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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 27th February 2018 in the Committee Room, West Buckland Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs M Blogg (Chair), D Lacey, Cllr Mrs C Hannath, D Mitton, J Nutt, C Rayson and C Silverlight.

In attendance: the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

146/02/18. To accept apologies for absence. Apologies were received from County Cllr J Thorne.

147/02/18. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures at this point.

148/02/18. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 30/01/18. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chair.

149/02/18. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda. There were no matters arising.

150/02/18. Democratic Period. No members of the public were present.

151/02/18. Planning:

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

46/18/0005 Change of use of light industrial and retail units, and conversion of buildings to form 3 dwellings at Morrishes Farm, West Buckland Road, West Buckland.

Applicant: Mr D Chappell.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council has no objections to the application. Please note that West Buckland has not has a Post Office for several years and the village shop shut in February. There is no regular bus service.

Cllr Lacey joined the meeting during this item

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

46/17/0050 Change of use from village stores to residential dwelling at 2 Dyers Close, West Buckland. Decision: conditional approval granted.

It was noted the address should be 2A Dyers Close.

c) Update on planning enforcement matters reported to TDBC.

E/0093/46/17 Alleged unauthorised development on land south of Glyndon Farm, West Buckland. Ann Dunford has spoken to the owners and is expecting a planning application

by the end of the week.

E/0010/46/16 - Gerbestone Manor Farm. Ann Dunford has visited the site and met with the owner. Discussions are ongoing as to the best way forward and Tim Burton, TDBC Assistant Director Planning and Environment, is involved.

d) Any other planning matters. No other planning matters.

152/02/18. Highways.

a) Matters arising from previous meeting/s

- **SIDS.** There was no further update. The village only has one approved site and the congestion caused by parked vehicles makes it difficult to speed. Parking on junctions is a concern.
- **Heatherton Grange/Worlds End Junction.** No update. The Chair and Clerk have arranged a meeting on March 2nd with the owners of the field opposite the Worlds End.

b) To note any highway defects to report to SCC. Potholes have been repaired, or marked for repair, on Buckland Hill.

c) Update on fingerpost sign condition recording. Cllr Nutt has recorded the condition of the finger posts signs on the north side of the motorway. One sign is being stored in a garage and could be the first sign to be professionally restored before being put back into position.

d) Any other highways matters. There will be a temporary road closure at Stoford Lane from 12th March for 5 days to allow highways to carry out drainage works.

PCSO Simon Bramley has emailed highways to ask for double yellow lines to be extended on Chelston Business Park as visitors to the Flip Out Centre are parking inconsiderately and obstructing delivery vehicles and customers of other local businesses. Cllr Thorne, in his written report, has said this will be done.

153/02/18. To receive reports from:

a) County Cllr. An email report was received just before the meeting. This report will be forwarded to councillors.

b) Police. An email report for January was circulated in early February. There were 25 logs for the beat for the month.

c) Village Hall. Cllr Mrs Hannath's report from the Village Hall meeting held on Wednesday.7th February was circulated. The annual accounts were approved by the Committee. Plans to install broadband have been put on hold at moment. The secretary has completed two parts of data protection training and has received a certificate. The planned mezzanine will now be a shelf as a mezzanine would need a step ladder which is not required. The committee are looking into replacing chairs and a suitable chair has been found on the internet. 75 will be required which will amount to £4,811-34p. The chairs at Staplegrove Village Hall will be looked at to check the quality and a price for bulk buy investigated. The kerb in the car park needs re-painting as one person tripped when it was dark. The Pre-school needs extra sessions in the Committee Room to encourage other younger pupils who would be eligible to join later in the year. They only have 9 pupils at present and this will drop to 3 in Sept. This will be reviewed at Easter. The main problem is they need to open for more hours to be viable. A WWI Exhibition will be held in the Village Hall on 3rd November 2018.

d) Any Other Reports. No other reports.

154/02/18. Finance: to agree and authorise any necessary payments. It was resolved to make the following payment. Mrs J Larcombe - £328.87 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 1395)

155/02/18. 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. The condition of the goal nets was the only matter to report.

b) To discuss quotes to improve the area at the pedestrian/vehicular entrance to the playing field, resite dog bin and replace spring on pedestrian gate. Cllr Lacey declared a personal and pecuniary interest as his family company had submitted a quotation and he left the room.

The Clerk reported she had contacted four companies and asked them to quote for the planned work. Two quotations were received and considered. It was agreed to accept the cheaper quote from R W Gale Ltd.

c) To discuss replacement nets for the goal posts. The Clerk reported she had written to Stadia Sports, from whom the goal posts were purchased, with a sample of the damaged material from the goal posts. A Customer Services Advisor had replied to say they very rarely get issues with these nets and their quality, on further inspection of the nets it is impossible to ascertain 100% the cause of the damage however it does resemble rodent damage, which has then caused the polyethylene to unravel and has been further damaged by impact and standard use. Due to the effort taken to send a sample a set of replacement nets at a discounted price of £23.50 was offered. It was agreed to accept the offer.

d) Any other matters to note. The removable bollard on Silver Street Green has been put back into the correct position.

156/02/18. Update on General Data Protection Regulation effective from 25th May 2018. SALC has circulated a GDPR Toolkit of local councils and advised Town and Parish Councils not to panic. They will be providing training sessions in the future. The Clerk advised she would set up a gmail email address which will be used for West Buckland Parish Council business.

157/02/18. Updating on resiting of memorial trough and options for rubbish bin. Following the closure of the Village Shop the Peter Lacey Memorial Trough was moved onto land owned by the family before a fence was erected around the grass in front and to the side of the building. The notice board has been allowed to remain for now. It was agreed to ask Mr Stanworth to cut back the brambles on the fence between the Village Hall car park and Frogs Lane so the rubbish bin can be moved to the corner of the entrance to the Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee will be asked if the rubbish from the bin could be emptied into their waste bin. TDBC will also be asked how much they would charge to empty the bin. Cllr Silverlight volunteered to empty the bin when he carries out checks on the defibrillator.

158/02/18. Footpaths: any matters brought forward. Work on flood prevention at Bradford-on-Tone will affect a Public Footpath and the Diversions Officer has been informed.

159/02/18. Correspondence and items of interest. A card thanking Julie for all her hard work in running the shop was sent from the Parish Council just before it closed.

The following correspondence was noted:

National Trust – update on plans for the Wellington Monument.

Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs – consultation until March 26th on proposals to tackle crime and poor performance in the waste sector (This includes fly

tipping).

160/02/18. Any urgent business at the Chairman's discretion. There was no urgent business.

161/02/18. Date of next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th March 2018 t
7.30pm.