

**Old Buckenham Parish Council**

**MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council  
held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall,  
Old Buckenham**

Present: Councillors J Hicks (Chair)(JH), G Frost (GF), S Milner (SM), A Nicholls (AN), D Oakley (DO), B Devlin (BD), A Joel (AJ)

In Attendance: R Noyes (Clerk)

Also present: 10 members of the public

Minute		Action
19/040	<b>Apologies for absence</b> None received.	
19/041	<b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b> Minutes APPROVED (5 in favour, 2 abstained)	
19/042	<b>To receive reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only</b> It was requested that the Action Log be added to every agenda.	
19/043	<b>Public Participation relating to agenda items only</b> i) A resident of Fen St wished to highlight that the PC had discussed a planning application for Fen St at the last meeting that had not been on the original agenda. The last time this application was submitted, there was a large turnout at the PC meeting, which demonstrated the strong feelings of residents. He also felt that developers could time submitting their applications, in order to avoid being discussed at PC meetings. He asked how the PC can claim to represent the residents views, if they didn't have anyone in attendance, to give their views. There was also a concern that it was opening the floodgates to other developers to build on Fen St. AN and AJ explained briefly how the process works: Every consultee has 3 weeks to register their views. While this particular application was submitted and passed for review the same day, it has previously taken longer, so would be difficult for a developer to carefully time their submissions. It was explained by JH that the application only came through on the day of the meeting and with 3 weeks to log the PC views, the deadline would have passed before the next meeting. While PCs can apply for an extension, it is not guaranteed and therefore, if it had been declined, then the opportunity to have a say would have passed. AN highlighted that OBPC are only one consultee, and that the residents will have more influence on this decision. Therefore he encouraged residents to either email or write to Breckland Council with their opinion, whether in favour or against. SM explained that Breckland aren't meeting their 5yr quota so would be looking for opportunities to boost their numbers. AN explained the OB also has a quota of 25 houses over the next 20 years, so we need to find space for them. JH explained that in order to accommodate the views of some residents of Fen St who were present at the last meeting, a letter had been submitted raising those concerns and how we tried to use the development to improve several factors on Fen St. JH read out the letter (see attached). He also explained that the application did not meet the criteria for refusal on the checklist used to analyse planning applications. He also encouraged residents of OB, and particularly Fen St to write and email to Breckland Council. ii) Recreation Area is seeing some use by children, but please encourage them to use it over the Easter Holidays. In addition, there were some Bee Orchids found in the corner previously. Can an area be sectioned off to protect them from being cut down. There will be a clear up of the area around the Village Hall on Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April. iii) Please chose words carefully to show PC views. Also, policeman on Cake St did a good job at catching speeding motorists recently.	

19/044	<p><b>To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests</b> None to record</p>	
19/045	<p><b>Financial Matters</b> a) Balance in community account: £48,479.94  Balance in premium account: £2,877.49  Precept received: 10,634.99 included in community account balance  Payments to be approved: Mr S Barker (cutting rec area): £90 Ivan Kerridge (strimming Rod Alley Pond): £70 Enid Jolley (comm car): £97.65 Rachel Noyes (clerk): £150 Gemini Accounting (RFO): £200 J C Frost &amp; Co (allotments rent): £450 OB Village Hall: £198.50 L Gedge (Comm car): £81.90 TOTAL: £1338.05  Payments APPROVED (7 in favour)</p>	
19/046	<p><b>To consider planning applications and to receive Breckland District Council's decisions made on any planning applications received before the meeting:</b> (All planning applications are available for viewing on the Breckland District Council planning portal – <a href="http://www.breckland.gov.uk/article/2933/Search-Planning-Applications">www.breckland.gov.uk/article/2933/Search-Planning-Applications</a> - Parish Councillors have been asked by the chairman to view the new applications in advance of the meeting)</p> <p><b>a) New Planning Applications</b> <b>i) REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0282/VAR</b>  <b>PROPOSAL: Variation of condition no 2 on 3pl/2017/0927/F Reason for change The Roof has been increased by 500mm as the existing headroom was too low once insulation has been introduced</b>  <b>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: College Barn Cake Street Old Buckenham</b>  <b>APPLICANT: Mr S Thorley</b>  Application was original refused by the Parish Council and therefore it was felt that the Council should show consistency and stand by their original comments Propose: REFUSE (6 for/1 abs)</p> <p><b>ii) REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0278/F</b>  <b>PROPOSAL: An open sided turkey shed</b>  <b>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Downmore Farm Banham Road Old Buckenham</b></p>	

	<p><b>APPLICANT: Mr Frost</b></p> <p>AJ and AN explained that Farmers are permitted to build a barn on their land and only have to provide “Notice to Build”, however this was a full application. BD questioned why they were building a new barn – was it to increase the number of turkeys? SM found there were no environmental objections. AN felt it was important to support local businesses. Propose: SUPPORT (6 for/1 abs)</p> <p><b>iii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0237/F</b></p> <p><b>PROPOSAL: Removal of two extensions &amp; Conservatory and construction of 2 storey extension and new fencing</b></p> <p><b>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Loss Wroo, Orchard House Hargham Road Old Buckenham</b></p> <p><b>APPLICANT: Sittingbourne Energy Ltd</b></p> <p>It was explained that approval had already been granted for an additional house there. The work proposed would be replacing and improving existing extensions that had been built. Propose: SUPPORT (6 for/1 abs)</p> <p><b>b) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council</b></p> <p><b>REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0080/HOU</b></p> <p><b>PROPOSAL: (i) Construction of a single storey rear extension (ii) along with extending and converting a loft space over an existing garage to form addition bedroom accommodation. (iii) Erection of a 2 bay cart lodge with non-habitable space over.</b></p> <p><b>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Willow House Mill Road Old Buckenham</b></p> <p><b>APPLICANT: Mr &amp; Mrs Dillon</b></p> <p><b>CASE OFFICER: Tom Donnelly</b></p> <p>The above application has now been considered and <b>the application has been APPROVED</b></p>	
19/047	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p><b>a) Chairman’s Report</b> Annual Parish Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> May 7pm</p> <p><b>b) District Councillors Report</b></p> <p>i) AJ informed that he was not standing for re-election as District Councillor after 24 years. He wished to thank the Parish Council and residents for their support and challenges he has received over the years.</p> <p>ii) Breckland Council have received 6 Nominations for the Parish Council therefore there will be no election for PC. The PC will be able to Co-opt 5 Councillors to</p>	

- make the full quota of 11.
- iii) The public consultation on Main Modifications MM18, MM119 and MM 148 of the Breckland Local Plan have been extended to 15<sup>th</sup> May.
- iv) Work has started on the 12 Cotman Housing Association Social Houses in March Field Way and should be completed by the end of January.
- c) Village Green Working Party**  
None
- d) Road Safety**  
None
- e) Play Area**  
Waiting on quotes from Playdale and another recommended company for bearings and seats of swings as this was picked up on safety report. Report also highlighted lots of bare ground around play equipment which was leaving plastic matting showing through in places e.g. bottom of slide and under swings. Could either re-seed, which would result in closing play ground while it grew, or remove matting and fill in with sand. Easiest and cheapest option would be to fill in with sand, however it was questioned whether this was best option long term and it would just end up kicked everywhere as children played. Rope bridge is still waiting for new rope as they have sent wrong part 3 times now. Also looking at quote for replacing whole bridge as it is wearing in places.
- f) Recreation Area**  
None
- g) Councillors Reports**  
**BD:** had received an email from the parishioner who had installed, and later removed, wooden posts around play area. In the email, he wanted to explain that he understands the PC decision, but was disappointed. However, there were no hard feelings and looked forward to continuing to be part of the village community, but unfortunately couldn't attend tonight's meeting. He also explained that he hadn't submitted an invoice before for previous work and was asked to send in the invoice for this particular work. BD also wanted to again highlight how grateful the PC and the village were for all his hard work and contributions over the years. GF explained that as the PC and the Green Working Party hadn't approved the works, they felt there was little option. JH also informed that he had had a personal meeting with the parishioner in which they discussed the situation. The PC were also informed that someone had complained about the posts to Highways (as they are responsible for the verges next to roads) and they had ordered their removal.
- SM:**
- i) Stolen speed check sign had been replaced
- ii) Another response from Highways regarding Fen St speed limit in which they rejected the idea of extending the 30mph zone. One resident is particularly keen to pursue and help.
- iii) Loaned electronic speed sign on Hargham Road has been quite effective. Thanks to Steve Burling for placing at the end of their property. He noted that generally, people did slow down when their speed was displayed.
- iv) Village Cinema Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April showing The Graduate.
- v) SM and AJ attended meeting about the Attleborough SUE. A parcel of land that had been included was actually part of OB Parish. The developers explained this was a mistake and would not be built on. The SUE is quite large and there will be a bus route to edge. AJ and SM suggested that it be extended to include OB in its route. Concerns were also raised about the already strained Doctors Surgery would cope with extra residents from 4,000 new homes. There were also concerns about how the

	<p>drainage system would cope too. Lastly, it appeared that the construction traffic was planning on reaching the A11 through OB, down Hargham Rd. There is a weight limit on this road, so will need to find alternative route. Hopefully, this will be monitored and enforced during construction.</p> <p><b>GF:</b> Successful litter pick by village residents. Next one is May 11<sup>th</sup> 10am (meet outside shop). Several members of the PC noted that they felt less litter was being dropped and so the Green was looking good, especially with all the spring flowers blooming. With the extra care and attention the Green was getting, people were respecting it more. The Green Working Party explained that they were looking at suitable flowers to plant around Ottomer pond in particular, which people were also highlighting as looking good.</p> <p><b>AJ:</b> Has the paint for the phone box. Just waiting for good weather and time to complete.</p>	
19/048	<p><b>To consider items for next agenda</b> None due to election before next meeting</p>	
19/049	<p><b>To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.30pm to be held at Old Buckenham Village Hall</b> Confirmed</p>	