

# Old Buckenham Parish Council

## MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 at 7:30pm at Old Buckenham Village Hall

Present: Councillors N Bailey (NB)(Chair), A Nicholls (AN), T Cook (TC), A McWilliam (AM), D Irons (DI)

Apologies: J Hicks (JH)

In Attendance: R Noyes (RN)(Clerk), County & District Councillor S Askew

Also present: 1 member of the Public

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| 22.12.01 | <b>Apologies for absence</b><br>JH sends his apologies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |        |
| 22.12.02 | <b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b><br>Propose to approve (4 in favour, 1 abstain) <b>APPROVED</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |        |
| 22.12.03 | <b>To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests</b><br>None. AM has completed DPI form.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |        |
| 22.12.04 | <b>Financial Matters</b><br>Community account balance £37,604.15<br><br>Payments for approval:<br>R Noyes (salary & expenses)      £360.10<br>Gemini (RFO)                              £225.00<br>OBVH (room hire)                        £47.50<br>E Jolley (comm car)                       £16.20<br>L Gedge (comm car)                       £40.95<br>D Kessler (comm car)                     £34.20<br>J Frost (comm car)                        £38.70<br>TOTAL:                                        £762.65<br>Propose to approve (5 in favour) <b>APPROVED</b><br><br>Wave credit (£6.72)<br>Payment made for newsletter paper as previously approved £777.60 (incl VAT).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |
| 22.12.05 | <b>To receive Councillor reports and reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only</b><br>County Councillor S Askew:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prince Harry's Wood: Serco have been due to cut back overhanging trees this week. NB to visit properties and confirm work has been completed to a satisfactory standard.</li> <li>- Was contacted by Banham resident regarding Banham Community Car Scheme, which is no longer operational. Banham Parish Council will be discussing it at next meeting but also looking at the idea of neighbouring Parishes working together. Breckland Council have no objections. Will keep in contact with Banham PC and keep Old Buckenham PC updated. The Community Car Scheme in Old Buckenham is well used but always on the look out for new drivers.</li> </ul><br>AM:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Saw SUE presentation at Attleborough Town Hall. Homes England were also present. Noted changes to transport networks in local area including adding new</li> </ul> |        |

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|          | <p>roundabout on B1077. Will also be putting in some small shopping areas and other additional services.</p> <p>TC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Serco and Breckland have reacted quickly to recent fly tipping in the village. No further problems reported. However, please report any problems quickly via Breckland website or to the Parish Clerk.</li> </ul> <p>DI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Had a meeting with The Gamekeeper manager regarding the details for leasing and resurfacing of the small area of Green outside of the pub, which is currently used for parking. Was a very positive meeting in which all parties were happy to get the arrangements sorted quickly. As car park area is used by residents for accessing properties and for parking, PC will pay 60% of maintenance costs, while The Gamekeeper will pay 40%. Manager was also keen to get involved in community activities and events. Paperwork will be drafted and another meeting to be arranged for in the New Year.</li> <li>- DI will lead development of new website. Request for Councillors to inform DI features/pages they feel the website should include.</li> </ul> <p>RN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Next stage of Local Plan Update (Issues and Options consultation), 20<sup>th</sup> December 4pm, Elizabeth House, Dereham. 2 places for any Councillors able to attend.</li> <li>- Contacted Breckland Planning relating to residents' concerns raised at last meeting. Reply received stated they can provide evidence that they wrote to 3 of the immediate neighbours and that while the comment was removed from the website, it was still consulted during the decision-making process. Reply did not, however, explain why the comment was removed.</li> <li>- Recent information event regarding work on Brenntag site in Attleborough. Councillors were unable to attend but slides from the event have been received. Feedback to be passed on to the Clerk, who will complete feedback form.</li> <li>- A11 will be experiencing high levels of night closures during December (8pm – 6am) as work is switched to the Southbound side. Diversions will be via Diss.</li> <li>- Contacted with a request for permission to install a mirror on the Green for safely leaving driveway. Clarified with Highways that they do not support them. Resident informed, who will liaise with Highways/Breckland Planning themselves.</li> <li>- Contacted by Stud Manager who wished to correct some comments from previous PC minutes. The Stud was not directly contacted about donating land for a burial site and so has not stated that they were not prepared to give up any land.</li> </ul> |  |
| 22.12.06 | <p><b>To consider planning applications and to receive Breckland District Council's decisions made on any planning applications received before the meeting:</b><br/>         (All planning applications are available for viewing on the Breckland District Council planning portal – <a href="http://www.breckland.gov.uk/article/2933/Search-Planning-Applications">www.breckland.gov.uk/article/2933/Search-Planning-Applications</a> - Parish Councillors have been asked by the chairman to view the new applications in advance of the meeting)</p> <p><b>a) New planning applications</b></p> <p>None.</p> <p><b>b) Amended Applications (for information only)</b></p> <p>None</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |

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|          | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>c) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council (for information only)</b></p> <p>The following applications have now been considered and have been APPROVED</p> <p>i) REFERENCE: 3PL/2022/0429/F<br/> PROPOSAL: Erection of 1. No C3 dwellinghouse and part demolition of outbuilding to be used as garage<br/> LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Land at Rosedale, Fen Street<br/> APPLICANT: Hall Services (East Anglia) Ltd<br/> CASE OFFICER: Naomi Minto</p> <p>ii) REFERENCE: 3PL/2022/0736/F<br/> PROPOSAL: Proposed Conversion of former agricultural buildings for residential use forming 2 dwellings<br/> LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Clay Barn Attleborough Road (Barn C complex)<br/> APPLICANT: Boconcept Ltd<br/> CASE OFFICER: Naomi Minto</p> <p>The following applications have been WITHDRAWN:<br/> REFERENCE: 3PL/2022/0298/F<br/> PROPOSAL: Residential Development - 12 Units<br/> LOCATION: Hargham Road<br/> APPLICANT: C/O Agora Architects<br/> CASE OFFICER: Gemma Manthorpe</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |    |
| 22.12.07 | <p><b>Track Repair between Shop and phone box</b></p> <p>Have been asked about maintenance work on track, specifically the “shop side” of the posts which has large areas of wear, causing large puddles during the winter months. The track is part of the Green, not Highways, but is used by several residents to access their homes. Previously, PC has made contact with residents to enquire about financial contributions towards the work. Last action was for previous Chair to arrange meeting with residents, but Chair left PC before it could be carried out. A quote was collected at the start of the year for resurfacing the track, but is likely to be higher now.</p> <p>Councillors felt that while the PC would contribute towards the work, it should not pay the full costs due to the fact that the damage done is partly down to the residents’ cars wearing away the materials. PC would pay for half, while residents pay the remaining half.</p> <p>Clerk to write a letter to residents who live off the track to inform them of previous quote received and explain that PC will pay half the cost. If they are happy to proceed, a meeting to be arrange in the New Year between PC, residents and Green Working Party.</p> | RN |
| 22.12.08 | <p><b>Prince Harry’s Wood</b></p> <p>Have received transfer forms for signing. A few details are just being finalised regarding the cutting back of overhanging trees near properties and liaising with Insurance Company. Will have to add new areas of grass in St Andrews Close included in transfer, to areas for Handyman to cut.</p> <p>After completion of tree cutting work, transfer forms to be signed by two Councillors and an independent witness.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |    |
| 22.12.09 | <p><b>Recreation Ground Fencing</b></p> <p>Gate/fence has been reversed into and broken. Wood is poor quality and so has been easily damaged. NB felt that this will happen repeatedly and so a stronger structure is needed. AN highlighted the need to stop footballs hitting cars/rolling in to car park.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |    |

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|          | Councillors suggested researching quotes for 4/6 foot high chain link fencing with hedges along the car park end of the Recreation Ground. A double gate would also be required to allow for grass cutting machinery to access the field. RN to collect quotes.                                                                                                 | RN |
| 22.12.10 | <b>County Broadband Wayleave</b><br>Have been contacted about Wayleave from County Broadband. S Dye has dealt with the matter on behalf of the Green Rights Proprietors. Originally, PC were to discuss the suggested placement of a new telegraph pole near the playground. However, have recently been informed that Highways have already approved the work. |    |
| 22.12.11 | <b>Public Participation relating to agenda items only</b><br>Resident felt that there should have been greater planning in advance for the maintenance of Prince Harry's Wood and grass areas and the additional costs this will incur.                                                                                                                         |    |
| 22.12.12 | <b>To consider items for next agenda</b><br>Precept<br>Rec Ground Fencing update<br>Track update<br>Prince Harrys Wood update                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |    |
| 22.12.13 | <b>To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting at Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7:30pm at Old Buckenham Village Hall</b><br>Confirmed                                                                                                                                                                                                              |    |