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### **The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 29th April 2014 in the Main Hall, West Buckland Village Hall at approximately 7.45pm.**

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

**In attendance:** the Clerk Mrs J Larcombe.

**169/04/14. To accept apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from County Cllr R Henley and District Cllr C Hill. The Police had attended the Annual Parish Meeting, which preceded this meeting.

**170/04/14. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda.** None.

**171/04/14. To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 25/03/14.** The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

**172/04/14. Matters arising from the minutes.** None.

#### **173/04/14. Planning:**

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

46/14/0013 Alterations to vehicular access and formation of hardstanding parking area on land formerly known as Dukes Cottage, Ford Street, Wellington (amended scheme to 46/13/0012). The Clerk informed the Council that a Certificate of Lawfulness has been issued for the land known as Dukes Cottage, Ford Street, Wellington. The Council agreed they would not comment on the application.

##### **b) To note comments made for applications received since the last meeting.**

46/14/0010 Variation of condition no 4 (Time limit for highways work) to application no 46/12/0007 at Blackdown Garden Centre, West Buckland. Applicant: Carnon Downs SSAS. The Clerk reported that she has spoken to the planning officer who said he believed the work was being held up because SCC's legal department had not finalised an agreement. Comment: West Buckland Parish Council ask that it is agreed that this is the final extension to the time limit for the highways work.

46/14/0012 Change of Use of Plot 1 into car sales (Sui Generis) and siting of office and storage container at Foxmoor Business Park, Wellington. Applicant: AS Motors. Mr A Strickland. Comment: West Buckland Parish Council object to the granting of planning permission because of the close proximity of the site to Flood Zone 3 (as referred to in the TDBC Proposed Site Allocations: Wellington); concern about the visual impact of a non-standard building and lack of need for further development on this site or in this area.

The Council received a letter from Saville's regarding a Pre-consultation for a proposed upgrade to an existing site at 125401 Manleys Farm, West Buckland. Telefonica UK Ltd is in the process of upgrading this existing base station site to provide new 3G/4G coverage in the area and the Council were invited to comment. A notice was put on the notice board by the Village Shop to make parishioners aware of the Pre-consultation but no comments were received. Cllr Nutt obtained some additional information from Saville's regarding the plans. The Parish Council recognised the need for the upgrade and did not raise any concerns. Cllr James mentioned a mast that had been made to look like a Scots Pine tree in the Torquay area.

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

46/14/0008 Erection of vehicle maintenance building with office and customer facilities and associated infrastructure at Foxmoor Business Park, Chelston. Decision: conditional approval granted.

46/14/0009 Variation of condition No's 2 & 3 of application number 46/13/0027 (approved plans) at Wellington Motors, Summerfield Way, Chelston Business Park, Wellington. Decision: conditional approval granted.

**d) Any other planning matters.** None.

**174/04/14. Highways.**

**a) To report on work carried out by the SCC Highway Department and to receive reports on repairs that are needed.** A large pothole was reported outside of Buckland House, Hockaller Lane. It is getting so big that there is barely room for a car to pass beside it.

**b) Update on progress of flood prevention work at Willowbrook.** It looks like this work is nearly complete.

**c) Update on repairs to surfacing on A38.** The Parish Council has not received any further information.

**d) Buckland Hill – update on reported problems.** No repair to the erosion yet.

**e) Update on wall at Lippincotts.** The Parish Council has heard nothing further.

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

**175/04/14. To receive reports from:**

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

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

**c) Police.** The police gave a report at the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Mrs Blogg said she has arranged for the Village Hall to be open at the time of the Police Beat Surgeries.

**d) Village Hall Committee.** The Committee has decided to go ahead with the planned WW1 event, despite the death of Mr Skeggs. A full report was given at the APM.

**e) SALC West Area Meeting.** The Chairman and Clerk attended the meeting which was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> March. Justin Robinson, SALC CEO, gave a presentation on the new NALC Model Financial Regulations, HMRC, Internal Control guidance and the Audit and Transparency consultations. It had been reported that Taunton Deane CAB is moving into a more appropriate building in May. The issue of handling inappropriate correspondence from members of the public was discussed in Open Forum. The meeting only lasted 45 minutes and representatives of some councils had travelled some distance to attend the meeting. The Clerk said she had been disappointed that she hadn't learnt anything more than what she had already read in guidance material. She had hoped to learn more about the measures that need to be put in place for online banking but Mr Robinson didn't seem to have any detailed guidance.

**f) Any other reports.** None.

#### **176/04/14. Finance**

- a) To agree and authorise payments.** It was resolved to make the following payments:  
West Buckland Village Hall Trust - £10 hire of the committee Room on 5<sup>th</sup> April (chq no 1230)  
Taunton Deane Borough Council - £143.42 emptying dog waste bin (chq no 1233)  
Mrs J Larcombe - £221.50 Clerk's salary and expenses (chq no 1234)  
West Buckland Village Hall Trust - £29.00 hire of meeting room (chq no 1235)
- b) To agree to renew membership of SALC and Community Council of Somerset.** It was agreed to renew membership of both organisations for 2014/15. The Clerk expressed her concern that the Parish Council is not receiving the same quality of information that it used to receive. The Council will review its membership next year.  
Somerset Association of Local Councils - £262.14 (chq no 1231)  
Community Council of Somerset - £35.00 (chq no 1232)
- c) To approve the Annual Accounts for 2013 – 2014 and the Statement of Governance.** The Council agreed to approve the Annual Accounts for 2013-2014 and the Statement of Governance. It was agreed to earmark £3000 of the reserves towards the replacement of the swings. The swings are getting old and will need replacing before long.
- d) To receive the quote for the emptying of the Dog Litter Bin by TDBC.** TDBC are continuing to empty the bin but have not provided a quote for 2014-2015.
- e) Update on online banking.** The Clerk will talk to the Internal Auditor about this. She will also find out whether NatWest has the facility for 2 people to confirm an online payment from the Council's bank account.
- f) To agree to adopt New Financial Regulations.** These will be circulated before the next meeting.

#### **177/04/14. Playing Field.**

- a) Annual Play Area Inspection.** It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange the inspection with Rospa. They carry out inspections for Somerset during June.
- b) Any matters to note.** The grass is being cut again tomorrow for the third time.

#### **178/04/14. Footpaths.**

- a) Appointment of new PPLO.** Mr Bob Gould has been appointed as the new PPLO. He attended the APM to introduce himself.
- b) Any Other Footpath Matters.** None.

**179/04/14. SALC: Memorial Ceremony for Peter Lacey on 5<sup>th</sup> April.** The ceremony was well attended and went well. Unfortunately some of the details in the press report were not correct.

#### **180/04/14. Correspondence and items of interest (including information circulated by SALC).**

A former parishioner is concerned that the distinctive sign at The Blackbird Public House has been replaced and they would like to know what has happened to the old sign. The Council did not know.

The following correspondence was noted: Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter March 2014.

**181/04/14. Any other urgent business at the Chairman's discretion.** None.

**182/04/14. Dates of Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and it will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.30pm.