has been received. After discussion it was agreed to ask Mr Tony Perrett to do the work. SM to also ask him to quote for replacing the kissing gate on the parish field, like for like as well.</p> <p>2 Hountwell Pump - Mr A Robinson has sent a chasing letter and is awaiting a response.</p> <p>3 Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr John Baker, Cllr Lin Townsend and D Cllr Jacqui Cuff have been speaking to local individual land owners to see what can be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan. There will then be a public consultation.</p> <p>From previous minutes (13/12/11) it was noted that the Parish Council would provide £ 250.00 per year for two years towards the Neighbourhood and Parish Plan. As yet this has not been put through the accounts. <i>Proposed RC, Seconded CO, AIF</i></p> <p>4 Finger posts/Signage - No residents have shown any interest in helping to restore the finger posts. D Cllr Jacqui Cuff to contact a resident in Piddle Valley who is willing to help.</p> <p>JC also reported back that the Gaggles of Geese would be able to have a brown sign,</p> | <p>SM</p> <p>JC</p> |

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| | but the Village Shop and Henley Hillbillies could not as they are situated on the main road. | |
| 5 | <p>Fete - The fete committee have asked if items for the fete can be stored in the Parish Rooms again. Parish Council agreed that this was ok.</p> <p>Also, if the fete cannot be held at the Gaggle of Geese, would there be any objections to it being held on the Parish field. The Parish Council have no objections as long as the cricket square is fenced off and not used/damaged.</p> | TM |
| 6 | Play Area - Cllr Trevor Marpole has checked the play area and the turn table is jammed solid. TM to speak to suppliers. | |
| 7 | Salt/Sand Bin - It is hoped that a community sand and sand bin can be put outside at the village hall so that it is easy for residents to access. It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund a wooden structure for it to be kept in. NB will bring it to the Village Hall AGM in June and if agreed organise the building of wooden structure for the Sand and bags to be paid for by the Parish Council. | NB |

Next Meeting AGM - Tuesday 10 June 2014 - 8.00pm, Parish Room

The meeting concluded at 9.50 pm.

Signed: _____

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