

# STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

5 December 2015

**Members of the public are invited** to attend a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council to be held in Caston Village Hall, The Street, Caston, NR17 1DD, on Monday, 14 December 2015 at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of transacting the following business.



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## Agenda

1. **To consider accepting** the reasons for any apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of interest** in items on the agenda. Members are no longer required to declare personal or prejudicial interests but are to declare any new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Interests that are not currently included in the Register of Interests. Members are reminded that under the Code of Conduct they are not to participate in the whole of an agenda item in which they have an Interest. In the interests of transparency, Members may also wish to declare any other interests they have in relation to an agenda item, in support of the seven Nolan Principles, namely Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership.
3. **To consider** any applications made by Members for a dispensation to allow them to participate in and vote on an agenda item in spite of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.
4. **Public participation session.** The Council's Standing Orders allow members of the public to make representations, answer questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. This session should not exceed 20 minutes, and members of the public are requested to keep their comments brief. Please note that the Council is unable to make a decision binding in law at this meeting unless the item is already included on the published agenda. It can, though, place the matter on the agenda for discussion at a future meeting.
5. **To confirm** and **sign** the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 16 November 2015.
6. **To report** matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda: **for information only.**
  - 6.1. [4.2] **Speed Awareness Message device.** Caston Parish Council was, apparently, considering applying to the Parish Partnership scheme for two SAM2 devices, and was interested in possibly sharing one with this parish. However, they feel they cannot make a case for two signs without evidence that they have a real (rather than perceived) issue, and it seems that some data monitoring was undertaken when there were temporary traffic lights a few yards from the monitoring location. They have, therefore, decided to apply alone for one device.
  - 6.2. [7.8] **Breckland Council's retention of Government grant funding for the benefit of parish councils.** Whereas in the past the Government has been openly critical of district councils which did not pass on the funding to parishes, it seems that now it is doing a U-turn, saying that this is purely a local matter, and not one where it should intervene or even state a view.

7. **To receive** Planning Applications, planning decisions and correspondence, and **to decide** on comments to be made where necessary.
  - 7.1. **3PN/2015/0051/PV: Bernard Matthews Brookside Farm, Breckles Gate, Hockham.** Install solar PV panels on roof of poultry units (permitted development). Notice that No Prior Approval is Required dated 11 November 2015.
  - 7.2. **3PN/2015/0045/UC: Home Farm, Stow Bedon.** Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling (Permitted Development). Notice that Prior Approval is Required and is Granted dated 25 September 2015.
  - 7.3. **3PL/2012/0707/F: Watering Farm.** Emails between Agent and Norfolk County Council regarding damage to Peddars Way.
  - 7.4. **3PL/2015/1254/F: Heath Farm, Breckles Heath, Stow Bedon.** Detached ancillary residential annexe. Planning Permission dated 30 November 2015.
8. **To confirm** that the Council should allow the arrangements for the New Audit Regime which the Sector-Led Body (SLB) being set up by the National Association of Local Councils, the Society of Local Council Clerks and the Association of Drainage Authorities to proceed, rather than to opt out of these arrangements and appoint an auditor locally. (**Note:** from 2017/18 smaller authorities with a turnover of less than £25,000 p.a. will not have to have an external audit, but must have an auditor appointed in case there are questions from electors to be resolved. We are advised to budget for a one-off SLB fee of up to £100 in 2016/17.)
9. **To receive** a revised proposal from Norfolk County Council for a 50 mph speed limit on the A1075 between Stow Bedon and Watton, and **to consider** making a response to the consultation.
10. **To agree** a Meeting schedule for next year.
11. **To agree** the budget for 2016/17.
12. **To agree** the Precept for 2016/17.
13. **Finance.**
  - 13.1. **To approve** payment to the Clerk and HM Revenue & Customs totalling £642.25 (salary for 1 October 2015 to 31 December 2015: £534.60; Mileage Allowance Payment for 8 September 2015 to 5 December 2015: £107.65 (of which £2.67 is the VAT element)).
  - 13.2. **To approve** payment of £23.98 (Postage & Telephones: £22.56; Hall heating: £1.00; VAT: £0.42) to the Clerk as reimbursement for items paid on behalf of the Council for 8 September 2015 to 5 December 2015.
  - 13.3. **To approve** payment of £40.00 to Caston Village Hall, being payment for the use of the Hall for Council Meetings during 2015.
  - 13.4. **To receive** the Monthly Financial Report.
14. **To decide** on any matters for consideration at next meeting.
15. **To confirm** the date of the next meeting as Monday, 18 January 2016, or, if there is no urgent business then, as Monday, 15 February 2016, at 7.30 p.m., in Caston Village Hall.

**Future Meeting dates:**

Monday, 18 January 2016\*

Monday, 15 February 2016

Monday, 14 March 2016

\*If needed