

Old Buckenham Parish Council

MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council held on Thursday 11th April 2024 19:30pm at Old Buckenham Methodist Chapel

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

Apologies: None

In Attendance: J Hicks (JH)(Clerk)

Also present: 6 members of the Public

Minute		Action
24.04.01	Apologies for absence None	
24.04.02	To approve the minutes of the meeting held 4th January 2023 APPROVED 7 in favour 1 Obstain	
24.04.03	To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests None	
24.04.04	Financial Matters Precept payment from Breckland £11,420.50 Community account Balance £30,481.66 Payments for approval D.Hannah Comm car £17.80 A.Hannah Comm car £52.90 L.Gedge Comm car £139.95 S.Barker Grass cutting £100 OBVH £35.00 Nalc Membership £311.61 Precept Grants Paid OBVH £1000.00 OBPS Family Assc £250.00 OBPS Preloved £200.00 Monday Mardle £125.00 Almshouse Trust £500.00 Fawns £250.00 R.O.B.S £250.00 Windmill Trust £500.00 TOTAL £4093.71 Approved 8 in favour	
24.04.05	Two Wheel Tuesday David Tranmer has aquired the materials to make good the areas of the green which were damaged due to last years events	

24.03.06	To receive Councillor reports and reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only AW reports that the allotments are beginning to come to life and looking very tidy, she reports the drainage ditch inside the perimeter needs clearing, Clerk to write to the land owner to request this is undertaken sooner rather than later PT removed a section of the new hedging on the recreation area to allow access for a tractor and has replanted the removed saplings on the footpath side of the field, also reports that the village hall committee would like to meet the PC in May Also spoke the VH Committee regarding the use of the carpark when TWT is taking place, committee not opposed but will need to check that the hall is not in use on those nights so no conflict of use and Clerk to suggest to D Tranmer that he makes a donation to the hall at the end of each season as a goodwill gesture SG reports that he has gained another 2 volunteers for the community Speedwatch group, also the batteries for the Sam Sign need replacing, available from Westcote at £86 each, Clerk to investigate if can get a better price through his employer DT asked about overgrown footpath from Country Park to New Buckenham, Clerk advised this was not a PC issue but was the responsibility of the land owners who have a duty to ensure they are accessible to walkers NB reported that she, LE and the Clerk had a meeting with the highways engineer who has ensured everyone that Old Buckenham is on the list for drainage and ditch clearing as well as pot hole repairs but also pointed out that due to the severe weather this winter they are rather busy but will chase contractors. Also pointed out that the new steps they fitted at manor corner was rather a poor effort considering the cost of the project, Clerk informed him that the PC felt let down with the quality of the steps and the work involved. Clerk will attend a meeting at County Hall with the planning Inspectorate regarding the flooding situation caused by the infilling of the ditch West View Farm NB and the Clerk received a letter from MP George Freeman asking to attend a meeting for which he has been formally invited to attend the monthly surgery in May	
24.04.07	Action Log Updates DI and SG gave all members run through of the electronic version and also asks all members to keep this updated so we can report to village each month what has been done and what is still needed	
24.04.08	To consider planning applications and to receive Breckland District Council's decisions made on any planning applications received before the meeting Reference: 3PL/2024/0285/F APPROVED 8 IN FAVOUR Reference: 3PL/2020/1009F APPROVED 8 IN FAVOUR	
24.03.09	Other Business SB & PT reports only 2 members of the public attended the surgery but this was a bank holiday weekend so people had other plans SG departs meeting at 21.15	

24.03.10	To consider items for next agenda Flooding Update Burial Ground Local Plan	
24.03.11	To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting at Thursday 2nd May at 7:30pm at Old Buckenham Methodist Chapel Confirmed	