

**MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council
held on Thursday 4th November 2021 at 7:30pm at Old Buckenham Village Hall**

Present: Councillors S Miner (SM)(Chair), A Joel (AJ), N Bailey (NB), D Irons (DI), M Farrington (MF), T Cook (TC), A Nicholls (AN)
Apologies: None
In Attendance: R Noyes (Clerk)
Also present: 11 members of the Public

Minute		Action
21.11.01	Apologies for absence AN arrived 10mins late and sent apologies.	
21.11.02	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2021 APPROVED (5 in favour, 1 abstain)	
21.11.03	To receive reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only SM: - Attempted to clear the 2 overgrown allotments but struggled. Will use PC strimmer to have another attempt. Need to advertise 2 remaining allotments. - Not had chance to sort out recreation ground fencing yet. Clerk: - Reminder Precept Grant Application deadline is 20th November - Flashing 20mph sign (wig-wags) installed on Abbey Rd as part of PPS project - Charity tin organised by volunteers in the village shop towards upkeep of the play area. Many thanks from the PC for this gesture and support. - Memorial Plaque will be present to the community to commemorate the efforts during the pandemic. Suggestion to present plaque before the start of the next meeting at 7pm on 2nd December. Once time and date are confirmed with the Deputy Lieutenant, will invite Terri Hammond and the team of volunteers, as well as advertising to public. MF: - Another accident at Puddledock last week. Need to re-start campaign about the danger of the corner, especially during winter weather. There also seems to be diesel spilt on roads occasionally too. Need to coordinate meeting with Highways about what changes can be made to lower the risk. DI: - Researched structure of Neighbourhood Plan and have made contact with New Buckenham and Breckland Council. Funding may be reduced going forward and only appears to be made for a year at a time. Going to need a lot of volunteers within the village to push it forward as it is a community project. Need to publicise to entire village. NB: - Spoken to High School Headteacher about graffiti in bus shelter who has been very helpful. In-person meeting scheduled. Also contacted local police regarding reports of drugs being used there. - Playground inspected and monthly report written. Maintenance work is currently being planned and costed up. TC: - Parish Councillors forgot to attend planned joint VH and PC meeting. At rearranged	SM RN MF NB RN

	meeting a need to discuss PC role as Custodial Trustee and matters of common interest. RN to rearrange AJ: - County Council are taking back the cutting of borders/edging. Need to confirm with Breckland if cutting will continue in the village - Need to elect Chairman of each working Party so that meetings can be called and organised. - Wreaths collected ahead of Remembrance Sunday Service which will take place on 14th November at 10:45am at the War Memorial. SM and NB volunteered to lay PC wreath. Grass has been mown ahead of the service. - Christmas Tree ordered. Lights have all been replaced/repared. Ox and Plough has organised some music/food/drinks. School choir will also perform. Switch on is at 4pm on 12th December.	RN RN SM NB																		
21.11.04	To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members’ Register of Interests None																			
21.11.05	Financial Matters Community account balance £34,883.16. Payments for approval: <table><tr><td>R Noyes (salary & expenses)</td><td>£211.50</td></tr><tr><td>Gemini (fee & expenses)</td><td>£204.25</td></tr><tr><td>L Gedge (Comm Car)</td><td>£93.60</td></tr><tr><td>R Curtis (Comm Car)</td><td>£49.90</td></tr><tr><td>E Jolley (Comm Car)</td><td>£38.70</td></tr><tr><td>L Gedge (Comm Car)</td><td>£13.50</td></tr><tr><td>A Baker (Handyman)</td><td>£50.00</td></tr><tr><td>P Boggia (Xmas lights)</td><td>£250.00</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">TOTAL: £911.45</td></tr></table> APPROVED (7 in favour) Payment approved last meeting of £500.00 to ATTCARE	R Noyes (salary & expenses)	£211.50	Gemini (fee & expenses)	£204.25	L Gedge (Comm Car)	£93.60	R Curtis (Comm Car)	£49.90	E Jolley (Comm Car)	£38.70	L Gedge (Comm Car)	£13.50	A Baker (Handyman)	£50.00	P Boggia (Xmas lights)	£250.00	TOTAL: £911.45		
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21.11.06	Public Participation relating to agenda items only • Resident has met with S Askew and Breckland representative to inspect Prince Harrys Wood. There was still a lot of rubbish. Breckland Council own this piece of land. Request for Councillors and villagers to have a look themselves in order to see the state of it. • Residents raised the issue of speeding on Fen St, which is mostly National Speed Limit (60mph). PC explained that there have been many attempts to get it changed to 30mph but with no success. RN to write to Highways again. PC advised that the more comments from residents the better. SM highlighted that we are unable to use the mobile SAM sign on de-restricted roads, only in 30mph zones.	RN																		
21.11.07	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/2021/1406/F PROPOSAL: Four New Holiday Lodges LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Old Buckenham Country Park Doe Lane																			

	APPLICANT: Old Buckenham Country Park Nothing to object to. Highways are happy and doesn't appear to cause any issues for neighbours. Propose to support APPROVED (6 in favour, 1 abstain). b) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council The following applications have now been considered and the applications have been APPROVED. i)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/0236/F PROPOSAL: Ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) farm along with continued agricultural use, ancillary infrastructure and security fencing, landscaping provision, ecological enhancements and associated works. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Land off Attleborough Road Old Buckenham Norfolk APPLICANT: Pathfinder Clean Energy UKDev CASE OFFICER: Fiona Hunter ii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/1333/F PROPOSAL: Retention of a mobile home which is used as an annex for a member of the family. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Twitchers Cottage Stacksford APPLICANT: Mrs P Gedge CASE OFFICER: Matthew Blackie iii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/1354/F PROPOSAL: Construction of a pump store at Old Buckenham Water Treatment Works. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Old Buckenham Water Treatment Works Abbey Road APPLICANT: Anglian Water Services Ltd CASE OFFICER: Richard Laws iv)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/1290/HOU PROPOSAL: First storey extension over existing single storey element and Internal reconfiguration. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Crumb Cottage Cake Street APPLICANT: Mr and Mrs Royal CASE OFFICER: Sandra Bunning v)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/0210/TDC PROPOSAL: Erection of 4 dwellings & garages - Technical details consent following application 3PL/2020/0117/PIP LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Development Site 605747 291109 Hargham Road, Old Buckenham APPLICANT: Devlin Developments Ltd CASE OFFICER: Naomi Minto The following applications have now been considered and the applications have been REFUSED i) REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/0500/O PROPOSAL: Outline Planning Application for 5no. Dwellings.	
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	LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Coal Storage Yard Road From Stacksford Lane To Hargham Road Old Buckenham APPLICANT: Mr Nigel Larkins CASE OFFICER: Nicolla Ellis ii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/0908/F PROPOSAL: New cabin to replace existing poly tunnel for fitness and well-being centre LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Old Buckenham Country Park Doe Lane APPLICANT: Old Buckenham Country Park CASE OFFICER: Nicolla Ellis	
21.11.08	Trustee of Old Buckenham Eleemosynary Charity Eleemosynary Charity provides support to residents that are facing financial difficulties. Majority of trustees are PC appointed. A PC trustee has recently stepped down and therefore require PC to nominate a new Councillor to be a trustee. Propose to nominate NB for the position APPROVED (6 in favour, 1 abstain).	
21.11.09	Temporary Gamekeeper Rent Area in front of the Gamekeeper is part of the Green. As the Gamekeeper is opening up and beginning to trade again, the PC need to address the issue of renting this area of the Green, just as other businesses currently do. Councillors have started working on a new policy about renting the Green. This will then allow clear and consistent rules for areas of the Green to be rented, both by businesses and individuals for events. Until this policy is completed, a temporary agreement needs to be written for the Gamekeeper to use this area in front of the premises. Propose to write a temporary agreement for the Gamekeeper and then Working Party will create a contract for the use of the Green APPROVED (7 in favour)	SM TC DI
21.11.10	Wildflowers on the Green Green Working Party have decided to have a designated area to encourage and diversify wildflowers. The aim is to prepare the area in March and sow seeds in April. Area is 30m x 50m (0.2 of a hectare) and will be marked with 4/6 fence posts, rather than a full fence. Will be easy to drive around when Green is cut. Aim is that the wildflowers are in an area that will allow them to be seen and enjoyed. Initial thoughts were to plant on western side of the green (between Windmill corner and Almshouses), however a resident highlighted that it does get fairly wet here during winter. Suggestion of nearer the traffic lights so that people can easily see them as they walk/drive past. Surveys are frequently completed of existing wildflowers by Green Rights Proprietors and there are equations to calculate the biodiversity gain. Seeds are all native species. Any donations received from public will be put towards costs and remainder paid for from Green Working Party budget.	
21.11.11	Village Footpaths TC looked at maps with Countryside Officer but there is no record of a permissive path from Puddledock Corner. There may have been one previously but it just wasn't transferred to the maps. If an individual or group of individuals wishes to check if a Permissive Path was granted in the past they would need to check with the NCC Legal Orders and Registers Team. If an individual wants to make a claim for a footpath to become a Permissive Path then they would need to contact the Legal Orders and Registers Team and would need at least 12 people to sign a document claiming they have walked the footpath for over 20 years. While the PC will not be doing this, TC is happy to advise. There is still confusion about why the permissive path was recently reindicated. Could enquire with landowner for their reasons why.	MF
21.11.12	War Memorial Maintenance SM and AJ have inspected War Memorial. Most slabs are solid and stable although a little	

	uneven. Need to ensure any cleaning would not cause any damage to the stone. A parishioner explained that it could be sensitively cleaned without chemicals and would cost an estimated £1500. This would last 4/5 years and need to be done in the Spring. May require scaffolding to reach the top. Parishioner kindly offered to donate half of the money towards its cleaning and the PC will match the donation to cover total cost. Propose to put aside £300 a year towards regular maintenance going forward. APPROVED (7 in favour)	
21.11.13	Queen's Jubilee Village meeting to be organised in order to get ideas and plan village celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. Second meeting required for Neighbourhood Plan. Need to talk to the local community groups/businesses so they can get their ideas together before the meeting. Also need to look at funding the celebrations. SM to bring proposal to next meeting.	SM
21.11.14	Neighbourhood Plan Need to advertise for more residents to join the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) team. It is a big commitment and requires a large number of residents to support it. While the PC are supporting the NP and helping to organise a group, it is a community project. Could pay for a professional to put together a framework which would give clearer information to residents and explain the process. DI to research Consultants/cost/grants/funding.	DI
21.11.15	To consider items for next agenda Precept Grants Neighbourhood Plan	
21.11.16	To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 2nd December 2021 at 7.30pm to be held at Old Buckenham Village Hall. There will be a presentation of a Commemorative Plaque for the community at 7pm. Confirmed	