

STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 21 October 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

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

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** None.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.** District Councillor Phil Cowen said that his Council had now received the Planning Inspector's report on the Local Plan had arrived, and it was proposed that this would go to Full Council on 12 December for adoption. This would mean that for about seven months Breckland would probably be secure in its assertion that it had a five-year land supply. It was then likely that work on the next Local Plan would then start immediately, as this had taken so long, and Planning Authorities were expected to produce a new Local Plan every five years. Cllr. Cowen then said that his Council was starting to prepare its budget for the next year. Finally, Cllr. Cowen said he had applied for the application under Agenda Item 8 to be called in for decision by Planning Committee, so that the issues could be agreed by councillors rather than officers.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 16 September 2019 were **confirmed and signed.**
- 6 **Matters arising.**
 - 6.1 [4.1] **Gullies opposite Breckles Church.** The Clerk had reported this issue yet again, but NCC Highways refused to consider taking any action. The Chairman has now responded to this, and surprisingly been advised that the Highways Engineer has asked his Inspector to programme a full cleansing of the system, including a long awaited repair of the broken gully cover. The Chairman has asked when this is due to be carried out.
 - 6.2 [6.1] **Community Speedwatch.** The Chairman of Caston Parish Council says that they have a new Speedwatch co-ordinator who has recruited a larger volunteer team, but wants to allow time for the teams and schedules to bed in before considering the possibility of a joint operation, and so has suggested a review is six months time. As yet there have been no additional volunteers to join a Stow Bedon & Breckles group, so it was agreed to revive the issue next year, and then to re-advertise and invite the Caston Co-ordinator to come to speak at a meeting. The Clerk will advise those residents who had indicated they were interested in joining the Group.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received:**
 - 7.1 Norfolk County Council: *Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation.*
 - 7.2 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *Annual General Meeting - 20 November 2019 - Invitation & Agenda.*
 - 7.3 SAM2 Co-ordinator: *SAM2 Data September 2019.*
 - 7.4 Came & Company: *Intra-group reorganisation affecting Stackhouse Poland Limited trading as Came & Company Local Council Insurance.*
 - 7.5 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts- at a glance - balances on 30 September 2019.*
 - 7.6 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account - 29 June - 30 September 2019.*

7.7 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account* - 29 June - 30 September 2019.

7.8 The Pensions Regulator: *You're our key contact for re-enrolment* - what you need to do.

- 8 Planning. 3PL/2019/1212/F: Stapleford Grange, Rockland Road, Stow Bedon.** Proposed demolition of existing unused dilapidated pig rearing unit. Provision of new self build zero carbon dwelling within footprint of demolished building. It was **resolved** that while the Council did not object to the principle of replacing the existing building with a dwelling, it did not feel proposed design could be considered to be truly outstanding or innovative reflecting the highest standards in architecture, and also about further development in an unsustainable location, especially if further applications came forward to develop elsewhere on the site.
- 9 Defibrillator.** The Clerk reported that he had contacted the clerks of three parish councils which had obtained grants from *Awards for All* for defibrillators, and received detailed and very positive responses from the two which replied. Both used Community Heartbeat Trust, and could not speak more highly of them. Both also confirmed that they obtained grants for 100% of the cost, and had included other items in their application, like hire of a hall for training sessions. He then spoke again to CHT and obtained a quotation. The likely cost of machine and a lockable cabinet under a Managed Solution would be some £2,300, plus for a fixed fee of £200 CHT would get their regular team of electricians to carry out all aspects of the installation. CHT could then provide an ongoing support agreement, which would mean that the future cost of batteries, pads and other disposables is fixed at £165 p.a., although it might be possible to include some of this in the initial grant request. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should prepare the grant application for signature at the next meeting.
- 10 Improved road safety on A1075.** County Councillor Fabian Eagle has put forward a proposal which hopefully would improve road safety on the A1075, given that he felt there was no hope of NCC Highways actually doing anything. He suggests that the three parishes in his Division through which the road passes (Wretham, Hockham and Stow Bedon & Breckles) should consider using the Parish Partnership Scheme to obtain a Vehicle Activated Sign which could be positioned in a number of locations along the road. He said he would make a contribution of £1,000 towards the cost from his personal budget. He has spoken with the Chairman of Hockham Parish Council who had indicated that his Council would be willing to participate, and Wretham has also indicated support. The deadline for applications for the Parish Partnership Scheme is 6 December. Cllr Eagle says he has spoken to the local Highway Engineer and also the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure, who have indicated their support. At the moment it was uncertain what would be displayed on the sign, although a deer was a possibility, and this would light up together with a "Slow Down" sign whenever a vehicle passed at in excess of a selected speed. It was **agreed** that the Council would support the idea on the basis that all three parishes participated, and the Clerk was asked to progress this. The Clerk also reported that he would soon be collecting the 'Slow Down' signs obtained by Cllr. Eagle from Wretham parish and would deploy them on the A1075 within
- 11 Rayner's Falgate.** A request from Caston Parish Council for support in their attempts to get a review of road safety issues on Stow Bedon Road in the area of Rayner's Falgate was **received**. It was **agreed** that the Council would consider any proposal they made.
- 12 Stow Bedon War Memorial.** Notice from Historic England that it is considering adding the Stow Bedon War Memorial to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest was **received**. They Council had no further information or observations on the initial assessment report to make.
- 13 Finance.**
- 13.1 Audit & Elections.** It was **resolved** that cheque numbered 100795 for £75.00 to Breckland Council be signed, in settlement of invoice 934956, being the charge for the uncontested election held in May 2019. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 111*)

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13.2 **Credit.** Receipt of the following credit was **noted**: Breckland Council: £2,425.00
Precept - 24 September 2019.

13.3 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 30 September 2019 was
received.

14 Matters for consideration at next meeting.

14.1 Defibrillator.

14.2 Sign for A1075.

15 Next meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday, 18 November 2019, at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.**

Confirmed:

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Jonathan White, Chairman

18 November 2019

Scheduled future Meeting dates:

Monday, 18 November 2019

Monday, 16 December 2019

Monday, 13 January 2020*

Monday, 17 February 2020

Monday, 16 March 2020

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