

BUCKLAND DINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting at 7.30pm, Thursday 2 March 2017 in the Village Hall, Buckland Dinham

3313 Present: Councillors Tamsin Aston, Will Phippen, Peter Corbett, John Reckless and Paul Sherrin. Pauline Short, Clerk.

3314 Apologies: Cllrs Alan King and Viv Street

3315 Minutes of the meeting on 19 January and planning meeting on 1 February 2017: Minutes were agreed and signed

3316 Code of Conduct - Declarations of Interest: none

Unminuted open forum for the public and council: Cllr Aston closed the meeting so that all could discuss topics of their choice and then reopened it

3317 Matters arising from the last meeting:	<i>Action</i>
<p>1. Update on the Broadband situation- Cllr Aston had recently received an update from Gary Day of Voneus. In brief it covered the following points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Installation of equipment at the church was complete except for an access chamber due to be installed on 3rd March b) Three hop points were complete at Hawthorn Lodge, Buckland Garage and Murtry Hill c) 73 of 103 homes in the village were ready with equipment installed to receive service d) Openreach had completed ducting at the church and across to A362 e) BT still needed to blow the fibre cable from Frome to the church, install final ducting and other equipment to join to our cabinet and turn the circuit on f) Voneus still needed to complete a final round of appointments to connect remaining homes in the village <p>2. Somerset Local Authorities Contingency – Cllr Street had forwarded a letter she had received from Lesley Knight, lead of the Somerset Emergency Community Contacts project. Lesley had given an update on the situation since her original contact with the council in 2015 and council all agreed that this answered their queries on their current role in emergency planning</p> <p>3. Control of vegetation on the playing field walls- Cllr Phippen reported that he was waiting for active regrowth of the ivy before he could do much. He still had to complete the risk assessment to decide on time of closure needed for the area and would liaise with Susie Hicks, chair of the playing field committee</p>	<p></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cllr Phippen</i></p>
<p>3318 Matters arising:</p> <p>1. Initial discussion of possible plan for the Annual Parish Meeting on 18 May- Various topics were discussed as candidates for inclusion and it was decided that Cllr Aston would approach Voneus to ask them to send a representative to review the broadband situation at the meeting . By then the system should be active and there may be questions from</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Cllr Aston Also all others to think about this</i></p>

<p>residents. The clerk would also put an item in the magazine to ask for suggestions for other agenda items</p>	<p><i>Ms Short</i></p>
<p>3319 Clerks Report</p>	
<p>1. Highways had not accepted any responsibility for the wall by the bus stop, so there is a risk that it belongs to nobody. Cllr Phippen would check his family records of the original sale and, if that did not give an answer, it was agreed that the clerk would do a new land registry search at possible cost of around £75</p>	<p><i>Cllr Phippen & Ms Short</i></p>
<p>2. There was still no evidence of any speed checks since Cllr Aston asked the police to restart them in October and they replied that the site is now back up and running? Cllr Street, as the councillor with special responsibility for speed and traffic, would be asked to follow it up</p>	<p><i>Cllr Street</i></p>
<p>3. The clerk had reported that there would be a road closure of A362 between Terry Hill crossroads and Writhlington from 23 March for 2 nights followed by 3 days. The closure order remains in force for 18 months</p>	
<p>4. There was a discussion about the number of pot holes in Elm Lane and the clerk would ask Highways if they can be repaired</p>	<p><i>Ms Short</i></p>
<p>3320 Finance:</p>	
<p>1. The annual grant of £100 to a charity important to the village was discussed and it was agreed (proposed Cllr Reckless, seconded Cllr Corbett) that this should be allocated to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance</p>	<p><i>Ms Short</i></p>
<p>2. The clerk reported that she was still working on a new version of the council's Financial Regulations but still needed to check it against the document "Governance and Accountability" before circulating the draft</p>	<p><i>Ms Short</i></p>
<p>3. There had still not been any announcement of the expected government grant for website hosting 2017-18 of £300. The clerk was investigating</p>	<p><i>Ms Short</i></p>
<p>4. TSB internet access for our banking had not been progressed yet as the clerk felt it was better to complete the new financial regulations first</p>	<p><i>Ms Short</i></p>
<p>5. A cheque was signed for £36.21 for clerk's office expenses October to March</p>	
<p>6. The clerk reported she had applied for a VAT refund of £395.90, mainly for the new computer equipment and website</p>	
<p>7. It was agreed that cheques could be paid before the next meeting for clerks salary and PAYE from January to March of approximately £800 and £200 respectively and insurance expected to be around £310</p>	<p><i>MsShort</i></p>
<p>8. A transfer was signed for £2000 to move money from BS to bank to cover those plus potential playing field wall costs agreed</p>	
<p>3321 Dates of next two meetings: Agreed as normal meeting on 6 April and Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Meeting (AGM) of the Parish Council on 18 May</p>	
<p>This meeting closed at 8.35pm</p>	