

**MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham
Green Working Committee
held on 10th July 2025 at 19:00
at Old Buckenham Methodist Church**

**Old Buckenham
Parish Council**



The minutes are recorded in line with the terms of reference for meeting and the numbered items on the agenda. Copies of the Agenda will be issued alongside the final ratified minutes.

Present: Sally Honour (SH), Richard Lindner (RL), Lesley Evison (LE), Stan Burton (SB), Alison Frank (AF)

Apologies: Sarah Dye (SH)

In Attendance: Megan Elvin (ME) OBPC Clerk

Also present: 1 members of the Public

Meeting opened: 19h02

Chair signed as approved:

Date:

Vice chair signed as approved:

Date:

Minute

Action

25.07. 01 Review actions from meeting held 20th May 2025

SH – make sure The Green contractor was aware of the flowers around the bench at The Pound – made them aware.
LE – Verge along the ditch and footpath alongside the high school – This will be maintained by the Handyman. He has carried out an initial cut but further work will be required to cut it back properly in October. He will cut it back in the meantime.
Outstanding Action – To hear back from Norfolk Wildlife Trust regarding Tree Survey.

25.07. 02 Cutting of The Green. 2026 plan and budget

Things we need to consider to do with the green next year –

- Wildlife habitat
- Wild flowers
- Thatch build up, which is unsightly, stifling healthy grass growth and wildflowers. Also fire risk.
- Recreational use of the green
- Fire risk (hotter dryer summers)
- Budget

All to action in looking into alternative options.

March for first cut (Early march)
Every 4-6 weeks to cut the edges/smaller areas
Other areas cut early March and then again late June.

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Would like to find a way that we can find a use of the Hay/grass cuttings.
Couple of options – Hay if we keep on top of the ragwort.
Spoke to a farmer, to ask if they would be interested, but no response.

SH Tried to get hold of the Biomass company in Snetterton. To see if they would be interested in a community side of things – but no contact from them.

SB – can't think of anyone that would want the hay themselves.

Snetterton only burn barley straw. Unsure of anyone that has a bio digester on their farm.

LE – Previously someone came to cut and bale it to use for animal bedding, but they stopped.

Should Snetterton come back – SH to ask them to point us in the direction of someone that might know more.

To go out to tender for the cutting of The Green for 2026. Then take this to Parish Council.

25.07. 03 **Funding for Maintenance of The Green**

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No grants available towards maintenance.

Crowdfunding for a ride on lawn mower – will cost around £15,000 to purchase a suitable lawn mower that will cope with the terrain of the Green.

This was decided not to be an option as it is unfair to ask for money from the public with the current cost of living situation.

25.07. 04 **Ragwort Policy**

Ragwort has now grown further across The Green.

Will be unable to completely remove it in one go.

There is a species of moth that live off the Ragwort.

For the removal, rain will be needed to remove them as currently the ground is too hard. Now would be the time to do it before it seeds.

To keep an eye out on the weather and then call for volunteers to help.

Volunteer day on Wed 16th July – to have a look at a small patch of ragwort.

25.07. 05 **Dead/dying trees on green, tree survey and plan for tree maintenance.**

Update on trees up to Ben Devlin's house. The tree surgeon (Emerald) Having to submit a form to Parish Council to remove the Tree's and this will be done at the end of August.

Will need to find out if anyone owns the tree's that have died.

If felling the dying tree's – sell the wood. This will need to be included in the quote from contractors.

Over the next week – those that know where there are dead tree's to go out and photograph them and then make a note of where they are.

25.07. 06 **Bench Survey**

Bench E & F – Shop has repaired.

Bench G – Power Family is dealing with it.

Bench H - Hales Family – SB to contact.

Bench K – SB to remove next time it rains

Bench M – Byrne Family – they will be keeping on top of this

Bench N – Bush Family – they will be keeping on top of this

25.07. 07 **Volunteers, volunteering days, tasks and date for meeting**

Volunteering days are booked in.

Last volunteer day was with the primary school building bug houses; this went very well. Every child wanted to do their own home so now there is a little bug town.

SH & RL to advertise the next one on 16th July 2025
09:00 – 12:00.

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19th July – Washing of the signs.
8th October – management of brambles.

Removal of sap-
lings in woods.

Meet up with the volunteers
To meet at the Gamekeeper.
Monday 1st September from 19:00 – 22:00
We currently have 10 volunteers.

25.07. 08 **Email address and Facebook Page**

SH would like full committee to have access to the Facebook page or even a few so that it is not just down to her to monitor it.

Same with the emails – more of the committee would be ideal to have access.

Action for all next meeting – bring their phones to be able to be set up with the emails and the Facebook if they are willing.

Reason being is so that members of the public will have a faster response regarding communication.

The Facebook page is getting a good positive feedback and interaction with members of the public.

25.07. 09 **Public Participation on agenda items only**

- Regarding for the plan for cutting The Green in June – Would July be a better option to cut it back rather than June. This year is exceptional due to the dry weather.

Reason for June is that the grass is getting too long to leave it until July and it can become a fire hazard. The thatch left over from last years cutting is still on The Green and cutting again will make it worse. We will have a variable window for this.

25.07. 10 **To consider items for next agenda**

- Reeds in Rod Alley Pond
- Flower Survey

25.07. 11 To Confirm date of next meeting on **Monday 29th September 2025 19:00**

Confirmed

25.07. 12 **To Confirm Meeting Closed at 20:35**

Confirmed

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