

Old Buckenham Parish Council

**MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council
held on Thursday 4th January 2024 19:30 at Old Buckenham Village Hall**

Present: Councillors N Bailey (NB)(Chair), I Evison (LE), P Twissell (PT), S Burton (SB), S Gowers (SG), L Evison (LE), David Taylor (DT) Doug Irons (DI) A McWilliam (AM)

Apologies: None

In Attendance: J Hicks (JH)(Clerk)

Also present: 9 members of the Public

Minute		Action
24.01.01	Apologies for absence None	
24.01.02	To approve the minutes of the meeting held 2 nd November 2023 APPROVED 4 in favour, 4 abstain	
23.01.03	To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests None	
24.01.04	Financial Matters Community account Balance £25106.41 Payments for Approval Suggitt Farm Services £1800 OBVH £16.25 Clerk & RFO Salary £541.82 J Frost Comm car £73.80 Total £2358.07 Approved 8 in favour	
24.01.05	To receive Councillor reports and reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only SG reports the Sam sign has been relocated to Hargham Road, was going to place it on Attleborough Road but the hedges are over grown and need cutting back. SB to speak to contractor renting the land to ask to cut. Community Speed Watch are awaiting training in January then will be up and running. DI reports the content has been sent to web designer and awaiting reply, also asked PC about the renewing of policies but clerk has moved this to February due to having to finalise the precept for the coming year. Also asks that the PC prepare earlier for the Remembrance Sunday earlier this year as no road closure was put in place for the service, clerk has been reimbursed by Norfolk Police for road closure that did not happen. SB has a PA system he will lend for this years service NB The Christmas tree light switch on was a success and send thanks to SB for the PA system and the switch. Has responded to correspondence with resident regarding the benches around the Ottermer Pond. Steve Askew reports that there is flooding in all areas of the village with drains and ditches being overwhelmed due to the large amount of rainfall this month, highways have the road drains in the village on their schedule but we must be patient due to the severity of the weather they are extremely busy. The pothole issue on Grove road will be rectified once the weather dries up.	

24.01.06	Green Report NB and SG were contacted by numerous residents on Christmas eve regarding the flooding situation of Ottermer Pond. Sandbags were delivered and an appeal was posted on social media asking for residents to help fill them and place around the pond to try to contain it, very disappointed with the response of the village to help those in need, thanks go to David Keable our village postman (who lives in Attleborough) for his help and Mark Ward for supplying the sand bags It was also reported that there was an emergency meeting to discuss the situation and how we could prevent the problem in the future. A submersible pump has been borrowed and will be running for a week to try to reduce the level in the pond, it was also discussed about locating the over flow pipe from the pond which has been unsuccessful and replacing this with a new pipe running from the pond across the green into the ditch by the high school. This was then put to PC and was agreed and voted all in favour. The clerk is to speak with contractors to gain a price for the works and then to seek funding from NCC and Breckland and if needed to borrow the monies. This will have an effect on the precept for the following year	
24.01.07	Action Log Updates None	
24.01.08	To consider planning applications and to receive Breckland District Council's decisions made on any planning applications received before the meeting: (All planning applications are available for viewing on the Breckland District Council planning portal – www.breckland.gov.uk/article/2933/Search-Planning-Applications - Parish Councillors have been asked by the chairman to view the new applications in advance of the meeting) a) New planning applications REFERENCE: 3PL/2023/1204/F PROPOSAL: PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE OF EXISTING BARN AND OUT BUILDINGS LOCATION: WESTWARD, THE GREEN, OLD BUCKENHAM APPLICANT: MR & MRS BLOOM Extension asked for 8 in favour b) Amended Applications (for information only) None c) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council (for information only) None d) Planning Appeals None	
24.01.09	Precept Clerk presented the figures and the PC voted to keep the precept the same as year 2023 and voted 8 in favour, clerk to fill in request and submit the forms to Breckland before 31/01/2024	
24.01.10	Public Participation relating to agenda items only (3 minutes each) This was not added to the agenda due to the PC having to discuss precept and the issues of flooding within the village	

24.01.11	To consider items for next agenda Final Precept figures Flooding Policies Solar Farm Green issues update Footpath from Village Hall to Chapel Green School	
24.01.12	To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting at Thursday 1 st February 2024 at 7:30pm at Old Buckenham Village Hall Confirmed	