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The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 26th March 2013 in the Committee Room, West Buckland Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

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

It was agreed that PC Hooper would give his report at this point. A Police Report for February had previously been circulated by email. PCSO Bramley had also circulated emails about the theft of heating oil in a neighbouring parish and a stabbing incident at Wrangway. PC Hooper said the stabbing incident was domestic related. Cllr Mrs Hannath reported there had been someone cold calling trying to sell windows. Cllr Rayson said there had been someone hawking goods in Ham. PC Hooper noted that hawkers need to have a licence. PC Hooper left the meeting at this point having been called to an incident.

142/03/13. To accept apologies for absence. Apologies were accepted from Cllr G Henley.
Apologies were received from County Cllr R Henley.

143/03/13. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda. There were no declarations.

144/03/13. To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 26/02/13. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

145/03/13. Matters arising from the minutes. None.

146/03/13. Planning:

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

46/13/0005 Erection of conservatory and porch at The Oaks, Blackmoor
Applicant: Dr & Mrs PM Cavanagh. Comment: the Parish Council supports the application.

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

46/13/0001 - Conversion of garage/workshop/games room into granny annexe at The Oaks, Blackmoor, Wellington. Decision: conditional approval granted.

46/13/0002 – Erection of workshop/garden room in the garden of The Oaks, Blackmoor, Wellington. Decision: conditional approval granted.

46/13/0003 Change of use from Class B8 (Storage & Distribution) to Class B2 (General Industrial) at the former Co-op Distribution Centre, Chelston Business Park, Ham Road, Wellington. Decision: conditional approval granted.

c) Update on planning enforcement for 46/11/0020. The owner of Alebar Farm has

informed TDBC that she is involved in the purchase of another property in Cornwall and has asked to be allowed to stay at Alebar Farm until a family member has finished taking school examinations in June. TDBC has seen details of the property in Cornwall. A decision will be made by the TDBC Planning Committee.

d) Any other planning matters. The Clerk has written to Mr Burton, Planning & Development Manager TDBC, and Mr Addicott, Planning Officer TDBC asking for clarification on the reasons for TDBC's refusal to grant planning permission for planning application 46/12/0033. No response has been received. It was noted that no response has been received in response to a letter sent questioning the decision to give permission to build a house on the skyline at Trees Farm and correspondence regarding how TDBC's Planning Department interpret legislation on tree issues.

147/03/13. Highways.

a) To report on work carried out by the SCC Highway Department and to receive reports on repairs that are needed. It was reported that repairs were needed at France Lane.

b) Update on repairs to damaged signs. SCC are leaving this work until April, the new financial year. The Parish Council will suggest to SCC that the signs are put back in a slightly different position where they will be less likely to be damaged.

c) Update on work to be carried out in the Blackmoor area. Cllr Mrs Biffen reported on the work that had been carried out on Buckland Hill. Ditches and gullies have been cleaned out there and at Huntspath, Rose Cottage, Budgetts and Manleys. The edges of the road surface worn away by fast flowing water have been repaired. A lorry has damaged the deer fencing at the top of Buckland Hill. It was also reported that there are some trees in a dangerous condition on Buckland Hill. Cllr Mrs Blogg will contact the SCC Highways Department Tree Officer.

d) Update on flooding consultation. Cllr Mrs Blogg has taken copies of the flooding consultation report form to Willowbrook Nurseries so that people affected can make reports. It appears that a log had blocked the culvert. Some initial work has been done to clear the culvert. SCC is working with other agencies to find funding and plan further improvement work.

e) Update on matter reported to First Bus. First Bus has responded by email in response to the complaint made by Cllr Mrs Blogg about one of their buses waiting in a position that blocks visibility at the Worlds End junction. The standard format reply says they will interview the driver concerned in line with their disciplinary procedures. They say they are committed to the safety of their customers and are reassessing the standards of their drivers through a programme of advanced defensive driving.

148/03/13. To receive reports from

a) District Cllr. No report.

b) Cty Cllr. No report.

c) Police. Report given at start of meeting.

d) Village Hall Committee. Cllr Mrs Hannath reported that the caretaker will be leaving at the end of the month and the committee will work together to keep the hall open until other arrangements can be put in place. The committee are looking at purchasing a larger cooker for the kitchen. There have been requests for the kitchen to be refurbished.

e) Any other reports. None.

149/03/13. Finance: To agree and authorise payments. It was resolved to make the following payments: Mrs J Larcombe - £147.00 Clerk's salary and expenses (chq no 1184) Mr J Stanworth - £220.00 cutting back the hedge at the Causeway and clearance of vegetation at Frogs Lane (chq no 1185).

150/03/13. Playing Field.

- a) **Update on Rospa annual inspection of play area.** Rospa has given written confirmation that the inspection of the play area will take place during march.
- b) **To discuss the future of the picnic table that has had one seat removed.** It was agreed to get a price for a picnic table made of an indestructible material
- c) **Registration of transfer of land for additional car parking for Village Hall with land registry.** The Clerk has got to provide a plan in a larger scale to show the area being given to the Village Hall Trust.

151/03/13. Footpaths.

- a) **To receive any update from our PPLO.** No update.
- b) **Temporary closure of Restricted Byway T21/82 and Bridleway WG14/27.** Councillors were given details of the temporary closure. This is right on the boundary of the parish and should not affect many people.
- c) **Any Other Footpath Matters.** No other footpath matters.

152/03/13. Update on provision of postal services etc at the Village Shop. The response from the Greenfield Team has been negative. Yvonne is now in touch with 'The Store is the Core', a Defra based organisation, and she has met with them. She is also in touch with a shop in Bristol that is in a similar position. The petition will be kept going.

153/03/13. To discuss the Parish Website. Cllr Lacey has added some village news and photos to the website and he is receiving some information from other organisations. Cllr James suggested having a page with links to other websites. Cllr Mrs Biffen had produced some information about councillors and the work of the council to add to the website. Councillors signed the sheet containing their details to say they were happy for these details to be to the website. The possibility of updating the website was discussed. As there will be a cost implication this will be looked into and discussed at a later point.

154/03/13. Correspondence and items of interest. No correspondence.

155/03/13. Any other urgent business at the Chairman's discretion. No urgent business.

156/03/13. To agree the arrangements and format for the Annual Parish Meeting on April 30th. Cllr Mrs Biffen talked about her plans to make the meeting more interesting and to get more people to attend. Organisations will be invited to have a display in the Village Hall to make everyone aware of what they do in addition to providing a report. Letters will be sent to the organisations giving them the details. The meeting will be advertised in the newsletter, on the noticeboards and other notices could be displayed in prominent places. It was agreed that wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be served.

157/03/13. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th April 2013, immediately following the APM which starts at 7pm.

