

# BUCKLAND NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting

**Tuesday 8 December 2015 at 8.00 pm in the Parish Room**

**Present:** Chair - Cllr Rodney Cuff, (RC), Cllr Nicki Barker (NB), Cllr Chris Osmond (CO), Cllr Mark Needham (MN), Cllr Jane Collins (JC), Cllr Lin Townsend (LT),  
**Clerk:** Sarah Mitchell (SM)

Item	Detail	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Period of Public Questions</b>	
1	Community Police Officer - apologies received. Cllr Jane Collins mentioned that there had been some Polish people walking around the village trying to sell prints/paintings door to door.	
2	District Councillor - no report	
3	County Councillor Jill Haynes sent a report to be circulated to the Parish Council.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr John Baker (JB), Cllr Andy Foot (AF), Cllr Sam Sowerby (SS), County Councillor Jill Haynes (JH), Community Support Officer.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Registers of Interest</b> None	
<b>4</b>	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting held Tuesday 10 November 2015 were Passed, Agreed and Signed.</b> <i>Proposed CO Seconded JC AIF</i>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> None	
<b>6</b>	<b>Planning Matters</b>	
1	<b>WD/D/15/001743 WALWYN, FORD DOWN LANE, HENLEY, DORCHESTER, DT2 7BN</b> Erect two storey rear extension, single storey side extension, internal and external alterations. Amended Plan <i>Approval of Planning Permission</i>	
2	<b>WD/D/15/002340 THE OLD SAWMILLS, TILEY KNAP, MIDDLEMARSH, SHERBORNE, DT9 5QW</b> Construction of car park and associated engineering works. <i>Corporate view by 28 November 2015 - Buckland Newton Parish Council has no objection provided there is appropriate landscaping</i>	
<b>7</b>	<b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b>	
1	<u>Invoices Paid</u> The Dorset Locksmith (cleaning) - £ 60.00 cheque 310 Dorset County Council - £ 302.00 cheque 309	

	Clerks Wages + Exps	-	£ 240.31	cheque 308		
2	<u>Invoices to be approved</u>					
	Buckland Newton community website	-	£ 120.00			
	Namesco - hosting community plan	-	£ 83.87			
	Clerks Wages + Exps (including Postage/Paper)	-	£ 259.23			
	The Dorset Locksmith (cleaning)	-	£ 48.00			
	Data protection registration	-	£ 35.00			
3	<u>Monies Received</u>					
	None					
4	<u>Balance of Accounts 31.10.15</u>					
	Current A/C	£8403.70*				
	Deposit A/C	£8020.04	(Balance of Sir William Aykroyd's legacy)			
	*Neighbourhood Plan B/F + Income	£ 4007.21				
	Less Net Expenses	£ 406.88				
	<u>Balance at 30.6.15</u>	<u>£ 3600.33</u>				
	*Play area B/F + Income	£ 1564.40				
	Less Net Expenses	£ 472.48				
	<u>Balance at 31.12.14</u>	<u>£1091.92</u>				
	<b>*£8403.70 - 3600.33 - 1091.92 = £3711.45 actual</b>					
	2015/16 possible expenditure - Reinstating Hountwell Pump					
	<i>Proposed LT, Secoded MN, AIF</i>					
8	<b>Precept</b>					
	After discussion it was decided to increase the precept to £ 7700.00.					
	<i>Proposed LT, Secoded CO, AIF</i>					
9	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>					
1	As Cllr J Baker was unable to make the meeting, it was decided that the Parish Council would meet on Monday 14 December, 7.00 pm at the Village Hall to discuss and agree on the final amendments to the draft neighbourhood plan.					
10	<b>Highways</b>					
1	Enquiry Number 1044878 - Gullies/drains blocked, Spring Lane. Permanently repaired job number 14046499.					
2	Rubbish has been dumped in the layby on Factory Lane near the Junction at Revels Hill. SM to report.					SM
3	There is cooking oil running across the road from the property next to Tony Perrett in Middlemarsh. SM to investigate whether it has reported and speak to Mr Perrett and Minterne Parish Council.					SM
11	<b>Parish Matters</b>					
1	<b>Hountwell Pump</b>					
	Following a Parish Council site inspection in October, the well was found to be in an unsafe condition. In November, 3 members of the Parish Council installed a					

	<p>temporary replacement cap to the well along with tape and advisory notices as to the danger, particularly with reference to one area on the north side of the well which has become severely washed out and requires further attention. As access via the original trackway is currently obstructed, access was achieved via adjoining landowners fields from the south and west. A letter was sent by recorded delivery on 17 November to Mr and Mrs Higgs of Hountwell to make them aware of the temporary work carried out and advising them of the danger (letter attached to th minutes)</p> <p>Cllr Nicki Barker has continued her investigations and has visited the records office again. Her report is progressing and should be ready for the meeting in January, when the Parish Council can review it and discuss the next step.</p>	
2	<p><b>Play Area</b> Play area has been checked and the following has been raised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roundabout will not go round.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr R Cuff to investigate.</p> <p>SM to organize a present for Mrs Caroline Durston to thank her for checking the play area on a weekly basis.</p>	SM
3	<p><b>Fingerposts</b> Henley finger post - an email has been received stating that the fingerpost is ready to be put back. AONB have contacted Highways and asked them to liaise with Mr Higgs.</p>	
4	<p><b>Community Resilience Plan</b> Cllr Jane Collins updated the Parish Council on the emergency plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A few responses had been received from the article in the LVM. Cllr J Collins has followed these up.</li> <li>• Letters have been written to the PCC, School, Village Hall and Doctors Surgery advising that an emergency plan is being written.</li> <li>• We are hoping that a Home Emergency Action Plan leaflet can be put in with the LVM and distributed to each household.</li> <li>• More local information is required so a questionnaire to be circulated to Councillors and also put in the LVN.</li> <li>• SM to write a courtesy letter to Mr M Perrett re the emergency plan.</li> </ul> <p>The Parish Council thanked Cllr Jane Collins for all her hard work on producing the draft emergency plan.</p>	SM SM
5	<p><b>The Very Useful Directory</b> This is now two years old and needs updating. Jan Marpole is happy to update it. Parish Council agreed that it should be updated and re-circulated.</p>	
12	<p><b>Correspondence</b> <u>Emails received</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safer Dorset Fund Community Grant Round 6 - Opens 16th November</li> <li>• Dorset Local Resilience Forum Conference - Harnessing Local Resources and Expertise - Friday 27th November - Free invite to Parish and Town</li> </ul>	

	<p>Councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November Community Services Directory</li> <li>• NALC Procurement Toolkit</li> <li>• FW: You're invited to Litter Free Dorset Workshop (23 Nov 2015)</li> <li>• FW: Housing and Planning Bill</li> <li>• Parish Precept Requests 2016/17</li> <li>• Free Workshops for Carers 2016 - <i>forwarded to LVM &amp; Community Website</i></li> <li>• FW: Safer Dorset Fund Community Grant Round 6 - Opens 16th November Closes 28th December</li> <li>• FW: Flood Advisory Survey at the Weymouth Pavilion - <i>forwarded to Doug Morse</i></li> <li>• RoSPA Playsafety Operational Playground Inspection Training Course 10th - 12th February 2016 at Holiday Inn Express, Exeter</li> <li>• Parish Council Report from County Councillor</li> <li>• Dorset Home Choice</li> <li>• NaLC Bulletin on National Developments and Meetings</li> </ul> <p><u>Post received</u> None</p>	
13	<p><b>Other Matters/Items for Agenda of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>None</p>	

**Next Meeting - Tuesday 12 January 2016 - 8.00 pm, Parish Room**

The meeting concluded at 9.15 pm

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

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

## County Councillor Report for BNPC Meeting 10 December 2015

Dear All

My apologies for this rather late report but there was quite a lot to type.

The Children's Directorate are struggling with a large overspend to the budget of about £2.5M. Currently there are some 430 young people in care but we have only budgeted for about 360. This figure looks as if it is likely to remain high for a number of years and so we need to address this in the base budget or they are never going to be within budget.

There is a review of the Youth Worker Service. Currently DCC runs 22 buildings in which there are youth clubs. It has been decided to put the youth workers into primary schools where they will have greater contact with the children and families they need to reach. Currently only 10 percent of ten to eighteen year olds attend a youth club and of these, less than one percent are the children we need to reach. The schools will know when a child is not attending or perhaps is poorly dressed or fed. These are the families that we need to reach as a matter of urgency for early intervention so that we stop the youngsters coming into care later. Communities with council owned youth centres are being encouraged to take them on. In some cases the local land trust will be involved in others they are setting up a social enterprise to run the club.

Councillors will have seen in the government spending review that councils will be allowed to put an additional 2 percent on the council tax base to help pay for adult social care. I will be pressing for the council to take this route. If we do not take up the option then it will be very difficult for us to get the CCG to support additional funding as well. Currently since 2011 the Adults directorate has taken cuts of £27M almost half of all the cuts to the council. We cannot continue to support older people with these reductions especially as their needs become more complex and people are living longer.

The main topic at all councils at the moment, is devolution. There are two areas at the moment, firstly a Combined Authority. This is all the existing District Councils, County and Bournemouth and Poole working together to make a bid to Central Government for a joint project. In this case, Transportation and Economic growth. Each council will remain a separate entity joining together to work for this bid. Secondly, Bournemouth, Poole, East Dorset and Christchurch then put in a bid to become a Unitary Authority. They did this with no consultation with the other councils. If this were to happen, then it is likely that what was left of the County would not be sustainable in areas like highways and adult social care. Thankfully, there has been a very firm steer last week from the Government, that they would not support this option and were looking for a larger picture to be taken into account. This is the time for Councils to be much more progressive and look to join with for example the blue light services and some of the health services. Cornwall has started to go down this route already. DCC has commissioned the Local Government Association to look at possible options. Government is still keen to have close local involvement and some kind of two tier system. They also would like a Mayor system, but I don't think that there is much appetite to see a Dorset Mayor running things.

it is likely therefore, that Parish Councils will have a much greater role to play in future years. There has been some talk of working this around Local Area Partnerships. However, many of my rural parishes are against this as they see Dorchester taking too big a part in the local role. In other areas parish councils are looking to Federations. To this end, I am proposing to host a meeting for my Parish Councils, so that you can all get together and exchange views and give me a firm steer as to the way you would like things to progress. I am looking to set this up in late January on a Saturday morning and I am trying to sort out a venue now, so I hope this will be of interest to you. Whatever system comes next, it needs to be there quickly, as it is quite apparent that Local Government cannot survive as it is with the funding available.

On that cheerful note I will sign off and wish you all a Happy Christmas because it is certainly going to be an interesting New Year.

