

Buckland Dinham Amenities Group –

Minutes from meeting 20.01.26

Attendees: Chris D, Geoff, Alan, Suzie,

1. Minutes from previous meeting were handed round by Chris and approved.

2. Chris reported back from Village Plan meeting.

2.1 Chris presented to the Village Plan the achievements of the BAG over the previous year, namely helping playing field committee with: playing field spring clean, ongoing repair of playing field goalposts, ongoing repair of fence. The BAG was also involved in the Strawberry Fair, the Christmas fair (where it helped organise a cake sale), Corinne King's walks which have raised approx. £200, and various other projects.

3. Discussion of BAG meetings

3.1 It was felt by co-ordinator Chris that the BAG met too often last year, and as a result attendance was often very low. (At the last meeting in October there was only one person.) As a result BAG meetings will now be quarterly as the Village Plan requires we meet minimum of four times per year. (see bottom of these minutes for next meeting.)

4. Playing Field.

4.1 Although the playing field is dealt with by Playing Field Committee answerable to Parish Council not Village Plan, it was mentioned at this BAG meeting.

4.2 The second set of goal posts still needs to be re-installed.

4.3 The fence posts need to be installed. Chris volunteered to investigate fixings to attach the fence to the posts. He will report back to Suzie if we need to purchase any fixings. Chris has dug one fence post hole and it was agreed this needs to be a team effort. Chris will use the BAG Whatsapp group to fix a date in the early spring (early March) when a Saturday morning can be fence post hole digging day. All welcome. We need at least 5 holes.

4.4 The mower was briefly discussed and it was agreed this is better discussed at meeting of playing field committee.

5. Playing Field Camp out.

5.1 This was briefly discussed but as none of the champions of this project were at this meeting, it was not taken further.

6. A village Emergency Plan

6.1 Alan revealed that Ian Blair has been creating a village emergency plan. This is a document setting what to do should an unexpected crisis occur that cannot resolved by a call to emergency services. Alan complimented Ian on the comprehensiveness of this plan.

6.2 The plan is still a work in progress and the questions Alan asked for advice and help with are how best to distribute this emergency plan and how to get useful numbers of people who might be the first responders and made available to villagers.

6.3 It was suggested that rather than post the plan in any of the village groups (whatsapp/facebook etc) it would be best to make it available on the website.

6.4 Chris volunteered to help Ian find names and numbers of people who might volunteer themselves as first responders. Anything from someone with paramedic skills, to someone who can turn-up with a chainsaw.

- 6.5 Geoff suggested all these names and numbers are then put into a single whatsapp group, which will only ever be contacted if there really is an emergency. Therefore it's a ground people can join without expecting further whatsapp chaff and in a crisis all first responders can be contacted with one message.
- 6.6 Chris will wait to be introduced to Ian Blair to get this ball rolling.

7. Strawberry Fair

- 7.1 Geoff said he intends to start work v. soon on next summer's Strawberry Fair. He will contact the main volunteers from last year and arrange a date for their first meeting. The group could do with at least one more volunteer.

8. Parish Council

- 8.1 Although this was mentioned informally, almost outside the meeting, Alan said that the Parish Council is keen for more members. There are only six of them and they need four for a quorum. Any volunteers?

9. A date of 21st April (again 7:30 at Village Hall) was agreed for next BAG meeting.