

## STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 22 January 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in St Botolph's Church, Gravelpit Hill, Stow Bedon, NR17 1BX.

**Present: Councillors: Lee Pilkington (Chairman), Andrew Hayward, Phil Childs, Paul Howe, Dawn Jessett, John Morfoot, Jonathan White, Julian Gibson (Clerk)**

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** None.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.** The Clerk advised the meeting that Norfolk County Councillor Fabian Eagle had informed him that his Council's Environment, Development and Transport Committee had voted against making cuts in spending on subsidised bus routes and road gritting.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 18 December 2017 were **confirmed** and **signed**.
- 6 **Matters arising. [6.3] Blocked gullies on B1111 near Church Cottage.** The owner of Breckles Hall has responded to the Clerk's letter about clearing the ditch, saying that the matter would be put in hand. Councillor White reported that the first of the "downstream" gullies was now nearly full to capacity, and the second had reached this already. The Clerk said he would report this to NCC.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
  - 7.1 National Employers for Local Government Services: *Local Government Pay 2018.*
  - 7.2 HM Revenue & Customs: *Letter advising "we need to update some of our older IT systems", which will affect those like this Council who make claims using form VAT126, but providing no information about what the affect will be. They will write again nearer the time.*
  - 7.3 *Clerks & Councils Direct - January 2018.*
  - 7.4 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account Statement - 1-29 December 2017.*
  - 7.5 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account Statement - 1 November 2017 - 29 December 2017.*
  - 7.6 National Association of Local Councils: *Open letter to Councillors from Chairman of NALC.*
  - 7.7 Society of Local Council Clerks: *Legal Advice Note on the General Data Protection Regulation.* The Clerk outlined some of the issues with the introduction of this regulation scheduled for 25 May, notably, the need to appoint a Data Protection Officer, and the uncertainty over whether it was desirable or even legally possible for the Clerk to take on this role. Both the National Association of Local Councils and the SLCC are trying to get the Information Commissioner's Office to provide more information. The Chairman said that, at the moment there are too many unanswered questions for the Council to be able to take any action, but asked the Clerk to keep members informed.
- 8 **Planning.**
  - 8.1 **3PL/2017/1565/VAR: Moat Farm Barn, Low Road, Breckles.** Application for Variation of condition 2 on 3PL/2016/0371/F. The Clerk apologised for the paragraph in the agenda, assuring the Council that he had not submitted any comments at this time. Indeed, this meeting had largely been called to allow the Council to discuss and agree its response. It was **resolved** that the Council objected to the proposed changes,

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on the grounds that the original proposal was on the basis that the new dwelling would resemble a barn. The colour of the slate-grey cladding would not be in keeping with the vernacular architecture of the “converted barn” look that was originally proposed, especially with it being extended to ground level, and the new window arrangement on the NE side appears to be random and not to the high design standards Breckland Council should expect.

8.2 **3PL/2012/0707/F, 3PL/2012/0708/F, 3PL/2012/0709/F, 3PL/2012/0710/F & 3PL/2012/0715/F: Watering Farm.** To note that the Clerk has asked Breckland Council why, some 17 months since its Planning Committee had agreed to grant permission to this unauthorised development, this has still not been confirmed. He has now been told that “The legal agreement relating to the applications have (*sic*) now been resolved and a decision on the applications will be issued shortly.” The Chairman said that he understood that the land to the rear of this development has now been purchased by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

8.3 **3PL/2017/1397/F: Bonney Spykle, Mere Road, Stow Bedon.** Agricultural building for machines store. Planning Permission dated 18 January 2018 was **received**.

**9 Finance.**

9.1 **Credits.** Receipt of the following credit was **noted**:

9.1.1 Interest: £17.73 from Barclays Bank.

9.2 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 December 2017 was **received**.

**10 Matters for consideration at next meeting.**

10.1 Village Appraisal results.

10.2 Venue for future meetings.

**11 Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as Monday, 19 February 2018 at 7.30 p.m., in St Botolph’s Church, Gravelpit Hill, Stow Bedon.

**Confirmed:**

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**Lee Pilkington, Chairman**

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**Scheduled future Meeting dates:**

Monday, 19 February 2018	Monday, 16 July 2018	Monday, 10 December 2018
Monday, 19 March 2018	Monday, 13 August 2018*	Monday, 14 January 2019*
Monday, 16 April 2018	Monday, 17 September 2018	Monday, 18 February 2019
Monday, 21 May 2018	Monday, 15 October 2018	Monday, 18 March 2019
Monday, 18 June 2018	Monday, 12 November 2018	

\*If needed