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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 31st March 2015 in the Main Hall, West Buckland Village Hall at approximately 8.15pm.

Present: Cllr's Mrs M Blogg (Chair), D Lacey, Mrs C Biffen, Mrs C Hannath, J Nutt and C Rayson.
In attendance: the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

141/03/15. To accept apologies for absence. Apologies were received from District Cllr C Hill and PC S Cridlin.

142/03/15. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures.

143/03/15. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 24/02/15. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

144/03/15. Matters arising from the minutes. There were no matters arising.

145/03/15. Planning:

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

46/15/0004 Variation of condition no 4 of application 46/12/0007 to extend the time limit to complete highways works until September 2015 at Blackdown Garden Centre, Hockholler, West Buckland. Applicant: Carnon Downs SSAS.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council object to any further extension to this condition on highways safety grounds. There are now a lot of non-garden based retail businesses operating out of Blackdown Garden Centre attracting an increasing number of customers and taking trade away from Wellington town centre.

46/15/0005 erection of a single storey extension to the south west elevation of Gammon Barn, Asham Lane, Ham. Applicant: Mr K Wendt.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council consider the materials and design are not in keeping with the original structure.

46/15/0006 Erection of fence to front elevation at Byland Cottage, Wellington Road, West Buckland (Retention of works already undertaken). Applicant: Mr G Thornton.

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

46/15/0007 Erection of a single storey rear extension at 11 Dyers Close, West Buckland (amended scheme to 46/14/0024). Applicant: Mr & Mrs Andrews.

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

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

46/15/0001 Erection of a two storey extension to the front of 18 Lee Park, West Buckland.
Decision: conditional approval granted.

c) Any other planning matter. An appeal has been made against Planning Enforcement Notice E/0073/46/12 has been issued for Gerbestone Lodges, Gerbestone Lane, West Buckland.

146/03/15. Highways.

a) To report on work carried out by the SCC Highway Department and to receive reports on work that is needed. SCC has been carrying out repairs to the roads in the parish.

b) Signs on Buckland Hill and ‘Slow’ signs on A38. Cllr Mrs Biffen reported that she had pushed the ‘Not Suitable for HGV’s’ sign back up the post at the top of Buckland Hill.

c) To discuss a request for sign/solid line to stop parking where Footpath 14/14 comes out on to Crown Hill. A parishioner contacted the Chairman because they were concerned that parked vehicles in front of the end of the footpath obscures visibility for people coming from the footpath and wanting to cross Crown Hill. It was noted that there are already railings on the pavement and Councillors didn’t feel parking could be restricted any more in this area. Any one leaving the footpath should stop and look before they cross the road.

d) Any other highways matters. None.

147/03/15. Finance

a) To agree and authorise payments. It was resolved to make the following payments: Mrs J Larcombe - £310.04 Clerk’s salary and expenses (chq no 1267). This included a £100 non-consolidated (one off) payment which is part of the 2014 – 2016 National Salary Award for Clerks employed under the terms of the model contract agreed between NALC and SLCC. Although the Clerk does not have the current NALC/SLCC contract the Council felt her contract was the model in place at the start of her employment on 1st April 2002 and agreed this payment should be made. The Clerk’s contract will be reviewed and updated.

b) To review the Business Risk Assessment. The Business Risk Assessment was reviewed and agreed.

148/03/15. Playing Field

a) To consider the quote from TDBC DLO for work at the Play Area/Playing Field. TDBC DLO has quoted that it will cost between £800 and £1200 to dig out the basketball post and put it back up again securely. It was agreed to ask R W Gale Ltd for a quote for this work. TDBC DLO has quoted £400 to paint the swings and rainbow climber and it was agreed to accept this quote.

b) Any other matters to note. Heathfield Garden Contractors are planning to cut the grass for the first time this week.

149/03/15. Footpaths: Any other footpath matters. The PPLO gave a report to the APM.

150/03/15. Closure of the Village Shop. The flat above the shop has been sold and Yvonne West will be moving on. It is understood that someone else is interested in taking on and running the shop. It was agreed to send a card wishing Yvonne good luck for the future.

151/03/15. To note the decision on the future of the mobile library. Cut backs have been made to the mobile library service and from the end of August it will no longer stop in West Buckland. There is a library outreach service for those unable to access library facilities.

152/03/15. Report from the Community Police meeting. Cllr Mrs Blogg reported that she had attended the meeting and met the new officers for West Buckland. No one else from West Buckland had attended the meeting while she was there. Crime prevention information was also available at the meeting and Cllr Mrs Blogg was given a solar operated information sign for the parish.

153/03/15. Parish Council Election – reminder of key dates. The closing dates for nominations is 4pm on Thursday April 9th and, if more than 7 nominations are received, the election will take place on Thursday May 7th. This is the same date as the Parliamentary and Borough Council elections.

154/03/15. Correspondence and items of interest. There was no correspondence.

155/03/15. Any other urgent business at the Chairman's discretion. None.

156/03/15. Date of Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th April at 7.30pm.