

Old Buckenham Parish Council

MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council held on Thursday 6th January 2022 at 7:30pm at Old Buckenham Village Hall

Present: Councillors S Milner (SM)(Chair), A Joel (AJ), N Bailey (NB), D Irons (DI), M Farrington (MF), T Cook (TC)

Apologies: A Nicholls (AN)

In Attendance: R Noyes (Clerk), D Oakley (RFO)

Also present: 4 members of the Public

Minute		Action
22.01.01	Apologies for absence AN sends his apologies.	
22.01.02	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2021 APPROVED (6 in favour)	
22.01.03	To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests None	
22.01.04	Financial Matters Community account balance £32,935.42 Included in above £500 from OBVH and £500 OB Green Rights Proprietors (wayleave payment) Received but not yet paid in £107 from collection tins for playground. Payments for approval: R Noyes £211.50 Gemini £300.00 D Kessler (comm car) £28.80 R Curtis (comm car) £15.05 Broadland Tree Services (Xmas tree) £648.00 OBVH hire £61.75 TOTAL: £1265.10 APPROVED (6 in favour)	
22.01.05	To receive Councillor reports and reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only SM: - Thanks to AJ for organising Christmas Tree and NB for speaking at switch on event. It was very well received by residents and looked great. - Waiting for contractor to complete Recreation ground fencing soon. RN - All Precept Grant applicants passed on their thanks for approving applications - Charity tins in village shop raised £107 towards upkeep of the playground. Many thanks to Lesley Coates for putting the tins in, shop owners and everyone that donated money. - S Askew has asked Highways about gritting Hargham Rd in future. While it is a minor road, it is used a lot by school traffic. Can not be done this season but it is on the list for consideration for next winter. - S Askew has arranged for a representative from Breckland to attend February meeting to discuss Prince Harry's Wood	

	- Fly tipping of an oil drum by the bus shelter was reported. Hasn't been collected as Breckland Council couldn't find it. RN to follow up. - Resurfacing works will take place on Hargham Rd and Fen St junction from 24th Jan till 18th Feb. This will cause significant disruption and RN will publicise. - Contacted about speeding and poor driving on Abbey Rd by resident. RN requested any thoughts or suggestions for possible improvements. Cllrs felt that a 30mph zone for all of Abbey Rd was unrealistic. TC highlighted that there are many roads around the village where speeding is a problem and maybe the issue should be tackled as a whole by meeting with our Elected Member to see what could be done. Cllrs agreed that this could be effective and worth a try. MF explained that he felt Puddledock Corner is a special case and doesn't want it lost amongst other issues so would continue to highlight the problem and look for a solution, although still fully supported the idea of looking at speeding around the village collectively.	RN
DI	- Contacted Heras about a new buffer for gate at the playground. Awaiting reply.	RN
TC	- Spoken to a parishioner about Raggs Lane Right Of Way. She is making progress and has been pointed in the right direction. - VH Committee do not have meeting this month. However, have been contacted by Chairman regarding the Recreation ground bin, which the VH cleaner empties. There are increasing levels of household rubbish and dog bags being put in the bin, which is not very nice to empty. RN to create a sign for bin explaining what can be put in. RN to also publicise that this is only for small rubbish only. Cllrs asked whether a new dog bin was needed in this area. RN to investigate.	DI
NB	- Headteacher of High School wants to get children more involved in village life. Will suggest that School makes list of ideas to bring forward to PC. Cllrs explained that there has previously been a School Council that liaised with the PC on issues and this could be restarted if there was significant interest.	RN
MF	- Had meeting between Puddledock residents with MF and SM. S Askew has liaised with Highways to try and arrange a visit. Unfortunately, Highways felt that due to there being a fatality, a visit could only take place after independent enquiry was completed and provided possible recommendations. MF was frustrated that it is taking time to wait for results but will push for a timescale if needed. Thanks to S Askew for his help and advice on the matter. - Almshouses Trust haven't met as they meet every two months.	NB
AJ	- Christmas tree switch on went well and extra cabling purchased was effective. Thank you to Dave Tranmer at the Ox and Plough for providing the electricity free of charge. Tree coming down on Saturday 8th Jan and removing lights. Cable will be removed by AJ and SM Friday 7th Jan. - Requested Welcome Pack for each Cllr so that they can pass them on as required. RN to get packs printed professionally. - Electrician contacted about installing defibrillator has not been in contact. New electrician is needed. RN to organise.	AJ SM
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22.01.06	Public Participation relating to agenda items only Resident raised questions about the Green: - Does "Proprietors" mean they have ownership of the Green? In this instance, the term Proprietors means they have the right to use the land, but not ownership. - Who has final say on decisions about the Green? PC are leasing the Green and	

	therefore have final say on decisions and spending. However, there is a Working Party, with a budget from the PC, to help manage it on a daily basis.	
22.01.07	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 i)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/1555/F PROPOSAL: Retrospective alterations to the layout of the annexe and change of use to enable the annexe to be rented out as a separated self-contained unit. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Walnut Shade Cake Street Old Buckenham APPLICANT: Sean Hodgson Work has already been completed so is retrospective. No complaints or objections from neighbours logged. TC highlighted that there is very little documentation available so it is difficult to understand application. There are no detailed plans explaining changes. Due to this issue, Cllrs were unable to propose a decision. RN to contact Breckland Council to request more information and raise problem. ii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/1650/LB PROPOSAL: Raising of Ridge Line & Parapet Coping In Association With Proposed Re-Roofing & Removal of Modern Chimney Pots. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: 1-10 Hargham Road APPLICANT: Robert Cocks Almshouse Trust Roof needs to be replaced. Listed buildings consultants and architects have looked at it and an air space is needed under the roof. Therefore, the plan is to raise the roof by 6 inches, while also replacing chimney pots with ones more in keeping with the building. Propose to accept APPROVED (6 in favour) iii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/1528/F PROPOSAL: Erection of a New Agricultural Building LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Cuffer Lane APPLICANT: Mr Ashley Whaley Application was initially mistakenly classed as New Buckenham and so there was a delay in being reported to Old Buckenham PC. A New Buckenham resident explained that New Buckenham PC discussed the application and objected to it unanimously. The site is very close to the border between the Parishes of New Buckenham and Old Buckenham and lies near the Tas Valley Way walking route. The field was purchased 2.5 years ago and has seen a dramatic change in that time. The small pond on the site has been excavated to significantly increase its size, which has also destroyed any existing wildlife. There has been storage of equipment on site in a storage unit and large scale burning of waste. None of this activity has been approved through applications or consultations. The Application notice was only on display for a week and has now been removed from clear site. The site lies on Cuffer Lane which is a very small, narrow road which is unsuitable for heavy machinery. As it is difficult to access the site from the north of the village via the narrow road, all traffic has entered through the village of New	RN

	Buckenham. The roads here are very narrow and often full of parked cars, making access difficult. Cuffer Lane is now primarily used by walkers and cyclists, especially those with children and provides a safe route between the two communities of New Buckenham and Old Buckenham. Issues with the application itself were also highlighted including stating that there are no trees or hedgerow nearby, which is incorrect. The Application contradicts itself as it states there is no water course nearby, but then states that floodwater will go in to existing water course. The site plan also shows the field previously, before changes were made to the pond. Cllrs agreed that the field's location on a narrow road was unsuitable for the large agricultural machinery mentioned in the Design and Access Statement and therefore would not be a suitable location to store goods. The road is more suitable for the many walkers and cyclists that currently use it. Propose to object APPROVED (6 in favour) b) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council The following applications have now been considered and the applications have been APPROVED: i)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/1406/F PROPOSAL: Four New Holiday Lodges LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Old Buckenham Country Park Doe Lane APPLICANT: Old Buckenham Country Park CASE OFFICER: Naomi Minto ii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/1482/HOU PROPOSAL: Side & Rear extensions and detached garden room. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Canem Cave Cottage 62A Fen Street APPLICANT: Mr and Mrs Myall CASE OFFICER: Katie Arnold iii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/1251/F PROPOSAL: Replacement dwelling. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Old Hall Harlingwood Lane APPLICANT: Mr Tom Baron CASE OFFICER: Tom Donnelly iv)REFERENCE: 3SR/2021/0006/SCR PROPOSAL: Screening Opinion for New water pipeline LOCATION: BESTHORPE: & OLD BUCKENHAM Slutshole Lane APPLICANT: Anglian Water Services Limited CASE OFFICER: Gemma Manthorpe The following applications have been APPEALED: i)Site Address: OLD BUCKENHAM - Roughlands Farm Grove Road Old Buckenham Description of development: Prior Approval for Change of use of Agricultural Building to a Dwelling (permitted development) The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q Application reference: 3PN/2021/0013/UC Appeal reference: APP/F2605/W/21/3279448	
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	Appeal start date: 3rd December 2021 ii)Site Address: OLD BUCKENHAM - Part of Anglian Water Drilling Unit site Abbey Road Old Buckenham Description of development: Erection of a 24.46m high radar tower and associated comms cabin (portakabin). Application reference: 3PL/2021/0091/F Appeal reference: APP/F2605/W/21/3280426 Appeal start date: 10th December 2021 All information regarding the application and feedback have been passed to Her Majesty's Inspectorate. Cllrs raised the question of whether additional information has been submitted in the application, which is against the Appeal policy. Met Office application seems to suggest that the property next to the proposed site would be the closest to a mast in the country. RN to enquire and raise any issues.	
22.01.08	Precept Please see attached Draft Budget. - Old Buckenham Primary School and Nursery Families Association have not submitted new application in time so Grants budget stays at £3606 - Grants allowance includes extra £500 on standby for Almshouses Trust, as agreed. - Over spent on play area this year due to several large issues needing attention. Shouldn't be so much next year so will keep budget the same. - £500 reserve for Queen's Jubilee Celebrations to be added. - Precept raised for 2022/23 changes to £21,941. This is a decrease of £369 from the previous year. Propose to accept APPROVED (6 in favour)	
22.01.09	Village Shop Parking Sign Currently have a small sign outside village shop stating that cars can not park for more than 45mins. Shop owners wish to install a larger sign as many cars park for longer. Parish Council have no objections to a new larger sign but acknowledge that the car parking area is part of the Green and so they can not stop people parking there. However, the PC wish people to remain considerate when parking by the shop so that the business is not affected. Propose to support APPROVED (6 in favour)	
22.01.10	Queen's Jubilee Village Meeting Plan to hold village meeting in order to allow parishioners to come along and brainstorm ideas of how to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee (2nd – 5th June). Suggestion of 12th February for meeting. RN to book VH. SM and NB to run meeting.	RN NB SM
22.01.11	PC Lease of the Green Renewal Use of the Green Policy: Sarah Dye present to represent the Green Rights Proprietors. Read the draft version of the Use of the Green Policy that PC approved last meeting. Happy with it overall as it provides a general overview of situations which can then be assessed on an individual basis by the PC. Queries over whether it covered more permanent features by businesses was shown to be covered in the last bullet point. Sarah Dye signed on behalf of Green Rights Proprietors. Steve Milner signed on behalf of the PC. Lease of the Green by PC: Lord of the Manor executor has explained the family wish to withdraw their interest in the Green and therefore not be a co-signature of the Lease Agreement. Initial agreement period of the PC Lease expires on 29th March 2022 and would need to be renewed by this date. SM, TC, DI to write a new lease agreement, removing the Lord of the Manor. This can then	SM TC

	be approved by Green Rights Proprietors and PC.	DI
22.01.12	To consider items for next agenda Breckland Representative to attend to discuss Prince Harry's Wood	
22.01.13	To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 7.30pm to be held at Old Buckenham Village Hall. Confirmed	
22.01.14	Close meeting to discuss confidential personnel matter Confidential Personnel matter of Clerk's appraisal discussed and approved as per documentation.	