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### **The Minutes of Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 25th April 2017 in the Main Hall, West Buckland Village at 8pm.**

**Present:** Cllr's Mrs M Blogg (Chairman), D Lacey, Mrs C Hannath, D Mitton, J Nutt, C Rayson and C Silverlight.

**In attendance:** the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe and one member of the public.

**190/04/17. To accept apologies for absence.** There were no apologies.

**191/04/17. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda.** There were no disclosures.

**192/04/17. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 28/03/17.** The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

**193/04/17. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda.** There were no matters arising.

**194/04/17. Democratic Period.** The member of the public did not wish to speak.

**195/04/17. Planning:**

**a) To consider any Planning Applications received by the Parish Council prior to the meeting.**

**46/17/0016/T** Application to carry out management works to one Willow tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (West Buckland No 2) Tree Preservation Order 2001 at Willow House, 2 Church Drive, West Buckland (TD900). Applicant: Mr S Skelton.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council has no objections.

**46/17/0019** Erection of extension at Brewers Farm, West Buckland. Applicant: Mr & Mrs Warby. Comment: West Buckland Parish Council has no objections.

**46/17/0017/LB** Replacement of windows and doors to the front and rear of Honeysuckle Cottage, Chelston Manor Court, Chelston. Applicant: Miss S Bennion.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council support the granting of approval.

**b) To receive decisions from planning applications determined by TDBC.**

No decisions received.

**46/17/0011** Erection of a single storey extension to the dining room at Camelot House, Ham Road, Ham, Wellington. The application has been withdrawn.

**46/17/0013** Erection of dwelling with associated works on land to the rear of 1 Silver

Street, West Buckland. The address has been amended to 1 Peacocks Cottages, Silver Street.

**c) Planning enforcement issues.** The Chair and Clerk have looked from the road at the new collection of buildings that has appeared in the field to the south of Glyndon in Blackmoor (on the road from Manleys Farm to Ford Street). The entrance to the field has been decorated with new walls, pillars, pots and planting and the name Umpa Lumpa has been put at the entrance. On the site there is also a holiday type caravan and a large horse box vehicle. The Clerk will ask Planning Enforcement to check whether any planning permission is needed.

**c) Blackdown Garden Centre – approaching 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 deadline for implementation and completion of highways works following variations of condition 4 of 46/12/0007.** TDBC are looking into this. The Clerk will formerly report this as a planning enforcement issue so there is a reference number to follow up.

**e) Any other planning matters.** There were no other planning matters.

#### **196/04/17. Highways.**

**a) Matters arising from previous meetings.**

Cllr Lacey will collect the bags of salt from the bottom of Sawyers Hill. SCC are expected to collect the dumpy bags from Buckland Hill.

**b) To note any highway defects to report/or to report on.** No specific defects reported.

**c) Damage to finger post signs.** The finger post sign at the top of Buckland Hill, which was flattened, has been removed and is being stored by Cllr Silverlight. Once the SCC guidance on finger post signs is published a decision will be made about refurbishing it. Councillors have been invited to attend the Blackdown Hill Community Heritage Forum on 24<sup>th</sup> May when Nic Wall from South West Heritage Trust will talk about restoring Somerset's traditional finger posts. Cllr Silverlight has booked a place.

**d) Removal of the dwarf flowering Cherry tree outside of 2 Peacocks Close.** The tree has been damaged by passing vehicles and its growth has been stunted. The Parish Council has no objection to it being removed.

**e) Any other highways matters.** There were no other highways matters.

#### **197/04/17. Finance:**

**a) To agree and authorise any payments.** It was resolved to agree the following payment: Mrs J Larcombe - £307.98 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 1362)  
The Clerk's salary will increase by approximately 1% from the 1<sup>st</sup> April. in line with the pay award for 2017/18 as agreed by NALC and SLCC.

**b) To review Business Risk Assessment.** This document was updated in 2016 and it was agreed no further updates were necessary.

**c) Statement of Internal Controls.** The document was agreed and signed by the Chairman.

#### **198/04/17. Playing Field:**

**a) Any matters to report from inspections carried out during the previous month; any actions taken or to be taken as a result.** There were no matters to report.

**b) Any other matters.** Mr Hawker has returned the key to the padlock on the playing field gate. A key has been given to the DLO. The DLO has been asked for a copy of their public liability insurance cover.

Mr Stanworth has provided a copy of his public liability insurance.

The Clerk will book the Rospa annual inspection of the play area and equipment.

Cllr Lacey will secure the nets on the football posts with more cable ties.

**199/04/17. Footpaths: any matters brought forward.** No matters brought forward.

**200/04/17. Defibrillator**

a) **To agree a grant to the Village Hall towards the cost of electricity.** Cllr Mrs Blogg, Cllr Mrs Hannath and Cllr Rayson all declared personal interests as members of the Village Hall Committee. It was agreed to give a grant of £20 towards the cost of the electricity for the defibrillator for 2017/18 (Chq no 1363).

A quote will be obtained to install a battery operated motion sensor light at the entrance to the Village Hall so the keypad on the defibrillator can be read in the dark. The contractor will also be asked if he could put up a sign on the exterior of the Village Hall to show where the defibrillator is.

b) **VETS Scheme.** Information will be put on the notice board and in the newsletter to see there is any interest in a scheme.

c) **Any other matters.** There were no other matters.

**201/04/17. To review Standing Orders.** 18. Financial Controls: v) £60,000 to be changed to £25,000.

3. Meetings Generally: a paragraph on recording meetings will be included.

6. Extraordinary meetings of the council and committees and sub-committees: c and d to be left in.

15. Proper Officer: post to be included.

The amendments will be made and the Standing Orders will be circulated again.

**202/05/17. Correspondence and items of interest.** There was no correspondence.

**203/05/17. Any urgent business at the Chairman's discretion.** There was no urgent business.

**204/05/17. Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting, the Annual Meeting, will be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.30pm. Cllr Lacey gave his apologies.