

Old Buckenham Parish Council

MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council held on Thursday 6th August 2020 at 7:30pm via Zoom

Present: Councillors J Hicks (Chair)(JH), S Milner (SM), A Joel (AJ), M Farrington (MF), T Cook (TC), A Nicholls (AN)

In Attendance: R Noyes (Clerk)

Also present: 4 members of the public

Minute		Action
20.08.01	Apologies for absence AN sends apologies in advance for late arrival BD sends his apologies.	
20.08.02	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2020 APPROVED (5 in favour)	
20.08.03	To receive reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only None	
20.08.04	To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests None	
20.08.05	Financial Matters a) Financial Report Community account balance: £30,411.65 b) Payments to be approved: R Noyes salary & expenses £225.89 Gemini monthly fee £200.00 S Barker £90.00 I Kerridge £335.00 J Hicks reimburse £14.39 D Kessler £67.30 TOTAL: £932.58 Payments APPROVED (5 in favour)	
20.08.06	Public Participation relating to agenda items only A member of the public wished to thank the PC for the installation of the new football goals at the Recreation Ground and the on-going work to flatten the ground. It has been greatly appreciated.	
20.08.07	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/2020/0770/F PROPOSAL: The construction of an Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) with fencing and a LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Old Buckenham High School, Abbey Road	

	APPLICANT: Mr Robert Moorhouse The PC were all happy for the school to improve the sports facilities for its pupils however, there were some questions asked about whether the community could ever get any use of it in the future too. The PC will raise with Trust in the future. Propose to support APPROVED (5 in favour) ii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0780/F PROPOSAL: The construction of an agricultural feed mill (Use Class B2) with ancillary infrastructure including silos; engineering; landscaping; and ground works LOCATION: SNETTERTON: Land at Chalk Lane APPLICANT: 2 Agriculture Ltd The PC could not see any reasons for objection to the application. This should not create any extra traffic in Old Buckenham or neighbouring villages as it is very near a junction to A11. Propose to Support APPROVED (5 in favour) iii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0814/HOU PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey games room LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Orchard House, The Green APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Coleman No problems or reasons for objection. Propose to Support APPROVED (5 in favour) iv)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0675/F PROPOSAL: New shower block and a cabin to replace an existing static caravan. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Old Buckenham Country Park, Doe Lane APPLICANT: Mr Devlin Note: the Clerk apologises for missing this application off the agenda. The PC felt this was a logical application that enhanced a local business. Propose to Support APPROVED (5 in favour) b) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council The following applications have now been considered and the applications have been APPROVED i)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0550/LB PROPOSAL: Brick repairs to walls, oak lintel repairs over openings and repairs to the Mill cap. Ground floor replacement and removal of cement render. Minor timber repairs to intermediate floor structures. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Windmill, Mill Road APPLICANT: Mrs Amanda Rix CASE OFFICER: Richard Laws ii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0436/F PROPOSAL: Further holiday cabin / caretaker accommodation. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: The New Stables, Grove Road APPLICANT: Mr Paul Boggia CASE OFFICER: Tom Donnelly	
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	iii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0636/HOU PROPOSAL: 1st floor extension and ground floor infill creating a 1.1/2 storey dwelling with annex accommodation.(revised scheme) LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: 17 Hargham Road Old Buckenham APPLICANT: Mr Richard Greenwood CASE OFFICER: Sandra Bunning iv)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0580/F PROPOSAL: Erection of straw barn. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Scales Farm, Road From Stacksford Lane To Hargham Road APPLICANT: Askew & Partners CASE OFFICER: Tom Donnelly The following applications have now been considered and the applications have been REFUSED i)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0493/HOU PROPOSAL: New detached double garage to front of property. Single storey extension to rear of existing garage. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Redbourne House, Abbey Road APPLICANT: Marrison Agriculture Limited CASE OFFICER: Sandra Bunning ii)REFERENCE: 3PN/2020/0026/PNE PROPOSAL: Rear extension (permitted development) LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Canem Cave Cottage, 62A Fen Street APPLICANT: Jenny Harvey Architecture CASE OFFICER: Sandra Bunning	
20.08.08	Communications SM has been unable to complete the research and so will be discussed next month.	SM
20.08.09	Planting of new trees around Green AN joined the meeting. MF and AJ were able to meet with the Breckland Tree Officer, along with some members of the GWP. The Tree Officer felt that overall it was a good plan with suitable species in appropriate locations. He added that they should be planted in small groups and that there would be little maintenance for 50 years (although crowns could be raised or could pollard trees if desired). JH highlighted that he had spoken to several tree surgeons who claimed that the oaks would need maintenance after 10 years. SM commented that the PC should think about the environmental impact for future generations, not just financial costs. Several Cllrs and members of the public explained that there has been high costs in recent years, due to a lack of ongoing maintenance in the past. Overall, the PC were supportive of planting new trees about the Green, especially to replace those that had died/been removed in the past. With concerns about high maintenance costs, it was proposed to approve the GWP request to plant the trees, however the PC will set aside £500 every year in to an emergency tree fund (e.g. large damage following a bad storm) and that the GWP should set aside part of their budget for the regular ongoing maintenance of the trees too. APPROVED (5 in favour, 1 abstain)	
20.08.10	Reports: a) Chairman's Report	

	Meeting with Chapel Green School booked in for September. AJ and RN to attend. Just waiting for electrician to be free for installing Defibs. b) Village Green Working Party (VGWP) The GWP were pleased to get very positive feedback from their village survey which overall showed good support for the recent management. All feedback and comments are being read and noted for future maintenance. c) Road Safety SAM sign is up in Cake St. Should download and collect data in the next week or two. d) Play Area Playdale are due to visit at the start of September to replace toddler swings and fix bearings on roundabout. e) Recreation Area New posts installed and getting lots of use over the summer holidays. Grass will be rolled following any wet weather over summer. Would be great to get some adults together for a little football team. AN and JH looking in to getting pitch marked out. f) Councillors Reports AJ: Road to Primary School and VH has lots of pot holes. Need to email NCC to confirm who is responsible for that road. The 2 allotment plots that were put aside for a community project will not be needed as they have decided not to go ahead with the project. TC: VH meeting next Monday to address the Covid rules and regulations with the aim of opening from September 1st. MF: Another accident at Puddledock corner. Looking to arrange meeting with S Askew and local residents to try and find a solution. SM: TC and SM have had several enquires over last few months regarding footpaths in the area. Will need to consult with County Footpaths Officer over some. Please raise any further issues so they can be logged and addressed. AN: A resident on Harlingwood Lane is writing to NCC to request extending the 30mph zone up to the last bungalow and has requested the PC also write to support this. APPROVE (6 in favour) Large numbers of dog walkers use Harlingwood Lane and so would be a good idea to install an extra dog poo bin, possibly at the corner by stud gate. Will need to consult with Breckland to arrange collection. APPROVE (6 in favour) Appears to be speeding by some bikes on a Tuesday, following TWT at the Ox and Plough. The pub is doing a good job at reminding attendees to drive safely and respectfully as they leave but can not control them once they leave.	JH AN RN MF SM TC RN RN
20.08.11	To consider items for next agenda Communications	
20.08.12	To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 3rd September at 7.30pm via Zoom (subject to Government Guidelines at the time)	