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### **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 25th November 2014 in the Committee Room, West Buckland Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

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

**96/11/14. Police Report.** It was agreed to move this item forward. PC Hooper reported there had been lots of break-ins to businesses in the area. At Park Farm a van was stolen and a week later tools were taken. There were also break-ins at Blackdown Garden Centre, the wine shop at the back of Willowbrook Garden Centre and at Reaphay. The owners of the properties were all given advice to try and prevent further break ins. The residents at Reaphay installed CCTV and a beam and were alerted when there was a further attempt. They called the Police and took the registration number of the vehicle. Nothing was taken as the burglars were disturbed. Prettejohns, at Blackdown Garden Centre, got broken into again but hadn't taken all the crime prevention advice. Thieves often come back a year later to try to steal what was bought with the insurance money. There has been another break in to a car parked at Wellington Monument.  
PCSO Bramley has been working in Taunton on the Taunton One Scheme and will work on the implementation of the Wellington One Scheme when he comes back to Wellington. Various agencies meet together on a regular basis to discuss problems which should speed up dealing with the problems and make it more dynamic.  
Cllr Mrs Hannath said parents were still double parking by the Old Post Office at each end of the school day and PC Hooper said this was an issue in all villages. There was a meeting at South Petherton for Neighbourhood Beat Managers and Farm watch issues were discussed. Problems at Crown Hill, discussed at a previous meeting, continue. .

**97/11/14. To accept apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from District Cllr C Hill.

**98/11/14. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda.** None.

**99/11/14. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 28/10/14.** The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

**100/11/14. Matters arising from the minutes.** None.

**101/11/14. Planning:**

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

46/14/0037 Erection of a single storey extension to the side of 18 Lee Park, West Buckland. Applicant: Mr R Schmidheiny.

Comment: West Buckland Parish Council support the application.

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

46/14/0028 Change of Use of land from horticulture to storage of scaffolding poles and related materials, erection of an office/workshop building and variation of condition no 8 of planning application 46/93/0004 to allow occupation of agricultural workers dwelling by persons connected with scaffolding business at Oaklee Cottage, Haywards Lane, Wellington. Decision: conditional approval granted. There is a condition limiting the occupation of Oaklee Cottage to people connected to the scaffolding business but it was felt this could be difficult to check.

46/14/0029 Removal of condition 02 (occupation of chalets for tourism purposes only) of application 46/08/0022 at Gerbestone Lodges, West Buckland.

Decision: permission refused.

46/14/0030 Change of use of storage buildings for Nursery to Class B1 (Business Use) at Sellicks Nurseries, Chelston, Wellington (Retention of works already undertaken).

Decision: conditional approval.

46/14/0032 Change of use of land for siting of a temporary mobile home to be used as an occupational workers dwelling for West Buckland Stud, West Buckland.

Decision: conditional approval.

**c) Any other planning matters.** Blackdown Garden Centre was given an extension of time to have a right hand turn lane constructed on the A38. This time limit planning condition expires on the 30<sup>th</sup> November and work hasn't started. Councillors were concerned that the nursery side of the business is getting less and less.

#### **102/11/14. Highways.**

**a) To report on work carried out by the SCC Highway Department and to receive reports on repairs that are needed.** Nothing reported.

**b) Update on request for work to be carried out to improve the appearance and condition of the M5 junction.** Cllr Mrs Biffen reported that she had contacted the Highways Agency Customer Services about the problems and was told the Highways Agency is only responsible for the slip roads down to the white lines at the roundabout. The complaint to them was registered. The actual roundabout and the three roads leading off together with the central land are all the responsibility of SCC. This includes cutting the verges, the road surface and the kerbstones. Another complaint was made to them and the kerbstones have been moved onto the grass on the Blackmoor spur. Cllr Mrs Blogg said there were kerbstones out of place all the way to Chelston. Litter is the responsibility of TDBC. Cllr Mrs Biffen contacted the DLO and the litter has now been picked up but councillors wondered how well it will be cleaned in the future. There is usually litter around the long lines of cars who park on the side of the road from the roundabout to Chelston roundabout. The remains of the camper van and cones have now been removed. This area looks tidier now but the grass is still straggly.

**c) Update on problems reported on Buckland Hill.** Tyres and 8 bags of rubbish have been removed from Buckland Hill by Mr Biffen. Cllr Mrs Blogg reported that there are still two saplings still leaning over the road in a potentially dangerous manner. Dumpy bags of salt have been delivered to Buckland Hill by SCC. Mr Stanworth has collected 10 free bags of salt from the SCC Highways Depot at Taunton for use in the parish if there is wintry weather.

**d) Any other highways matters.** The condition of the damaged wall at Lippincotts

appears to be getting worse. The Clerk will contact Mr Norton who inspected the wall in June.

**103/11/14. To receive reports from:**

- a) **District Cllr.** No report. Councillors noted that the July meeting was the last meeting Cllr Hill attended and that they do not receive any reports on what is happening at TDBC as other Parish Councils receive from their District Councillor.
- b) **Cty Cllr.** No report.
- c) **Police.** This report was dealt with under item 96/11/14.
- d) **Village Hall Committee.** Cllr Mrs Hannath was unable to attend the last meeting due to her accident so the report was given by Cllr Rayson. The committee was given a report from the CCS AGM. Final details for the Christmas Fair were agreed and the future of the Pre-school was discussed.
- e) **Any other reports.** No other reports.

**104/11/14. Finance:**

- a) **To agree and authorise payments.** It was resolved to make the following payments:  
Heathfield Garden Contractors - £216.00 grass cutting and strimming (chq no 1258)  
West Buckland Village Hall Trust - £18.00 room hire (chq no 1259)  
Mrs J Larcombe - £205.90 Clerk's November salary and expenses (chq no 1260)  
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Somerset Playing Field Association - £15.00 annual subscription (chq no 1262)
- b) **To agree the precept for 2015/16.** The budget for 2015/16 was agreed. It was agreed that the precept for 2015/16 would be £7428 which will give a Council Tax Band D rate of £17.84, the same as 2014/15.
- c) **Update on online banking.** No update.

**105/11/14. Playing Field**

- a) **To consider the cost for the replacement of the swings in the play area.** Councillors considered two quotes from Proludic for replacement swings. These quotes were for supply only but included delivery:  
2 flat seat & 2 cradle seat swings anti-wrap - £4439 (including vat)  
2 flat seat & 2 cradle seat swings - £3305 (including vat)  
Installation and safety surfacing will add considerably to the cost.  
Different types of swings will be considered and further quotes obtained.
- b) **Any matters to note.** No matters to note.

**106/11/14. Any Footpath Matters.** No matters to discuss.

**107/11/14. Correspondence and items of interest (including information circulated by SALC and letter from the Chairman of SALC).** Peter Watts from Point Three is using his business expertise and the support of his community interest company to try to secure the future of the Pre-school. There is a possibility that the Parish Council could be approached about land for a building for the Pre-school.

TDBC – updated contact list for Grounds Maintenance and Cleansing

Dave Mitton, Chairman of SALC - a letter raising concerns about a motion carried at the TDBC Full Council meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> September involving what he considers to be double taxation by TDBC because Taunton, the county town, is unparished.

**108/11/14. Any other urgent business at the Chairman's discretion.** No urgent business.

**109/11/14. Date of Meetings for 2015.** Meeting dates for 2015 were agreed as Tuesday:- 6<sup>th</sup> January (reserve date); 27<sup>th</sup> January; 24<sup>th</sup> February; 31<sup>st</sup> March; 28<sup>th</sup> April; 19<sup>th</sup> May; 30<sup>th</sup> June; 28<sup>th</sup> July; 25<sup>th</sup> August; 29<sup>th</sup> September; 27<sup>th</sup> October and 24<sup>th</sup> November.