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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 28th April 2015 in the Committee Room, West Buckland Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr's Mrs M Blogg (Chair), Mrs C Biffen, J Nutt and C Rayson.

In attendance: the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

157/04/15. To accept apologies for absence. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mrs C Hannath.

158/04/15. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures.

159/04/15. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 31/03/15. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

160/04/15. Matters arising from the minutes. There were no matters arising.

161/04/15. Planning:

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

46/15/0008 Erection of detached double garage in the garden to the rear of Rose Cottage, West Buckland Road, Blackmoor, West Buckland. Applicant: Mr K Weeks.

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

46/15/0009 Variation of Condition No 2 (approved plans) to reduce extension size of Application 46/14/0036 at R H Fibreboards Ltd, 18 Knights Road, Chelston Business Park. Applicant: Mr R Ruffell-Hazel. Comment: West Buckland Parish Council has no objections.

46/15/0010 Erection of a two storey extension to the rear of Talavera, Manleys Farm Residential Education Centre, Calways Lane, West Buckland. Applicant: M S Brunskill.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council supports the granting of permission.

46/15/0011 Extension of car parking provision at Manleys Farm Residential Education Centre, Calways Lane, West Buckland. Applicant: Mr S Brunskill.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council support the granting of permission as it may alleviate the parking problem there.

46/15/0012/T Application to carry out management work to one Sycamore tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (West Buckland No 1) Tree Preservation Order 1978 at 9 Church Drive, West Buckland (TD150). Applicant: Mr P Whittaker.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council has no objections.

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

46/15/0002 Replacement of attached garage with the erection of a single storey extension

to the side of St Martins, Sawyers Hill, West Buckland. Decision: Conditional approval granted.

c) **Any other planning matters.** No other planning matters.

162/04/15. Highways.

a) **To report on work carried out by the SCC Highway Department and to receive reports on work that are needed.** Some repairs have been carried out to roads in the parish and potholes have been filled in.

b) **Signs on Buckland Hill and SID signs on A38.** Cllr Mrs Biffen reported that she had spoken to the Highways Department. They will secure the 'Not suitable for HGV' sign that slipped down the pole at the top of Buckland Hill and replace the damaged sign that is lying in the ditch and is too damaged to put up again. The speed warning signs on the A38 will be discussed at the next meeting.

c) **Fly Tipping on Buckland Hill.** Cllr Mrs Biffen and her husband cleared what they could of the litter on Buckland Hill. She phoned Richard Hopkins, Area Works Manager at TDBC (01823 356360) and he arranged for the trailer load of litter they had picked up to be collected. Some plasterboard which had been fly tipped was also collected. TDBC will need to be reminded to litter pick on the A38 again. There are some travellers at Foxmoor Business Park and they will probably leave a lot of litter.

d) **To discuss the possibility of holding Litter Picking days in the parish.** It has been suggested that litter picking days should be arranged in the parish. These need be held in areas which are safe for a community litter pick. A piece will be put in the Newsletter to ask for volunteers to come forward to arrange and take part in a community litter pick.

e) **Any other highways matters.** None.

163/04/15. To receive reports from:

a) **District Cllr.** No report.

b) **Cty Cllr.** No report.

c) **Police.** A Police Report for March 2015 had been received by email.

d) **Village Hall Committee.** No report.

e) **Any other reports.** No other reports.

164/04/15. Finance

a) **To agree and authorise payments.** It was resolved to make the following payments: Taunton Deane Borough Council - £159.74 emptying of dog bin (chq no 1268)
Community Council for Somerset - £40.00 annual subscription (chq no 1269)
Mrs J Larcombe - £223.54 Clerk's salary and expenses (chq no 1270)

b) **To agree the annual accounts for 2014 – 2015 and the Annual Governance Statement.** It was resolved to agree the annual accounts for 2014 – 2015 and the Annual Governance Statement. It was noted that other expenditure was higher in 2013/14 because of the grant given to the Village Hall Trust to help with the cost of replacing the fencing between the car park and the play area and the money spent having the war memorial cleaned.

c) **To inform the Council of the date of the 2014 – 15 Internal Audit.** The internal audit will be carried out on June 4th and the signed form has to be sent to Grant Thornton, the external auditors, by June 22nd.

d) **To review the effectiveness of the internal audit.** The Council reviewed the effectiveness of the internal audit and there were no concerns. The report was signed by the Chairman.

e) **Update to Clerk's Contract of Employment.** The Chairman reported that she had looked at the Clerk's Contract of Employment and felt that there was no need to update it to the new model contract of employment which appeared to be more suitable for someone employed by a Town Council. It was agreed that no changes will be made.

f) Quote from TDBC for emptying of dog bin. TDBC has quoted £2.64 + VAT per collection to empty the dog bin close to the motorway once a week. This is an increase of 8p per collection. This quote will be accepted but a note will be added to the form saying that the Parish Council cannot agree that the invoice will be paid within 14 days of the date of the invoice as the cheque is usually signed at the Parish Council meeting.

g) To discuss purchasing a new Parish Council notice board. The Council will look at purchasing a new notice board to replace the one on the wall of the shop. If a new notice board is purchased the Council will allow owners of the shop to use the old one. It was suggested that the notice board could be sited beside the bus stop and litter bin by the shop but permission might have to be obtained from Highways. A display area of 9 A4 sheets was considered to be a suitable size. Quotes will be obtained and will include a wood effect notice board made from a recycled material. This item will be discussed again at the next meeting.

165/04/15. Playing Field

a) Planned work at the Play Area/Playing Field, to consider quote for work on the basketball post and update on painting of equipment. An order has been placed with TDBC DLO for the painting of the swings and climber. The quote for the work on the basketball post was deferred until the next meeting.

b) Any other matters to note. The grass has now been cut twice this season. A piece of fencing has been replaced outside of the Village Hall and this has been treated with wood preservative.

166/04/15. Footpaths: Any other footpath matters. No footpath matters.

167/04/15. Re-opening of the Village Shop and welcome to the new owners of the business. The shop will re-open on Saturday May 2nd. The new owners are busy painting and preparing the shop. The opening times have been printed in the newsletter. A leaflet has been delivered around the village advertising what will be on offer at the shop. It also includes a survey about customer requirements..

168/04/15. Update on the future of the mobile library. The last mobile library visit to West Buckland will be in July.

169/04/15. Parish Council Election – persons nominated. There were only five nominations for the seven seats so there will not be an election. Two councillors will need to be co-opted after the elections on May 7th. The councillors will be Mrs Margaret Blogg, Mrs Chris Hannath, Mr David Lacey, Mr John Nutt and Mr Colin Rayson.

170/04/15. Correspondence and items of interest. The BT phone box in the village is in a filthy condition. It only takes phone cards and it was suggested that BT should be asked to remove it. A piece will be put in the newsletter to give parishioners an opportunity to give their views.

The following correspondence was noted: TDBC – information about the Parish Play Area Grant Scheme.

The Village Fete Report from Richard Horton, which arrived too late to be read at the Annual Parish Meeting, was read to Councillors. It will be added to the reports from the Annual Parish Meeting.

171/04/15. Any other urgent business at the Chairman's discretion. No urgent business.

172/04/15. Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting, the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, will be held on Tuesday 19th May at 7.30pm.