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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 27th June 2017 in the Committee Room, West Buckland Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs M Blogg (Chair), D Lacey, Mrs C Hannath, D Mitton, J Nutt and C Rayson.
In attendance: County Cllr J Thorne, two members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

21/06/17. To accept apologies for absence. Apologies were accepted from Cllr C Silverlight.

22/06/17. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures.

23/06/17. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 30/05/17. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

24/06/17. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda. There were no matters arising.

25/06/17. Election of Vice-chair. Cllr D Lacey was proposed by Cllr Mrs M Blogg and seconded by Cllr D Mitton. Cllr Lacey was unanimously elected as Vice-chair and accepted the office.

26/06/17. Democratic Period. Members of the public will be allowed to speak for up to three minutes. Yvonne Davies, agent for Mr & Mrs Dunn's planning application, spoke in support of their application. She said she had attended the Parish Council meeting when Mr & Mrs Dunn's planning application for a mobile home was considered. Since then the business has met the benchmarks for finance and growth and the owners now need permission to build a permanent dwelling on the site. Careful consideration has been given to the siting of the dwelling to meet the needs of the business.

27/06/17. Planning:

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

46/17/0023 Relocation of site entrance with formation of additional parking at Camelot Care (Somerset) Ltd, Camelot House, Ham Road, Ham. Applicant: Mr J Teasdale.
Comment: West Buckland Parish Council support the granting of approval.

46/17/0027 Erection of a workshop/garage/office building with separate secure storage building on Compound 5, Foxmoor Business Park, Wellington. Applicant: Mr I Johnson.
West Buckland Parish Council has no comment for this application.

46/17/0029 Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for the erection of an occupational dwelling at Alexandra Dunn Racing, Cordings Farm, West Buckland Road, West Buckland. Applicants: Mr & Mrs Dunn.
Comment: West Buckland Parish Council support the granting of approval.

The members of the public left the meeting.

46/17/0030 Removal of conservatory, erection of two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear of 23 Dyers Close, West Buckland. Applicant: Mr B Harrison
Comment: West Buckland Parish Council has no objections.

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

46/17/0009 Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling and plant and machinery store in relation to free range egg production, with the store to be used as a temporary dwelling to replace mobile home whilst workers dwelling is being built at Gerbestone Manor Farm, Gerbestone Lane, West Buckland (retention of works already undertaken).

Decision: permission refused.

46/17/0012 Siting of temporary mobile home to be used as workers dwelling for free range egg production unit at Gerbestone Manor Farm, Gerbestone Lane, West Buckland.
Decision: permission refused.

46/17/0013 Erection of dwelling with associated works on land to the rear of 1 Peacocks Cottages, Silver Street, West Buckland. Decision: conditional approval granted.

46/17/0017/LB Replacement of windows and doors to the front and rear of Honeysuckle Cottage, Chelston Manor Court, Chelston. Decision: conditional approval granted.

46 /17/0025 Change of use of village shop to residential at West Buckland Store, 2A Dyers Close, West Buckland. This application has been withdrawn.

c) Update on planning enforcement matters reported to TDBC. The two enforcement issues are now registered with TDBC:

E/0092/46/17 Alleged non-compliance with planning approval at Blackdown Garden Centre, West Buckland.

E/0093/46/17 Alleged unauthorised development on land south of Glyndon Farm, West Buckland.

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

28/06/17. Highways.

a) Matters arising from previous meeting/s

- **Removal of salt bags.** These have now been removed.

The verge at the top of Buckland Hill has been cut.

b) To note any highway defects to report to SCC. Some roads in the parish have been marked for repairs. Cllr Nutt reported that signage is being replaced on the Blackdown Hills and this is being paid for by the Blackdown Hills Parish Network.

c) Programme of work for lengthsman. It was agreed that Cllr Nutt and Cllr Mitton will drive around the parish together and put together a list of work for the lengthsman. The list will be given to Cllr Mrs Blogg and Cllr Lacey so that a meeting can be arranged with Mr Manning, who will be carrying out the work.

d) Any other highways matters. Places will be booked for Cllr Mitton, Cllr Nutt and Cllr

Silverlight to attend the fingerpost signs workshop due to be held at Ruishton Village Hall on Tuesday 18th July.

29/06/17. County Cllr Report. It was agreed to allow Cllr Thorne to give his report at this point in the meeting. He said he would be attending the fingerpost sign workshop at Ruishton. Having looked at the issues with the Heatherton Grange/Worlds End junction on the A38 he can see that the options to make improvements are very limited. Having queried what is classed as a serious incident or injury he has found there is no definition. There are no figures for the number of accidents without injury. If nearby land is developed for housing it might help and there could be some funding for improvements. He has reported the complaint that the footpath at Ham is overgrown and this will be looked into. Having looked at the footpath he noted people can still walk up and down it. SCC is taking parking enforcement back in house. Cllr Thorne reported he had attended a demonstration on using a defibrillator. Councillors complained about the additional advertising signs appearing at the entrance to Foxmoor Business Park. A complaint will be made to highways.

Cllr Thorne left the meeting.

30/06/17. Finance

- a) To agree and authorise payments.** It was resolved to make the following payments:
Mrs J Larcombe - £294.08 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 1369)
Somerset Association of Local Councils - £284.90 SALC/NALC affiliation fees 2017/18 (Chq no 1370) It was noted SALC has not changed its affiliation fees for the last two years. The increase for 2017/18 was due to an increase in NALC fees and an increase in the number of electors in West Buckland.
Since the last meeting a payment of £125.00 was made to Mr R Sanders for the supply and installation of a motion operated light at the entrance to the Village Hall so the keypad for the defibrillator cabinet can be read in the dark (Chq no 1368).
- b) To review Financial Regulations.** Following the updating of the Council's Standing Orders minor changes were made to the Financial Regulations and they were agreed by the Parish Council.

31/06/17. To receive reports from:

- a) Police.** The Police report for May was circulated by email at the beginning of June. There were 22 police logs for the beat during the month
- b) Village Hall Committee.** Cllr Mrs Hannath reported the new motion operated light had been installed at the entrance to the Village Hall. The defibrillator sign will not be fixed above the defibrillator because of concern about damage to the render and the risk that it will be knocked off by a high vehicle. Margaret Blogg has tidied up around the planter and planted it up with summer bedding. A card table was ordered but will be returned because it was so shoddy. The possibility of renovating the existing card tables will be looked at. The painting of the outside of the Village Hall started last weekend. The cost of the paint is being covered by sponsorship and there will be a charge of about £30/£35 for the cost of the labour, which is being provided by Community Payback. The Pre-school would like more storage space and they have been asked for more information about how much space they require. The annual electrical inspection is due and this will be arranged. The Village Hall will run the book stall at the school fayre.
- c) SALC Area Meeting.** Cllr Mitton reported this had been an extremely good meeting and Penny James, Chief Executive TDBC, spoke about setting up the proposed new authority. If this doesn't happen West Somerset Council will go bankrupt, with all the savings from combining the two Councils there is still not enough to bridge the gap. Funding is an issue and it will get worse so the new authority will be looking to the parishes to see where they

can help. As part of setting up the new structure the question of whether Taunton should be parished is being discussed because Taunton is being subsidised at the moment. There was a presentation on the A358 but no one from SCC or the Highways Agency attended. The portfolio holders for Highways and Economic Development were both invited to the meeting but neither responded. TDBC is opposed to the route proposed by the Highways Agency. There was a good report from Stoke St Mary setting out what is wrong with the proposed scheme. The Highways Agency is holding a consultation event on 30th June. SALC will hold another meeting when it can arrange speakers. Chris Grayling, Secretary of for Transport, will make his decision in October. A large number of houses are planned to be built at Creech St Michael and there has been limited consultation.

d) Any Other Reports. There were no other reports.

32/06/17. 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 note.

b) Damage to football nets and repairs to overlay surfacing. There has been some damage to the football nets which are only just over six months old. Some of the damage looks like fraying but some of the damage appears to have been caused by cutting and there is little that can be done to repair them. The goal posts are used a lot and no one has reported seeing anyone damaging the nets. The condition of the nets will be monitored. The signs asking people to clean up after their dogs need to be replaced. The Clerk noticed the overlay surfacing was starting to lift slightly in a couple of areas. The contractor who laid the surfacing has carried out repairs.

c) Any other matters to note. There were no other matters to note.

33/06/17. Footpaths: Any matters brought forward. There was no report. Cllr Lacey asked whether the Causeway footpath has been cut. This will be checked.

34/06/17. Update on providing a night landing site for the Air Ambulance. Cllr Mitton reported he has written to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance but has not received a reply yet.

35/06/17. Correspondence and items of interest. The following correspondence was noted:

Town and Parish Councils are being offered the opportunity to host NHS Health Checks in their parishes. The NHS Health Check Programme is a national service which assesses a person's risk of developing heart attack, stroke, diabetes and kidney disease and provides advice and support on how a person might prevent or reduce their risks and live a healthier life. It was agreed to try and arrange for a healthcheck event to be held in West Buckland.

The Village Emergency Telephone Scheme will be promoted again when another defibrillator community awareness session is held.

36/06/17. Any urgent business at the Chairman's discretion. There was no urgent business.

37/06/17. Date of next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th July at 7.30pm.