

BUCKLAND DINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting at 7.30pm, Thursday 10 September in the Village Hall, Buckland Dinham

3181 Present: Councillors Will Phippen, Alan King, Simon Andrews, John Reckless, Viv Street; Pauline Short, Clerk; Colin Currie and Olly Wise from the North Somerset Railway Project

Deputy Chair Cll Phippen took the chair in the absence of Cllr Aston

3182 Apologies: Councillors Tamsin Aston & Peter Corbett

3183 Minutes of the meeting on 30 July: Minutes were agreed

3184 Code of Conduct - Declarations of Interest: none

3185 Presentation by Olly Wise and Colin Currie on the subject of the North Somerset Railway Project: Olly Wise led an interesting presentation about this not for profit company's plans to reopen the railway from Radstock to Frome, following the line of the Colliers Way cycle path, and connecting to places further afield through a new station near the Cheese and Grain. The presentation was followed by a lively question and answer session and Mr Wise invited all interested to attend a forum to find out more on 24th October at 12 noon at Radstock Methodist Hall

Unminuted open forum for the public and council: Cllr Phippen closed the meeting for the public and council to discuss topics of their choice and then reopened it

<p>3186 Matters arising from the last meeting:</p>	<p><i>Action</i></p>
<p>1. Police Speed Checks– In the absence of Cllr Aston there was no report on this however the clerk was able to tell the council about the problem that had arisen with the recent speed indicator device installation outside Fountain House. Unfortunately a water leak problem had meant that traffic lights had been placed near to the SID for 8 days during the time it was there, making the results of the visit unrepresentative of normal speeds. She had notified Dave Grabham, the traffic engineer responsible, who had agreed to try to include an extra visit for the village in 2016. Data had been received from the visit and would be circulated to council. The clerk also reported that Judy Annan would be attending the next meeting with the results of the traffic survey made by residents in July</p> <p>2. Update on situation with introduction of superfast broadband to Buckland Dinham – In the absence of Cllr Corbett the report on progress was postponed until the next meeting. However council had a useful discussion and Cllrs King and Reckless volunteered to join Cllr Corbett to try to help do something to improve the current situation. They would start on a plan to get more accurate figures on how many households are actually interested in a better broadband service. The clerk reported that she had received a letter from a resident making various suggestions that afternoon, and would also forward that to all councillors</p>	<p></p> <p><i>Cllrs King Reckless & Corbett</i></p>
<p>3187 Matters arising:</p>	<p></p>
<p>1. Mendip District Local Plan Part 11 - Council discussed preparation needed before the consultation on the Local Plan Part 11 starts shortly. Mendip District Council had provided a questionnaire “What Makes your Villages Special” and it was agreed that all councillors would complete it and as many others in the village as possible would be consulted. Cllrs Reckless and King would cover as many residents as possible while Cllr Andrews concentrated on the playing field and hall committees, Ms Short the History Group, Cllr Street the WI, and Cllr Reckless the church and pub. Cllr Phippen offered to produce data for discussion from all the results. All councillors had received a list of drop in sessions on the subject to be held across the district and agreed that they should all try to attend one. The</p>	<p><i>All</i></p>

<p>sessions had also been advertised widely for any members of the public to attend</p>	
<p>2. Provisional dates for Parish Council meetings in 2016 – councillors agreed the possible dates that had been circulated with one exception. The clerk would contact the two councillors absent from this meeting and circulate the result</p>	<p><i>Ms Short</i></p>
<p>3. Extension of the double white lines on Buckland Down - A resident had contacted Highways about an extension of double white lines across Buckland Down and requested council support. However the reply from Highways to the resident had already confirmed the reasons why it is not possible to use double white lines in that situation</p>	
<p>3188 Clerks Report:</p>	
<p>1. Carlton Langford had advised that the revised plans for road access for The Bell Inn campsite are now with the Highway Surveyor and he hoped to have a response in the next few weeks</p>	
<p>2. Weeds and other overgrown vegetation. Cllr Andrews had cleared the vegetation at the side of the bus shelter and Cllr Reckless had encouraged residents to cut back other overgrown areas</p>	
<p>3. Speedwatch had advised that we contact Highways if speed signs are obscured in hedges. It was reported that this is the case on the Radstock side of the village. Also the 30mph speed sign was twisted again. The clerk would notify Highways</p>	<p><i>Ms Short</i></p>
<p>4. Three fairly serious water leaks on the main road had been dealt with by Bristol Water recently</p>	
<p>5. Cllr Street's councillors training arranged for 26 August had been cancelled and would be rebooked if possible</p>	<p><i>Ms Short</i></p>
<p>6. Councillors were reminded about using the number 03001232224 to contact all services at Somerset County Council</p>	
<p>7. The Mobile Advice Service will no longer be visiting the village on a monthly basis as the service is being phased out</p>	
<p>8. Cllr Street had studied the letter about the Community Minibus Fund since the last meeting and advised that it did not apply as we have a bus service</p>	
<p>9. The clerk advised the council about a problem the playing field committee had with obtaining advice and quotes for maintenance. Council acknowledged their difficulty and Cllr Andrews offered to see if he could help</p>	<p><i>Cllr Andrews</i></p>
<p>3189 Finance:</p>	
<p>1. As there was no one available to countersign, the donation to Fromes Missing Link could not be completed and would be completed before the next meeting</p>	
<p>2. Other cheques to be written before the next meeting would include the clerks salary and PAYE</p>	
<p>3. A VAT refund of £23.77 had been received for the year ending 31 June</p>	
<p>4. The annual audit had been found satisfactory and returned by Grant Thornton with no fees charged</p>	
<p>3190 Dates of next two meetings: Agreed as 22 October and 3 December</p>	
<p>This meeting closed at 9.35pm</p>	