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### **The minutes of an additional Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 5th January 2016 in the Main Hall, West Buckland Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

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

**115/01/16. To accept apologies for absence.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr C Rayson.

**116/01/16. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda.** There were no disclosures.

**117/01/16. Democratic Period.** There were no members of the public.

#### **118/01/16. Planning: to consider any Planning Applications received by the Parish Council. Applications received:**

46/15/0041 Erection of a temporary agricultural workers dwelling adjacent to Lakeside Free Range Egg Production Unit, Gerbestone Lane, Wellington. Applicant: Mr S T Ling. Comment: West Buckland Parish Council support the granting of approval subject to the comments of the Drainage Engineer being complied with.

46/15/0042 Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of a detached dwelling in the garden of Fairway, Orchard Gardens, West Buckland. Applicant: Mr C Kelly. Comment: West Buckland Parish Council support the granting of approval.

**119/01/16. Finance: to agree the budget and precept for 2016/17.** Councillors discussed the draft budget but asked for more details on how West Buckland PCC fund the upkeep of the Churchyard before they make a decision on the Churchyard Grant for 2016/17. The Council has given a grant of £1250 this year but the annual cost to cut and trim the Churchyard is in the region of £3000. The grant from TDBC is likely to be reduced or withdrawn completely in the future and the sustainability of the grant from the Council needs to be considered. The Clerk will write to Mr Facey, Treasurer of West Buckland PCC and ask for details. He will also be asked about the PCC's intentions for the newsletter following the resignation of the editor. It is understood that someone has come forward to produce a newsletter but councillors asked for more details on how this will be produced and distributed in the future before the budget for grants is agreed. It was agreed that the administration allowance paid to the Clerk to run the Council's office at her home would be increased to £15 per month. This is £6 per month towards the cost of the telephone and broadband and £9 which is half of the monthly amount allowed free of tax and NI by HMRC for employees working from home. The Clerk will also charge 5p per page for printing. It was agreed to ask for a Precept of £7562. This will keep the Parish Council's share of the Band D Council Tax rate at £17.18. Any deficit between income and expenditure will

be taken from the Council's reserves which are very healthy.

**120/01/16. Dates of the Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 January at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.