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### **The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 30th May 2017 in the Committee Room, West Buckland Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

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

#### **01/05/17. Election of Officers**

- a) **Chairman.** Cllr Mrs Margaret Blogg was unanimously elected as Chairman. Proposed by Cllr D Mitton and seconded by Cllr J Nutt. Cllr Mrs Blogg accepted the office.
- b) **Vice Chairman.** No one, who was eligible, was prepared to be nominated. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**02/05/17. To appoint a representative to attend the quarterly SALC Area Meetings.** Cllr Mitton was appointed as the representative to attend SALC Area Meetings. Meetings are no longer held quarterly and two members of every member council can attend. The second member can be the Clerk.

Cllr Mitton reported that a meeting is planned for June and Penny James, Chief Executive of TDBC, will attend to discuss how the proposed new Council will work with parishes. It is also hoped to have a representative from Somerset County Council to discuss issues associated with the A358.

**03/05/17. To appoint a representative to the Village Hall Committee.** Cllr Mrs Hannath was appointed as the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee.

**04/05/17. Apologies.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr Lacey.

**05/05/17. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda.** Cllr Mitton declared a personal interest as a donator to the Air Ambulance.

**06/05/17. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 25/04/17.** The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

**07/05/17. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda.** The VETS Scheme for the defibrillator needs to be run by people other than the Parish Council. Information will be put in the newsletter and on the notice board to see if there is any interest in setting up a scheme. The remaining sign will not be put on the wall above the defibrillator because the Village Hall Committee is concerned about damage to the render. There is also a risk it would be knocked off by a lorry or large van.

**08/05/17. Democratic Period.** There were no members of the public.

**09/05/17. County Cllr Report.** It was agreed to move this item forward on the agenda. Cllr Thorne introduced himself as the newly elected County Councillor for the Blackdown & Neroche Division, which includes West Buckland. He said he would attend meetings as often as he was able, taking into account he has 10 parishes to cover across a wide area. Following the election he has been undergoing intensive training and has discovered how much work SCC is responsible for, most of which is done in partnership with other authorities. Government funding has decreased over the last four years and further savings of £26million will have to be made. The A358 runs through the division and this is a contentious subject. Cllr Thorne will be attending a meeting at Hatch Beauchamp on 14<sup>th</sup> June. SCC feels it will work if it is designed properly. All the information is on the Highways England website and there will be a further consultation period. A member of the parish has emailed Cllr Thorne regarding the overgrown footpath at Ham.

**10/05/17. Planning:**

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

**46/17/0010** Erection of a fence to front and side elevations at Byland Cottage, Wellington Road, West Buckland (Resubmission of 46/16/0028) (Retention of works already undertaken). Applicant: Mr G Thornton.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council has no objections as long as the visibility splay is not compromised.

**46/17/0021** Formation of secure vehicle storage compound on land adjacent to Taunton Vale House, Summerfield Way, Chelston Business Park, Wellington. Applicant: Mr M Finn, Wellington Motor Group Ltd. The Parish Council has no comments on this application.

**46/17/0025** Change of use of village shop to residential at West Buckland Store, 2A Dyers Close, West Buckland. Applicant: Ms J Bartram.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council has no objections.

**46/17/0013** Erection of dwelling with associated works on land to the rear of 1 Peacocks Cottages, Silver Street, West Buckland. There has been a slight amendment to the application and a decision has not been made yet.

Cllr Thorne left the meeting.

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

**46/17/0014** Erection of a horticultural building for the storage of machinery and dry goods at Mousehole Nurseries, West Buckland Road, West Buckland.

Decision: conditional approval granted.

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

**46/17/0019** Erection of extension at Brewers Farm, West Buckland. Decision: conditional approval granted.

**c) Update on planning enforcement matters reported to TDBC.** The Planning Department has confirmed that the emails from the Clerk have been received but, due to staff shortages, reference numbers have not been allocated yet. It is expected that will be done before the end of the week.

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

### 11/05/17. Highways.

a) **Matters arising from previous meeting/s.** The salt bags at the bottom of Sawyers Hill still need to be removed as do the dumpy bags on Buckland Hill.

b) **To note any highway defects to report to SCC.** Overgrown vegetation on the junction at the top of Buckland Hill and the junction onto the roundabout under the motorway junction is obscuring visibility.

The stone wall at Lippincotts is being repaired.

c) **Any other highways matters.** The temporary road closure of Blackdown Hill Road, Blagdon Hill Road, Holman Clavel Road and Churchinford Road on the 14<sup>th</sup> June was noted. The work is not expected to take more than 2 days. The advised diversion route involves a long detour.

Some parents are now parking in the Village Hall car park and walking their children to school. A number of cars are parked around the school during the school day, fourteen were counted on one day.

### 12/05/17. Finance

a) **To agree and authorise payments.** It was resolved to agree the following payments:  
Mrs P Lacey - £42.41 planting up of memorial planter autumn and summer (Chq no 1364)  
Mr K Abraham - £90.00 internal audit (Chq no 1365)

Mrs J Larcombe - £303.18 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq n 1367)

b) **Internal Auditor Report.** Mr Abraham reported all the tests he carried out were satisfactory and there were no issues.

c) **To agree the annual renewal of the Council's insurance (third year of three year agreement).** A payment of £449.99 to Came & Company was agreed (Chq no 1366). Next year the Council will seek quotes from other providers.

c) **To approve the Annual Governance Statement.** It was agreed to approve the Annual Governance Statement.

d) **To agree the annual accounts for 2016/17.** The annual accounts for 2016/17 were agreed.

### 13/05/17. To receive reports from:

a) **Police.** A Police Report for April was circulated by email earlier in May. There were 27 police logs for the month for the beat.

b) **Village Hall Committee.** Cllr Mrs Hannath reported on the Annual General Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Election of Officers – all agreed to stay for a further year.  
Rita Sanders acquired a trolley for the Committee Room. 25 teaspoons have been bought for the hall. External painting will hopefully take place in the summer and paint will be purchased in readiness. Replacement of the card tables will be approximately £40.per table. The Mahjong group have padlocked the loud speaker cupboard to store their tiles. The Parish Council will give a donation of £20 on an annual basis to pay for electricity for the defibrillator. Permission was granted for a sensor light to be fitted so the code pad on the defibrillator cabinet can be seen when it is dark. The hall is fully booked and Hallmark 1 was renewed. John Shove has audited the accounts.

c) **Blackdown Hill Community Heritage Forum Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> May.** No one was able to attend the meeting. Cllr Silverlight has asked for a copy of the meeting notes.

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

### 14/05/17. 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.** Councillors were informed the overlay surfacing has had to be repaired and there are holes in the goal nets. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**b) Any other matters to note.** There were no matters to note.

**15/05/17. Footpaths: Any matters brought forward.** Cllr Mitton reported he had started his summer walks of the footpaths in the parish.

A Diversion Order for Public Path WG14/28 (part) at Lower Ruggin Farm has been agreed.

**16/05/17. To agree revised Standing Orders.** The revised Standing Orders were unanimously agreed.

**17/05/17. To consider providing a night landing site for the Air Ambulance.** A 30 metre x 60 metre site is required for a night landing site and the area in front of goal posts would be large enough. Councillors agreed they were willing for this site to be used. Cllr Mitton will contact the Air Ambulance and ask them to have a look at the site.

**18/05/17. Correspondence and items of interest.** The following correspondence was noted:

Clerk & Councils Direct May 2017

TDBC – posters advertising the Affordable Housing Open Day 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**19/05/17. Any urgent business at the Chairman's discretion.** There was no urgent business.

**20/05/17. Date of next meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.