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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 28th November 2017 in the Committee Room, West Buckland Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs M Blogg (Chair), D Lacey, Mrs C Hannath, J Nutt, C Rayson and C Silverlight.
In attendance: the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

102/11/17. To accept apologies for absence. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mitton. Apologies were received from County Cllr Thorne.

103/11/17. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures.

104/11/17. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 31/10/17. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

105/11/17. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda. There were no matters arising.

106/11/17. Democratic Period. There were no members of the public.

107/11/17. Planning:

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

46/17/0047 Formation of vehicular access road with removal of 4 trees at Chelston Motorhomes, Chelston Business Park, Wellington.

Applicant: Mr M Kavanagh, Chelston Motorhomes. The plans were felt to be confusing and it was decided that no comment would be made to TDBC.

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

46/17/0034 Demolition of outbuildings and erection of replacement public house with detached store at Merry Harriers, Forches Corner, Clayhidon.

Decision: conditional approval granted.

46/17/0035 Erection of a single storey 3 bedroomed holiday let at Wellclose Farm, Blackmoor, Wellington. Decision: conditional approval granted.

46/17/0046 Variation of Condition No 02 (approved plans) of application 46/17/0036 at Chelston Motorhomes, Chelston Business Park, Wellington.

Decision: conditional approval granted.

c) APP/D3315/C/17/3186773 Appeal against an enforcement notice. Site address:

Agricultural track leading to Old Lake, Higher Ruggin, West Buckland, TA21 9LL.

Alleged breach: stationing of a shipping container and storage of touring caravan.

Appellant: G & J Bridgeman. The appeal was noted.

d) Update on planning enforcement matters reported to TDBC.

E/194/46/17 Stacey Salter, Planning Enforcement Officer TDBC, has emailed the Clerk to report she has visited the site. In her opinion the owners have levelled out the field to make it consistent with the areas of hardstanding used by the current businesses and created a number of bunds around the field. She will be discussing the case with her manager.

E/0092/46/17 Alleged non-compliance with planning approval at Blackdown Garden Centre, West Buckland. No further update. Stacey Salter will be following this up again.

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

E/0010/46/16 - Gerbestone Manor Farm. This enforcement case remains open from 2016. Ann Dunford is dealing with this case following the refusal of the planning application. The Clerk has been unable to speak to her as she has been on sick leave.

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

108/11/17. Highways.

a) Matters arising from previous meeting/s. Cllr Nutt now has the app to record the condition of the 28 fingerpost signs in the parish. Cllr Silverlight agreed to help with this task as it takes about 15 minutes per sign. It was noted that fingerpost signs at Bishops Wood have been painted..

b) To note any highway defects to report to SCC. No defects reported.

c) Any other highways matters. There will be a temporary road closure on Sawyers Hill from the 4th December for 5 days for drainage works.

109/11/17. To receive reports from:

a) County Cllr. Cllr Thorne was unable to attend the meeting and updated the Council by email. Chelston Business Park - double yellow lines are to be placed around junctions off Castle Road in response to the parking problems which are hampering movements of lorries. County are also monitoring the whole estate for the next 12 months. Both Jo Sharp and Cllr Thorne have been out to have a look at various times and neither are convinced that Flip Out has made any great difference.

Ultrafast broadband - still waiting for a roll out announcement and there's no sign of it yet. November 15, which Cllr Thorne mentioned last month, turned out not to be anything at all. It appears there is an issue with county highways being concerned with Gigaclear's microtrenching equipment which cuts a 10-inch wide trench, lays the cable, backfills it and seals the top all in one operation. However he has been told this has not caused any delay in the roll out programme so the reason remains a mystery. SCC has decided not to be part of DCC's task and finish group looking at the CDS contract, which means Cllr Thorne will not be taking part in it.

A358 - re-consultation will now be on the whole route and will start on a date to be confirmed in the New Year. This will set back the scheme by approximately a year but apparently will not affect the funding. SCC have been told they will be informed about a couple of weeks in advance of the start of the exercise and a pre-event will be held for SCC councillors.

J26 roundabout - he inquired a little while ago about the state of the kerbing but doesn't recall getting a proper response and will chase this up again.

Division name - there will be consultation in the New Year on a suggestion to change the name from 'Blackdown and Neroche' to 'Neroche and Wellington East' to better reflect the geography of it.

Heatherton Grange crossroads - after throwing out the traffic lights suggestion, there is now some talk going on within County Hall about what could be done here, whereas previously it was not being thought of. The online petition has been given a boost with the publicity and will be presented to SCC when it reaches 1,000, which will mean it need to be officially considered.

Cllr Mrs Blogg said she had attended a Bradford-on-Tone Parish Council meeting a number of years ago when Richard Sheppy had been a Parish Councillor, At the meeting he had offered to give a piece of the field he owned, opposite the Worlds End, to enable a lane to be put in to allow traffic coming out of West Buckland to exit onto the A38 further up the road.

b) Police. The Police report for October was circulated by email in early November. There were 26 Police logs for the month for the beat.

c) Village Hall Committee. A report from Cllr Mrs Hannath was circulated. New taps have been installed in the disabled toilet. The Village Hall is now registered as an address with the Post Office and will be able to sign up for broadband. Quotes will be obtained from BT and The Phone Co. A 2nd form needs to be completed for Data Protection. The door lock at front of VH has now been replaced with a new lock. The door handle on the chair cupboard is to be replaced. The painting of fence is in abeyance owing to the weather. An oil fired radiator will be used in the Committee Room for a trial run to see if it boosts the heating. There is a problem if anyone using the main hall does not require heating and turns down the thermostat because this also affects the heating in the committee room. The Pre-school would like the use of the Committee room as well as main hall on their set mornings to run small courses for parents to help with their funding. The WI would like some room if possible for storing craft equipment. They will look in the cupboard at the next WI meeting. A PCSO Crime Prevention evening is booked for 11th December 2017 6 - 7pm.

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

110/17/17. Finance

a) To agree and authorise payments. It was resolved to make the following payments:

West Buckland Village Hall Trust - £16.00 room hire (Chq no 1385)

Cllr J Nutt - £9.45 mileage claim SCC Fingerpost Sign workshop Ruishton (Chq no 1386)

Mrs J Larcombe - £277.18 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 1387)
Cheques dated 26.12.17

Mrs J Larcombe - £261.88 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 1388)

HMRC – PAYE October – December 2017 (Chq no 1389)

b) Renewal of SPFA membership. It was agreed to renew SPFA membership for the next 12 months at a cost of £15.00 (Chq no 1391).

c) To agree the Churchyard Grant payment. A grant of £1,250.00 was agreed (Chq no 1390)

d) To discuss the budget for 2018-2019. The Clerk presented a draft budget for 2018-19 and this was discussed in detail. The budget was agreed (Appendix A). The Precept for 2018-19 will be £7815.00. The Band D Council Tax rate will be £17.84, the same as 2017-18.

It was agreed to put the £101.16 earmarked for Neighbourhood Watch back into unrestricted reserves. If there is a Neighbourhood Watch project in the future the Council will find the money for it.

Some of the earmarked reserves from the defibrillator Awards for All funding will be used to pay for another community training session. All the groups that use the Village

Hall will be invited to send representatives to the session. The remainder of the funding will be used for replacement parts in the future.

111/11/17. 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.** No matters to report or actions to be taken.
- b) Any other matters to note.** It was noted that the younger children appear to have lost interest in playing football on the playing field and the goal posts are no longer being used very much. Adults have been seen using the playing field to exercise in and consideration will be given to the possibility of installing adult fitness equipment at a future meeting

112/11/17. Footpaths: any matters brought forward. No matters brought forward.

113/11/17. Correspondence and items of interest. There was no correspondence.

114/11/17. Any urgent business at the Chairman's discretion. There was no urgent business.

115/11/17. Date of the next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

Appendix A - Budget 2018-19

	Budget 2017/18	Predicted 2017/18	Budget 2018/19
Receipts			
Precept	7720.00	7720.00	7815.00
Council Tax Support Grant	176.00	176.00	0.00
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	3.50	0.73	2.00
CIL	0.00	1443.75	0.00
VAT	932.00	1484.00	275.00
Total	8831.50	10824.48	8092.00
Expenditure			
Clerks salary	3320.00	3194.00	3353.00
Mileage	400.00	248.00	350.00
Playing field	2200.00	944.00	1200.00
Footpaths Maintenance	300.00	240.00	300.00
Cemetery grant	1250.00	1250.00	1250.00
Grants	175.00	140.00	175.00
Grant to CAB	75.00	75.00	75.00
Admin	250.00	257.00	275.00
Audit charge	200.00	190.00	100.00
Insurance	450.00	450.00	470.00
Room hire	150.00	162.00	104.00
Subscriptions	350.00	300.00	310.00
Miscs	200.00	50.00	200.00
Dog Litter Bin	150.00	294.00	155.00
Grass at Church Drive	160.00	20.00	30.00
Grass at Peacocks Cl	200.00	30.00	40.00
Silver Street Green	150.00	100.00	110.00
Training	150.00	40.00	150.00
War Memorial	150.00	70.00	150.00
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lengthsman	300.00	0.00	300.00
Finger Post signs	800.00	0.00	800.00
Defibrillator	0.00	125.00	200.00
VAT		276.00	400.00
Total	11380.00	8455.00	10497.00
Memorial Trough	60.00	39.00	60.00
Opening balance 01/04/2017		15236.22	
Opening balance 01/04/2018			17691.17
Predicted Closing balance		17691.17	

31/03/18			
Predicted closing balance 31/03/2019			15431.17
Band D Rate	17.84	17.84	17.84
Earmarked Reserves			
Memorial Trough	590.98	590.98	530.98
Neighbourhood Watch	101.16	0	0
Replacement Swings	3000.00	3000.00	3000.00
CIL	2287.51	2287.51	2287.51
Defibrillator	273.00	273.00	73.00
Total EMR	6252.65	6252.65	5992.65
Free Reserves	11438.52	11539.68	9539.68