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The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 30th January 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.

130/01/18. To accept apologies for absence. Apologies were received from County Cllr Thorne.

131/01/18. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda. Cllr Lacey declared a pecuniary and personal interest in planning application 46/17/0052 as the applicant is his father-in-law and in item 139/01/18 c) as his family's company submitted a quote.

132/01/18. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 02/01/18. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chair.

133/01/18. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda. There were no matters arising.

134/01/18. Democratic Period. There were no members of the public present.

135/01/18. Planning:

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

46/17/0051 Approval of reserved matters following outline approval 46/17/0029 for the erection of an occupational workers dwelling with associated works at Alexandra Dunn Racing, West Buckland Stud, West Buckland. Applicant: Mr & Mrs T & A Dunn.

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

46/17/0052 Removal of Condition No 11 of application 46/04/0020 to allow property to be occupied as a single dwelling house at Church View, Sawyers Hill, West Buckland.

Applicant: Mr R Gale.

Cllr Lacey declared a personal and pecuniary interest and left the room.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council support the granting of approval. The Council makes reference to the decision for APP/D3315/C/15/3005229 Gerbestone Lodges, West Buckland. Church View is within walking distance of the village and its facilities.

46/17/0053 Removal of Condition No 03 of 46/16/0005 (restrictions to trading of retail building) at Blackdown Garden Centre, Wellington Road, West Buckland.

Applicant: Mr M Hassall.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council object to the removal of this condition on highway safety grounds. Councillors know of people that have been involved in minor accidents on this piece of road. The applicant has shown a blatant disregard of planning conditions.

46/18/0001 Erection of two storey extension at the side of Park Bridge Cottage, Park Bridge Lane, West Buckland. Applicant: Mr K Farmer.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council support the granting of planning approval. This work will tidy up a gateway to the village.

46/18/0002 Erection of a single storey 3 bedroomed holiday let at Wellclose Farm, Blackmoor, Wellington (resubmission of 46/17/0035). Applicant: Mr G Roberts.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council is not convinced about the business case presented by the applicant. The Council makes reference to APP/D3315/C/15/3005229 Gerbestone Lodges, West Buckland and application 46/17/0052 Church View, West Buckland regarding the demand for holiday accommodation in the parish.

46/18/0003 Erection of an industrial building for Class B2 usage with associated trade counter and parking on land off Castle Road, Chelston Business Park, Wellington.

Applicant: Mr P Prettejohn.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council has no objections to the granting of approval

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

46/17/0044 Variation of Condition No. 02 (approved plans) of application 46/16/0018 at Units 1-4 Castle Road, Chelston Business Park, Wellington. Decision: conditional approval granted.

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

c) Confirmation of the Tree Preservation Order dated 22 August 2017 regarding trees on land at the rear of the Gate House, Chelston, Wellington, TA21 9HS.

The order has been confirmed and signed.

d) Update on planning enforcement matters reported to TDBC. The Clerk reported she had spoken to Ann Dunford, TDBC Enforcement Officer but there was no update. Mrs Dunford said she would chase up the outstanding issues and report back to the Clerk before next meeting.

e) Any other planning matters. No other planning matters..

136/01/18. Highways.

a) Matters arising from previous meeting/s. No matters arising.

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

c) To consider SCC's options for a SID in the parish. The Clerk has checked the guidance for the use of CIL and it appears that the Council couldn't use it for this purpose. Cllr Thorne included the four options for parish councils in his 'In Between Meetings Briefing. This parish would have three possible sites and permission would have to be obtained from SCC. Cllr Thorne will be asked if there is interest from any of the other parishes in his ward.

d) Update on fingerpost sign condition recording. Cllr Silverlight has the app on his phone and he will do the condition survey for the signs south of the motorway. The list of signs will be reviewed to make sure they are all within the parish boundary and it is thought there will be 11 or 12 in total.

e) Work on Crown Hill to cut back branches interfering with telephone line. Cllr Mrs Blogg received a courtesy phone call to make her aware this work would be taking place.

The work took place on 26th January and branches that had damaged phone lines were cut down.

f) Correspondence. A parishioner has written to the Parish Council, SCC Highways and County Councillors John Thorne and James Hunt with a suggestion for improving the Heatherton Grange/Worlds End Junction of the A38. This suggestion was similar to the one discussed at the last meeting. Cllr Thorne has spoken to Highways about the suggestions and they are interested in receiving more information. Enquiries will be made with the land owner about the availability of the piece of land required.

g) Any other highways matters. There were no other highways matters.

137/01/18. To receive reports from:

a) County Cllr. An 'In Between Meetings Briefing' on SIDS and Ultrafast Broadband was received by email on 15th January and an email report was received shortly before the meeting with Cllr Thorne's apologies. This will be circulated to councillors.

b) Police. The Police Report for December was circulated by email in early January. There were 28 police logs for the month from the beat.

b) SALC. Cllr Mitton reported he had attended the NALC Conference and AGM. A decision on whether to cap the precepts of Town and Parish Councils has been put off for three years and councils are asked to be sensible. He noted Cllr Fothergill, Leader of Somerset County Council, needs to get other councils to take on some of SCC's work but doesn't expect them to put up their precepts. SALC has appointed an Assistant CEO. Cllr Mitton told councillors he would not be standing for re-election as Chair of SALC. Following Carillion going into compulsory liquidation he noted that a lot of their work was providing services for other companies and councils and this included the roll out of ultrafast broadband.

c) Any Other Reports. Cllr Mitton reported he had attended a consultation event for the A358 and noted there is another option, one which he had previously suggested. It was decided councillors would respond individually to the consultation if they wished to do so.

138/01/18. Finance

a) To agree and authorise any necessary payments

It was resolved to make the following payments:

Mrs J Larcombe - £292.50 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 1392)

TDBC - £792.00 grass cutting and strimming at the playing field (Chq 1393)

b) To note spending for April – December 2017 against budget. The report was noted.

c) To consider the Grant Application form submitted by West Buckland PCC for a grant towards the cost of producing the Community Newsletter. Cllr Mrs Hannath declared a personal interest as a member of the Church and Cllr Rayson declared a personal interest as a churchwarden. It was agreed to give a grant of £250.00 (Chq no 1394). This exceeds the budget for grants but councillors agreed there were adequate reserves to cover it.

139/01/18. 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 football post nets is now being included on the report forms. There were no other matters to report.

b) To consider TDBC's quote for cutting the playing field for 2018. It was agreed to accept the quote for 2018. The cost will increase by £2 a cut and the cost for 12 cuts will be £684.

c) To discuss costings to improve the area at the pedestrian/vehicular entrance to the playing field, resite dog bin and replace spring on pedestrian gate. One quote was received. To comply with Financial Regulations further quotes will be sought. Cllr Lacey

declared a pecuniary interest because he his family business had submitted the quote.

d) To report on further damage to nets on goalposts and surfacing in play area

Photos of the holes in the nets have been sent to Broxap as it seems unsatisfactory that they are in such a poor condition after fourteen months. The overlay surfacing is starting to lift in a couple of places and the clerk will contact the contractor to report this and ask for it to be repaired.

e) Any other matters to note. The Clerk is waiting to hear whether Somerset Playing Fields Association will be arranging play area inspections this summer. It is planned to book the annual inspection with them this year.

140/01/18. The General Data Protection Regulation effective from 25th May 2018. Cllr Mitton reported the regulations are still being produced and NALC are trying to get some amendments. It is expected to be a light touch initially. SALC are considering whether they have the resources to be able to provide an Independent Data Protection Officer service to member councils.

141/01/18. Resiting of memorial trough and options for rubbish bin when shop is sold. There were initial discussions about a new site for the memorial trough. It was questioned whether a rubbish bin would be needed once the shop closes.

142/01/18. Footpaths: any matters brought forward. No matters brought forward.

143/01/18. Correspondence and items of interest. An exhibition to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ending of World War 1 in 1918 is being held at the Village Hall on November 3rd. Loans of artefacts and memorabilia from WW1 will be welcomed. The following correspondence was noted:
Somerset Waste Partnership Recycle
Information about the Mayor of TDBC's Citizens Award
SALC – invitation to nominate someone to attend a Queen's Garden Party

144/01/18. Any urgent business at the Chairman's discretion. There was no urgent business.

145/01/18. Date of the next meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th February 2018.