

## BUCKLAND DINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting at 7.30pm, Thursday 8 November 2018 in the Village Hall, Buckland Dinham

**3465 Present:** Councillors Tamsin Aston, Peter Corbett, John Reckless, Alan King, and Bob Tucker.  
Clerk Pauline Short

**3466 Apologies:** Councillors Will Phippen and Viv Street

**3467 Minutes of the last meeting on 27 September:** Minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed with one amendment to the title of County Councillor Philip Ham

**3468 Code of Conduct - Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Aston declared a personal interest in the planning application for Hoopers Lodge but decided to withdraw from the meeting while it was discussed and a decision made as she wished to avoid any perception of her interest also being prejudicial

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

**3469 Consultation on planning application for a single storey side extension at Hoopers Lodge:** Council decided that Cllr Corbett should take the chair for this item in the absences of Cllr Aston and Phippen. After discussion council agreed (proposed Cllr Corbett and seconded Cllr Reckless) to recommend refusal of this application as:-

1. There were no detailed plans for the apparent new exit from the garden to the main A362 road. This affects the high wall that, although currently in bad condition, is an important feature of the Conservation Area
2. The repositioning of the shed and oil tank that were shown on existing plans was not shown on the proposals
3. They believed that the flat roof planned for the extension does not match the pitched roofs of the existing cottage or maintain the character of the Conservation Area

In addition council added the following comment:-

1. They would also wish to see the plans for the agricultural/allotment area as they are highly relevant to the plans for the cottage and the view of the Conservation Area

#### **3470 Matters arising from the last meeting:**

1. **Investigations into a traffic management scheme for Buckland Dinham-** The council had had a useful meeting with County Councillor Philip Ham that morning and agreed some actions to be taken forward. Cllr Reckless was preparing a letter to Councillor Ham to confirm the actions agreed and set out some expectations of time scales. Other progress since the last meeting was reported as follows:-
  - a. The statistics from the monitor of traffic numbers and classifications made by Somerset Highways at two sites in the village in September had been received
  - b. Cllr Corbett had discussed a restart of the Speedwatch scheme with relevant police officers and speedwatch organisers with some positive results but there was a suggestion that we had not returned the previous kit and this would be needed first. This was disputed and Cllr Corbett would follow up leads given to him on the subject
2. **Progress with the new Somerset County Council scheme for speed visor visits-** News had been received that the new scheme planned for visiting SIDs had been abandoned by Somerset due to lack of funds to provide the necessary staff. Council could purchase and operate their own but they agreed unanimously that this was not an option for Buckland Dinham due to the cost of equipment, training and personnel required to operate it and the limitations imposed on it

**The Village owned speed visor** – Cllr Corbett reported that the supplier of our

#### **Action**

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<p>own permanent speed visor would be sending engineers on 14th November to check out why it has failed and provide estimates for any work needed on it. Once those are received decisions can be made about its future</p>	<p><i>Cllr Corbett</i></p>
<p>3. <b>Emergency contacts list for the village</b> – This is now complete and has been circulated to councillors and clerk for future use</p>	
<p>4. <b>Village website, bucklanddinham.com</b> – Cllr Corbett reported that ownership of the domain had been transferred to him and would shortly be passed to the new webmaster. The website, bucklanddinham.com, will remain self-sufficient and independent of the Parish Council as originally intended, leaving bucklanddinham.doc.org for more formal parish council notices and information .</p>	<p><i>Cllr Corbett</i></p>
<p>5. <b>Village recycling area</b> – This idea was abandoned to wait for more information on recycling changes being planned by Somerset Waste Partnership</p>	
<p><b>3471 Matters Arising:</b> Changes to Somerset Highways Winter Services. There was a discussion about this as the parish is now responsible for the cost of filling grit bins and providing salt for pavements. Supplies of both are full at present. It was suggested that the key holders for the storage of sacks of salt for pavements should be added to the emergency contact list</p>	
<p><b>3472 Clerks Report:</b></p>	
<p>1. Most excitement since the last meeting has been about the road closure and it was agreed that the most important thing is that it is necessary to remove the winter dangers of ice on the hill. We will cope with flexibility on both sides and good relationship with the contractors. The circular posted into doors by the contractors had the wrong diversion map. They had agreed to recirculate but this had not been done yet</p>	<p><i>All</i></p>
<p>2. There had been another episode with the dog waste bin overflowing and the litter bins not being emptied for months. The clerk had been sending photographs to all and sundry and both problems were now resolved</p>	
<p>3. Cllr Tucker will be attending a Councillors Essentials course on 12 November at Nunney</p>	<p><i>Cllr Tucker</i></p>
<p>4. The website had still not been updated with Cllr Tuckers profile and picture but this was being rectified</p>	<p><i>Cllr Aston</i></p>
<p>5. The clerk had arranged for Somerset Waste to provide “service guides” for Debbie Cary to add to new residents welcome packs provided by the church</p>	
<p>6. Mail sent out to councillors that week had included details of the SALC meeting 18 December requesting 2 representatives, copies of presentations from the Parish Forum on 18 October and a November Parish Bulletin.</p>	<p><i>All</i></p>
<p><b>3473 Finance:</b></p>	
<p>1. The bank transfers agreed at the last meeting had been made and were confirmed by Cllr Aston signing a copy of the bank statement. These were:-</p>	
<p>a. Clerks salary July to September £752.66</p>	
<p>b. PAYE July to September £188.20</p>	
<p>c. Clerks office expenses April to September £69.63</p>	
<p>2. Cheques and transfers were signed at this meeting for:-</p>	
<p>a. Cheque for Village Hall rent April to October £78</p>	
<p>b. Cheque for Speed visor land rental for year from November 2018, £5</p>	
<p>c. Transfer of £2000 to fund the bank account from the building society</p>	
<p><b>3474 Dates of next two meetings:</b> Agreed as 13 December and 17 January. This meeting closed at 9 pm</p>	