

BUCKLAND DINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting at 7.30pm, Thursday 18 January 2018 in the Village Hall, Buckland Dinham

3391 Present: Councillors Tamsin Aston, Peter Corbett, Will Phippen, John Reckless, Paul Sherrin and Viv Street. Pauline Short, Clerk.

3392 Apologies: Cllr Alan King

3393 Minutes of the last meeting on 7 December: Minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed

3394 Code of Conduct - Declarations of Interest: None

Open Forum for the public and council: The meeting was closed for this session and then reopened

3395 Consultation on application for proposed felling of a Lawson Cypress at 9 Rogers Close:

Council recommend approval of this application (proposed Cllr Phippen, seconded Cllr Street)

| 3396 Matters arising from the last meeting: | Action |
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| <p>1. Investigations into a traffic management scheme for Buckland Dinham-</p> <p>a. There was further discussion about the draft report presented at the last meeting and prepared by Cllrs Reckless, Corbett, King and Street. This is intended for use in discussing traffic problems with the relevant authorities and covers an outline of the situation and suggested actions to improve it. It was agreed that Cllr Aston would analyse the stats for the Speed Indicator Devices and Cllr Street would prepare a report from the results of questionnaires sent out to all houses in the village. The clerk would circulate various files of statistics on SIDS and other history and get the latest numbers of electors on the electoral roll. There was discussion of the suggested possibility of a 20 mph hour speed limit with some councillors expressing misgivings about the suitability of that</p> <p>b. The clerk had received further information from Dave Grabham, Traffic Engineer for Somerset about the planned changes to the current programme of visiting speed indicator devices (SIDs) which is being discontinued from March 2018. This had included options for parishes to replace this service, either by buying their own SIDs or by joining a new service providing SIDs as now but for a regular financial contribution to the programme. Buying our own Sid would cost in the region of £2.5K to £3and require at least two qualified volunteers, with training costs of £300-£400 each, to operate it plus cost of insurance, personal protective equipment etc. There would also be limitations on its use. The financial implications of joining a new service provided by Somerset were still not known and more information was awaited. It would also definitely not be possible to arrange one further SID visit at each site before the current programme closes in March</p> <p>c. The residents on Buckland Down had continued to keep council informed about their progress with their attempt to get double white lines installed. They had received a reply from their letter to Sue Mountstevens, Police and Crime Commissioner, and two police officers had visited the site and agreed the importance of making safety changes. The officers planned to contact Mr Betty at Somerset County Council Traffic Management and ask him to come and look at the dangers of the site</p> <p>2. Progress with the emergency contacts list for the village – Cllr Corbett reported that he was awaiting a few final details before circulating the finished list</p> <p>3. Playing field management situation and completion of the revised constitution – The clerk reported that the new playing field constitution had been published for the public consultation period of 21 days and there had been no objections. It will be finally signed at the next playing field management meeting. The clerk had also talked to Susie Hicks about the need for an annual meeting with the parish council this year and Susie had agreed that this was not necessary as council is already up to date with current playing field issues. However she is</p> | <p></p> <p><i>Cllrs Reckless, Corbett, King & Street Ms Short</i></p> <p></p> <p><i>Cllr Corbett</i></p> |

still looking for help with grant applications. Cllr Street volunteered to try to help her with this

Cllr Street

3397 Matters arising:

1. **Consultation on Mendip Local Plan Part 2** -Council agreed a reply (proposed Cllr Reckless, seconded Cllr Corbett) to Mendip on the plan as follows - Being an unclassified village we wish to register that the refusal to accept any applications in our parish is not the best approach. We would want every application to be looked at on its own merits, regardless of whether it is "affordable" or not. Without that council is convinced that the village will stagnate

Ms Short

3398 Clerks Report:

1. The planning team of Cllrs Reckless, King and Corbett had recommended that Mendip should approve the felling of a birch tree at Bell Cottage
2. Mendip planning had approved, without consultation with the village, an application for a lawful development certificate for a permanent mobile home on land at the rear of Rogers Close to provide ancillary accommodation for the Old Barn, Sandscross Road
3. The date of the Appeal had been set for the applicant to challenge the refusal by Mendip of the works to the church yew tree. The appeal will be held at 10am on 30th January in the Council Chamber at Mendip District Council offices in Shepton. Cllrs Corbett and Street hoped to be able to attend
4. The enclosure of a small piece of pasture land into the curtilage of Hoopers Lodge had raised queries. The clerk understood that change of use would only be required if the land is to be used as a garden. In this case the land is to be used as an allotment only and not as a garden. The fencing is also permissible
5. Cllr Corbett and the clerk had both reported water running down the hill again on 2 occasions. On the first the gully was cleared. On the second it was discovered that part of the problem is that the drain is 9" at the top reducing to 6" lower down the hill. Highways will try to upgrade pipework in the 2018-19 year and, in the short term, will clear the gullies again. There were several accidents during the first freeze
6. Cllrs Aston, Corbett and Street and the clerk will attend a briefing session with senior planners on 6 February at the Assembly Rooms Frome
7. The clerk had attended a useful clerks training session at Somerton that day
8. Mendip Bridleways and Byways Association had done some major clearance, at their expense, of the bridleway running along the back of Charltons
9. District Councillor Edward Drewe is no longer working from Bath. His home phone number should be used for him

*Cllrs
Corbett
&Street*

*Item 6:-
Cllrs
Corbett,
Aston &
Street*

3399 Finance:

1. Precept estimates discussed at the last meeting were agreed (proposed Cllr Reckless, seconded Cllr Corbett) with an addition of £200 as contingency for the costs of the introduction of new Data Protection regulations
2. Contents of new Financial Regulations for Buckland Dinham Parish Council were agreed for immediate use.(proposed Cllr Sherrin, seconded Cllr Phippen) The document will be signed at the next meeting
3. First internet transactions had been made as follows and, using the new procedure, Cllr Tamsin signed a copy bank statement to confirm council agreement:-
 - a) Clerks salary and PAYE for October to December of £814.14 and £203.40 respectively
 - b) Annual subscription to Society of Local Council Clerks of £84
 - c) SALC annual subscription for 2017-18 of £99.96. This had been delayed from earlier in the year due to a problem with data base at SALC

3400 Dates of next two meetings: Agreed as 1 March and 12 April. This meeting closed at 9.02pm