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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd January 2017 in the Main Hall, West Buckland Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: County Cllr R Henley and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

124/01/17. To accept apologies for absence. There were no apologies.

125/01/17. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda. There were no declarations of interest.

126/01/17. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 29/11/16. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

127/01/17. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda. There were no matters arising.

128/01/17. Democratic Period. There were no members of the public present.

129/01/17. Planning:

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

46/16/0034 Erection of 3 industrial buildings for Class B8 use at Compound 3, Foxmoor Business Park, Chelston, Wellington. Applicant: Mr N Vaughan.

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

b) To receive decisions from planning applications determined by TDBC. There were no decisions.

c) Any other planning matters. Karen Wray, Planning Officer TDBC & WSC, and an Enforcement Planning Officer held a site meeting at Gerbestone Manor Farm. The owner has to submit a retrospective planning application by January 16th for the work that has taken place to build a residential property without permission and for the two residential mobile homes that do not have permission. Mr Horan, Planning Enforcement Officer, has left TDBC and a replacement is in place.

An application has been made for a marriage licence for Gerbestone Manor.

County Cllr Henley joined the meeting during this item.

130/01/17. Highways.

a) Matters arising from previous meetings

- **Removal of BT phone box.** No update.
- **Request for removal of redundant brown tourist signs.** No update. Jo Sharp, SCC, to be reminded.

b) To note any highway defects to report to SCC. Cllr Lacey reported that he had reported some potholes near Buckland Farm by using the website www.fixmystreet.com

c) Update on contractor charges to carry out work for the Council. Mr Manning has provided a list of his charges and these were felt to be very reasonable. He also provided information about the relevant qualifications he holds and his public liability insurance. The Council now needs to devise a list of work for him to carry out and this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

d) To note correspondence regarding flooding at Gerbestone Lane. A member of the public made a request to SCC Highways for flood gauges on Gerbestone Lane, West Buckland because of problems experienced when the road has been flooded. Any requests for new flood gauges need to have the support of the County Councillor and Parish Council and the Clerk agreed to add an item to the agenda so the matter could be discussed. The member of the public was invited to attend the meeting and was planning to attend and speak in the democratic period. It has since been suggested to them that they try digging a deep ditch in an adjoining field they own so that the flood water can drain away during periods of heavy rain. They are willing to try this in the first instance.

e) Any other highways matters. Cllr Silverlight reported flooding just before Foxmoor Business Park, on the Wellington bound side of the road. There was concern about icy conditions on Sawyers Hill where water runs across the road. Some bags of de-icing material, from the Parish Council's stock, will be put on the side of the road ready to be used in icy conditions.

The Parish Council has received notice of a prohibition of right turn order for the new entrance to The Mount Veterinary Hospital, Taunton Road, Wellington (350 metres in an easterly direction from Cades Roundabout). Any objections must be made by 25th January 2017. It was noted there is a no right turn order for vehicles exiting Foxmoor Business Park but some vehicles choose to ignore this.

131/01/17. County Cllr Report. Cllr Henley referred to the consultation on forming a new council for TDBC and WSC and said there was a concern about losing the voice of rural parishes. He could see why WSC wanted this but was not sure of the benefit to TDBC and encouraged everyone to respond to the consultation. SWP is moving towards collecting waste going to landfill every three weeks and there is concern about the problems this could cause for some families ie those with children in nappies and elderly people with clinical needs. Cllr Henley asked for feedback on the new bus service. Cllr Mrs Blogg said those using it are well organised and have not complained about the new service. The only drawback she could see was that timings couldn't be relied on due to the route changing with demand.

Cllr Henley left the meeting

132/01/17. Finance

- To agree and authorise any payments.** There were no payments.
- To agree the precept for 2017 – 18.** The budget for 2017 - 18 was approved. It was agreed to request a precept of £7720.

133/01/17. To note reports from:

a) Police. A poster with the 2017 Beat Surgery dates has been circulated. An email was circulated to warn there had been several thefts from motor vehicles, namely works type vehicles, where tools have been stolen, in and around the Wellington Town Centre area. Vehicle locks had been tampered with and removed on occasions.

b) Village Hall Committee. Cllr Mrs Hannath reported the committee had been informed the defibrillator had been ordered and delivery was awaited. An electrician has been booked to install it on the exterior of the Village Hall. There have been problems with the alarm being set off at the hall and this could be due to the new boiler. To rectify this it would need a flue kit which would cost approximately £271 including insulating and adjustment to the vent. The Christmas Fayre raised £702 and £117 has been distributed to each of the village organisations. As there is no Fete next year the Fete Committee are in the process of sorting out their finances as set out in their constitution. The Christmas decorations will be taken down on the 4th January.

134/01/17. 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 report from the inspections.

b) Any other matters to note. Children are making good use of the goal posts in the playing field. When the rubbish bin was emptied it was found to contain wine bottles.

135/01/17. Footpaths: any matters brought forward. The order for a temporary closure of Footpaths WG141/1 (part) and WG 8/13 (part) due to an unsafe footbridge has been extended for an approved period until 4th January 2019. It is believed this is due to a lack of funding to replace the bridge.

136/01/17. Update on the installation of the defibrillator. The defibrillator has been delivered and the electrician is due to fit it on Saturday 7th January. He has not quoted to fix the defibrillator to the exterior of the village hall so there will be an additional charge if he is able to do this. If he is unable to fix the defibrillator to the wall alternate arrangements need to be made prior to his visit and Cllr Lacey agreed to carry out the work if necessary. Cllr Rayson will contact the electrician. Once the defibrillator has been installed the community awareness/training sessions will be booked.

137/01/17. Proposed New Council. The proposal for Taunton Deane and West Somerset. The views of local people and organisations on the single council proposal are now being sought to help the Secretary of State make a fully informed decision. There is a public consultation from 12th December 2016 to 28th February 2017 seeking views about whether the proposal to create a single new council is acceptable in principle and to inform the decision of the Secretary of State. The Chairman and clerk will be attending a meeting at The Deane House on the 18th January. The Parish Council will discuss this further at the meeting on 31st January.

137/01/17. Correspondence and items of interest. Sam Winter, SALC Chief Information Officer, is leaving SALC shortly. The SALC Committee will consider the organisations needs going forward when they meet to discuss recruitment.

138/01/17. Any urgent business at the Chairman's discretion. There was no urgent business.

139/01/17. Date of next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st January 2017 at 7.30pm.