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### **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 24th February 2015 in the Committee Room, West Buckland Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

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

**In attendance:** PC A Hooper and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

**125/03/15. Police Report.** The Police report for January had been circulated by email. PC Hooper spoke about changes to the Beat Teams. The new operating model for Wellington Rural will reduce six beats to five and they will be looked after by one PC and two PCSO's. PC Hooper has been looking after three of the Wellington Rural beats but will be moving to the Taunton area. He felt it would be difficult for one PC to look after five beats when it is busy and is concerned about the resilience of the force. Response vehicles will still respond in the usual way. Taunton Police Station is listed for sale but will probably be difficult to sell. The back yard was formerly a burial area for the prison and the town wall behind the building is listed. Councillors mentioned a couple of incidents in Lee Park where suspicious people knocked on some doors. The accidents on the A38 were commented on and it was noted that the SID by the Blackbird Inn is not working. Cllr Mrs Blogg spoke about the condition of the footpath alongside the busy A38 which is suffering from lack of maintenance. There is a Community Police meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March at West Buckland Village Hall where changes to the Beat Teams will be discussed and there will be crime prevention advice and examples.

PC Hooper left the meeting.

**126/03/15. To accept apologies for absence.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mrs C Biffen.

**127/03/15. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda.** There were no disclosures.

**128/03/15. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 27/01/15.** The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

**129/03/15. Matters arising from the minutes.** There were no matters arising.

**130/03/15. Planning:**

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

46/15/0001 Erection of a two storey extension to the front of 18 Lee Park, West Buckland. Applicant: Mr R Schmidheiny. Comment: West Buckland Parish Council has no objections.

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. Applicant: Mrs V Melville.  
Comment: West Buckland Parish Council has no objections.

**b) To receive results from planning applications determined by TDBC.** No results.

**c) To note the Planning Enforcement Notice to cease unauthorised permanent residential use at Gerbestone Lodges.** Planning Enforcement Notice E/0073/46/12 has been issued for Gerbestone Lodges, Gerbestone Lane, West Buckland. Permanent residential occupation of the holiday lodges must cease within 6 months of the enforcement notice taking place on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 unless an appeal is made against it beforehand.

**d) Any other planning matters.** 46/14/0041/CMB Prior approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building to dwelling house (use class C3) at Emerald Vale Nurseries, Stoford Lane, West Buckland has been withdrawn because the applicant is waiting for a flood risk assessment. A letter has been received from the applicant, Mr I Phillips, disputing the objections made in the Parish Council's comment for this application. If the application is re-submitted a site meeting will be arranged.

### **131/02/15. Highways.**

**a) To report on work carried out by the SCC Highway Department and to receive reports on work that are needed.** There are lots of yellow markings on the roads in the parish and it is thought that repairs to the roads are expected prior to surface dressing. It has been reported by a parishioner that silt is going to be cleared from under the bridge near West View. There is a notice on the A38 saying that road works are due to be carried out for 2 weeks from 3<sup>rd</sup> March and delays are expected.

**b) To note an accident on the A38 by the Blackbird Inn.** There has been another serious accident on the A38. Someone crossing the road from the Blackbird Inn to the car park was struck by a car and seriously injured.

**c) Update on problems reported on Buckland Hill.** Cllr Mrs Blogg has reported the problems with the signs at the top of Buckland Hill. One tree is believed to have fallen down during recent windy weather. Fortunately it didn't fall across the road.

**d) Any other highways matters.** Two four wheel drive vehicles have repeatedly driven around the grass area at Lee Park late at night causing considerable damage to the surface. The Police are investigating.

### **132/02/15. To receive reports from:**

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

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

**c) Police.** See item 125/02/15.

**d) Village Hall Committee.** Cllr Mrs Hannath reported that the hall is being spring cleaned and the chairs have all been professionally cleaned. Quotes are being obtained for the main hall to be painted. The pre-school are looking into funding and a site at the school.

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

### **133/02/15. Finance:**

**a) To agree and authorise payments.** It was resolved to make the following payments:  
Cllr Mrs Blogg - £18.75 expenses claim for printer cartridge (chq no 1264)  
Mrs J Larcombe - £237.04 Clerk's salary and expenses (chq no 1265)

**b) To discuss and agree the grant towards the cost of producing the newsletter.** No decisions have been made about changes to the printing and distribution of the newsletter. The Clerk said she believed this grant is paid towards the printing costs for the year prior to the grant. It was agreed to give a grant of £150.00 (chq no 1266).

**134/02/15. Playing Field**

**a) To consider the quote from TDBC DLO for work at the Play Area/Playing Field.** The Clerk has spoken to Josef Galiceo, TDBC, about the work that is required but she is still waiting for the quote. This item will be carried forward to the next meeting.

**b) To agree that Rospa will carry out the annual inspection of the Play Area.** It was agreed that Rospa would be asked to carry out the annual inspection. The inspection will be carried out during June.

**c) Grass and hedge cutting 2015/16.** Heathfield Garden Contractors will be asked to cut the grass in the playing field, the triangle of grass at Church Drive and the areas of grass in Peacocks Close. Mr Stanworth will be asked to cut the verge and hedge at Silver Street Green and the usual footpaths. F J Orchard & Sons will be asked to cut the hedge around the playing field, Steart Lane and the sides of the road on Sawyers Hill. The playing field hedge needs to be cut as soon as hedge trimming is allowed in late Summer and the piece in the play area will be reduced in height.

**d) Any other matters to note.** No other matters to note.

**135/03/15. Footpaths: Any other footpath matters.** There were no footpath problems. Cllr Mrs Blogg has sent Mr Gould an email telling him about SCC's Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2.

**136/02/15. SALC**

**a) To Inform councillors about the cancellation of the SALC West Area Meeting at Watchet on 29<sup>th</sup> January.** Due to the risk of wintry weather the meeting was cancelled.

**b) To inform councillors about the change of address for the SALC offices.** SALC has moved office to The Edgar Hall, Somerton. A mobile phone number is being used until the land line is available.

**137/03/15. Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March.** Publicity will be given to the forthcoming Parish Council elections. People will be encouraged to nominate themselves as a councillor. It was agreed that there would be no refreshments. The Clerk will see whether anyone from Highways could attend.

**138/02/15. Correspondence and items of interest.** A letter has been received from a parishioner who would like the council to look at applying for a grant from the Taunton Mayor's Fund towards the cost of play equipment. There are 30 £500 grants and a small number between £1500 and £2500 and it was felt £500 would only be a small part of the cost. A letter has been received asking if a notice about a missing cat could be displayed on the Parish Council notice board. It was agreed the small notice provided could go on the Parish Council notice board by the shop.

**139/02/15. Any other urgent business at the Chairman's discretion.** There was no other business.

**140/02/15. Date of Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, following the Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7pm.