

## BUCKLAND DINHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting at 7.30pm, Thursday 12 September 2019 in the Village Hall, Buckland Dinham

**3547 Present:** Councillors John Reckless, Ian Blair, Jonathan Swift and Bob Tucker; Clerk Pauline Short; Three members of the public

**Apologies:** Councillors Peter Corbett, Alan King, Bob Tucker and Viv Street. District Councillor Alison Berkshire

In the absence of Cllr Corbett, Deputy Chair Cllr Reckless took the chair for this meeting

**3548 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 1 August:** Minutes were agreed

**3549 Code of Conduct - Declarations of Interest: none**

**3550 Progress towards installing a defibrillator in the village:** Resident Nick Merry, who had been leading this project after being inspired by a first aid course he attended, gave council an update on the current situation and outlined the features of the best equipment recommended by knowledgeable advisors. Other residents have contributed in various ways to raise a substantial sum towards the cost and, after a lot of research, Mr Merry had made contact with Friends of Frome Hospital who were willing to install one here, cover the cost beyond the funds already raised, and also take on the regular checks of the installation and the costs of replacement batteries that are needed at regular intervals. He had also talked to the Village Hall Committee who were happy for the equipment to be situated on their premises, probably at the opening to the entrance from the road. The ongoing cost to the village will be in the region of £50 per annum and he asked council to take on this cost by making an annual addition to the precept for future years. In principle this idea was welcomed by council who thanked Mr Merry and agreed the topic will be added to the next agenda for a final decision on the long term commitment. The question of insurance for the equipment was also discussed

**Unminuted Open forum for the public and council:** Cllr Reckless closed the meeting for discussions and then re-opened it

**3551 Pre-planning application consultation with residents of Hawthorn Lodge on their alteration to provide off-road parking at their property.** This discussion followed the open forum where one of the residents of Hawthorn Lodge, and the architect involved, had supplied initial plans for the project. As yet the plans were not far enough advanced to fully support, but council had supported other applications before and, in principle, would like to see off road parking provided for this property

**3552 Consultation from Mendip planners on an application to erect a single storey rear extension, after demolition of a conservatory, at Highview:** After discussion council agreed to recommend approval of the application (Proposed Cllr reckless, seconded Cllr Blair)

#### **3553 Matters arising from the last meeting:**

- 1. Further progress on plans for a traffic management scheme for Buckland Dinham and possibility of restarting of a Speedwatch programme-** Cllr Reckless gave an update on recent progress with the police and Somerset Highways, plus the support given by District Councillor Alison Barkshire, and was continuing to follow this up. It included a meeting with Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Mountstevens who was sympathetic but had stressed the need for us to have a Community Speedwatch scheme in place and to provide evidence of traffic incidents in the village. Cllr Corbett had already started to put together a flyer to alert the village to recording incidents but the need for a speedwatch group did still not appear to be being responded too. Cllr Corbett had received the equipment back from the last users, although it was not sure if he had passed it back to the police yet. Cllr Swift volunteered to take on the task of trying to find volunteers, mainly through the use of social media, and that offer was quickly accepted

#### **Action**

*Cllrs  
Reckless  
King &  
Street*

*Cllrs  
Corbett &  
Swift*

<p>2. <b>Progress with replacement of our village owned speed visor-</b> In the absence of Cllr Tucker this discussion was left until the next meeting</p>	<p><i>Cllrs Reckless &amp; Tucker</i></p>
<p>3. <b>Response to submission of Mendip Local Plan Part II-</b> District Cllr Barkshire had replied to Cllr Corbett on this topic suggesting producing a neighbourhood plan. She had contacted Mendip about planning restricting development in Buckland Dinham and the response was that there is no policy to support new housing unless it is a replacement dwelling or if is responding to an identified local need. Extensions to existing houses are not prohibited. This topic closed until revision of Mendip Plan Part 1 is started</p>	
<p>4. <b>Condition of Village noticeboards and the bus stop area –</b> The clerk was waiting for estimates for the refurbishment needed</p>	<p><i>Ms Short</i></p>
<p>5. <b>Data Protection-</b> Both Cllr Blair and the clerk were still looking at this topic to ensure we are in line with the legislation. The clerk had received further written guidance. Registration had proved problematic but the clerk would try again</p>	<p><i>Cllr Blair Ms Short</i></p>
<p>6. <b>Dog waste bin provision-</b> After giving this thought and considering other costs expected, including the possibility of costs incurred in any traffic management scheme, council agreed to remove this topic from the agenda for now</p>	
<p><b>3554 Matters Arising:</b> None</p>	
<p><b>3555 Clerks Report:</b></p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Somerset county council had approved the application for the diversion of the footpath and restricted byway between Buckland Dinham and Hemmington</li> <li>2. Since the last meeting an application had been received for pruning of the yew tree at the church that is protected by a tree preservation order. Cllrs Reckless and Swift had dealt with this out of meeting and agreed to recommend approval of the work. So far no decision had been received from the trees officer</li> <li>3. A letter had been received from the trees officer confirming that a dead/dying tree at 5 St Michaels Close could be felled</li> </ol>	
<p><b>3556 Finance:</b></p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The bank signatories had now been changed to include Cllr Swift, but confirmation for use would possibly take another two weeks</li> <li>2. Council agreed that the clerk could pay her salary and PAYE as they would be due before the next meeting and that a transfer of £2000 could be made from the building society to fund the bank account</li> <li>3. Cllr Reckless had checked the accounts to the end July and found no errors</li> </ol>	
<p><b>3557 Dates of next two meetings:</b> Agreed as 24 October and 5 December</p>	
<p>This meeting closed at 8.59pm</p>	