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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 in the Main Hall, West Buckland Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Mrs M Blogg (Chair), D Lacey, J Nutt, C Rayson and C Silverlight.

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

116/01/18. To accept apologies for absence. Apologies were accepted from Cllr's Mrs C Hannath and D Mitton.

117/01/18. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures.

118/01/18. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 28/11/17. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chair.

119/01/18. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda. None.

120/01/18. Democratic Period. There were no members of the public.

121/01/18. Planning:

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

46/17/0050 Change of use from village stores to residential dwelling at 2 Dyers Close, West Buckland. Applicant: Miss J Bertram.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council appreciates the amount of effort the applicant has put into running and trying to retain a village shop in West Buckland. The Council has no objections to the granting of conditional approval for the application.

b) To receive decisions from planning applications determined by TDBC. No decision notices received.

c) APP/D3315/C/17/3186773 Appeal against an enforcement notice. Site address:

Agricultural track leading to Old Lake, Higher Ruggin, West Buckland, TA21 9LL.

Following the last meeting correspondence was received from a parishioner who was in support of TDBC's enforcement notice and asked if the Parish Council would be making a response. On reflection it was agreed that a response would be made.

West Buckland Parish Council support Taunton Deane Borough Council's decision to issue an enforce notice to the appellant. This development is in open countryside and on the edge of an ANOB. It is not in a sustainable development location and is not reasonable or necessary for the purposes of agriculture. The development does not have good access

to a main road or local services. This change of use has had a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the area. If it is allowed to remain it will encourage further sporadic development in the area which, without any overriding agricultural need is contrary to Taunton Deane Core Strategy Policies SD1, DM 1 and DM 2.

d) Update on planning enforcement matters reported to TDBC. No update.

e) Any other planning matters. No other planning matters.

122/01/18. Highways.

a) Matters arising from previous meeting/s. Work has been completed on Sawyers Hill and recent heavy rain has confirmed the drains have been put in the right place.

b) To note any highway defects to report to SCC. None noted.

c) Any other highways matters. Councillors discussed a suggestion from Cllr Mrs Blogg as to how the junction with the A38 at the Worlds End could be altered and made safer by building a roundabout. The plan would involve using a piece of the field opposite the Worlds End. Enquiries will be made regarding discussions relating to this at a Bradford-on-Tone Parish Council meeting about twenty years ago.

123/01/18. To receive reports from:

County Cllr. Cllr Thorne will talk to Highways regarding the suggestion discussed under the previous item. After the end of March 2018 SCC will not be replacing their bank of SIDS when they become past their sell by date. They will help Parish councils if they want to run their own scheme. Presentations have been booked for the end of January for the next A358 consultation. The Local Authority Financial settlement in December did not grant pilot status for rates relief to SCC who now need to make a further £4million saving. Devon County Council and Cornwall County Council were granted pilot status. One year into a three year Gigaclear contract not a single home in Cllr Thorne's ward has been connected to superfast broadband as a result. He has not been able to get information as he has been told it is confidential and is becoming increasingly frustrated. Gigaclear is carrying out work but this is for commercial use and not for homes. Since the Home First initiative was launched in September over 300 people have been supported to move on from hospital sooner and average stays in hospital have been reduced by five days for each person. Three new school autism centres are to open next year as SCC invests £2.3m to create 48 places in primary and secondary school children.

b) Police. A Police report for November was circulated at the beginning of December. There were 23 Police logs for the month from the beat.

c) Village Hall Committee. Cllr Mrs Hannath had provided a report on the meeting held on 6th December. The Committee decided there was no need for an oil radiator in the Committee Room and heat will be controlled through thermostats on the radiators. When the caretaker is on holiday Mrs Morrish will stand in for her and be paid. Broadband - the Committee need to know who would want to use it because of the expense of setting it up/changing passwords etc. A suggestion has been made to look into a mezzanine being built in the WI cupboard for extra storage. Two quotes will be obtained for housing the staging there. A request on has been added to the booking form for hirers to bring their own tea cloths to functions. A smoke machine used during a recent birthday party was not successful as it set off the Village Hall alarm.

d) SALC AGM. No report.

e) Any Other Reports. No other reports.

124/01/18. Finance - to agree and authorise any necessary payments. There were no payments.

125/01/18. 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. No matters to report.

b) Any other matters to note. It was reported the first part of the playing field in front of the vehicular entrance is very muddy. It was suggested that consideration should be given to putting down some stone in this area as the mud is a problem every winter now. Costings will be obtained and this will include moving the dog bin so that it is easier to use.

The nets on the goalposts are in a worse condition and will need replacing. They have been in use for only thirteen months and a complaint will be made to Stadia. TDBC will be asked if they have experienced a similar problem as they recommended these goalposts.

126/01/18. Footpaths: any matters brought forward. A tree was reported to have come down on the Causeway footpath but it is understood that it has been cleared.

127/01/18. Correspondence and items of interest. There was no correspondence.

128/01/18. Any urgent business at the Chairman's discretion. Cllr Silverlight reported he had attended the Police 'Meet and Greet' Neighbourhood Watch Event held at the Village Hall on 11th December, during which he had met the new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator from Dyers Close.

Cllr Silverlight has checked the consumables for the defibrillator to see when they will need to be replaced. The pads will need to be replaced in December 2018, if they are not used first. The battery replacement date is January 2021.

129/01/18. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th January 2018.