

**Old Buckenham Parish Council**

**MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council  
held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall,  
Old Buckenham**

Present: Councillors J Hicks (Chair)(JH), S Milner (SM), A Joel (AJ), A Nicholls (AN), M Farrington (MF)

In Attendance: R Noyes (Clerk), Cllr S Askew

Also present: 13 members of the public

<b>Minute</b>		<b>Action</b>
19/093	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies received from Cllrs D Oakley, G Frost, T Cook and B Devlin	
19/094	<b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b> Approved (5 in favour)	
19/095	<b>To receive reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only</b> AJ to meet with G Freeman MP tomorrow (Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August) about the Weather Radar	
19/096	<b>To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests</b> None	
19/097	<b>Public Participation relating to agenda items only</b> i) Enquiring about the use of metal detectors around the roadworks area that has been dug up (after finished work for the day) ii) Bus Shelter has been suspended but no replacement. RN will look at info and enquire. iii) County Broadband deadline is by 6 <sup>th</sup> September for those interested in signing up. iv) Cllr Askew: Local Plan has been delayed. Hopefully signed off by the end of the year. v) Roadworks: some confusion by some drivers (incl lorries) but it was felt this was generally their own fault as the works have been clearly signed.	RN
19/098	<b>Financial Matters</b> <b>a) Financial Report</b> Community account balance: £41,073.98  <b>b) Payments to be approved:</b> MM Installations (power wash play area and phone box): £240.00 Gemini Accounting: £200 R Noyes (salary): £150.00 R Noyes (expenses): £16.25 D Kessler (comm car): £52.20 L Gedge (comm car): £54.45 TOTAL: £712.90  Payments APPROVED (5 in favour)	
19/099	<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><b>a) New Planning Applications</b></p> <p>i)REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0778/F  PROPOSAL: Proposed 6m extension to general purpose agricultural building  LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Slade Lane Farm Slade Lane Old Buckenham  APPLICANT: Mr S Barker</p> <p>Support application (5 in favour)</p> <p><b>b) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council</b></p> <p>i)REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0661/HOU  PROPOSAL: Erection of single storey front extension to create sun room, hall and w.c.  LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Southview Fen Street Old Buckenham  APPLICANT: Mr Andrew Taylor  CASE OFFICER: Sandra Bunning</p> <p>ii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0540/F  PROPOSAL: Conversion of existing detached bungalow to 2no 3 bedroom semi detached houses, incorporating ground floor side and rear extensions with new roof to accommodate new first floors  LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Eastview Cake Street Old Buckenham  APPLICANT: Old Bucks Developments Ltd  CASE OFFICER: Tom Donnelly</p> <p>The above applications have now been considered and have been APPROVED.</p>	
19/100	<p><b>The Gamekeeper</b></p> <p>AJ informed about open meeting held to discuss possibilities around the Gamekeeper pub. Breckland Council have been contacted for a clearer definition of a 'Community Group'. Need to inform Breckland Council by the 4<sup>th</sup> August about possible interest (and therefore prevent it going on the open market). If we are interested, the PC/a community group would have until the 24<sup>th</sup> December to find funding. While the only group we currently have (under their definitions) is the PC, a community group could still form in that time and make the purchase, according to Breckland Council. By triggering the full moratorium period, there is no commitment to purchase.</p> <p>A Parishioner was keen to investigate the possibility of purchasing it. He explained the disadvantages of triggering the full moratorium period would be delaying outside investment in the pub/village. The advantages would be that it would provide time to those interested to investigate the building/business fully and establish if it was worthwhile purchasing and how best to run it (i.e. run themselves, hire someone in, change style etc).</p> <p>Several Parishioners supported triggering the moratorium period. They explained that if the PC showed interest in listing as a Community Asset previously, then they should give the community time to investigate it fully now. Some Cllrs expressed a clear desire for the PC not to fund the purchase but are there to simply help any community groups and to facilitate any possible purchase.</p> <p>SM proposed to trigger the moratorium period in order to give a community group time to investigate the possibility of buying it, however it not going to be financially supported by the PC.</p> <p>AJ requested a named vote on the topic (APPROVED 5 in favour)</p> <p>AJ: AGAINST  AN: SUPPORT  SM: SUPPORT</p>	

	MF: SUPPORT JH: SUPPORT Proposal APPROVED (4 in favour, 1 against) to trigger the full moratorium period.	
19/101	<b>Allotments</b> An allotment holder has written to the PC enquiring about the possibility of running a gardening programme to help those less fortunate (i.e. suffering from depression, Alzheimer sufferers etc). Everyone felt this was a very good idea and could help a lot of people however JH explained that there may be some slight problem if they are planning on running a business from it (as it said a business plan was to be written) and making money. The Parishioner will be invited to the next meeting where clarification and further information can be provided. A Parishioner suggested looking at Norfolk Community Foundation for extra support.	RN
19/102	<b>Action Log</b> GF absent and will be discussed next month.	
19/103	<b>Reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a) Chairman's Report</b> Wake to be held at the Ox and Plough, asking permission for cars to park on Green. JH has approved.</li> <li><b>b) Village Green Working Party</b> Bench bases: 2 quotes received out of 3 requested. Locations have been chosen so that all face towards the pond. Some memorial benches in village have not been maintained. New Guidelines on the placing of benches have been drawn up. JH read Guidelines (attached). APPROVED (5 in favour) Guidelines signed by JH.</li> <li><b>c) Road Safety</b> Roadworks for crossing have started. Mixed views on social media. Still waiting to hear from D Jacklin (Highways) about possible sites for electronic speed sign. Thank you to Cllr S Askew for all his hard work to get the crossing of the B1077.</li> <li><b>d) Play Area</b> 11<sup>th</sup> August: Play area to be closed for maintenance and repairs. Thank you to all of those that cleared weeds etc recently.</li> <li><b>e) Recreation Area</b> None</li> <li><b>f) Councillors Reports</b>  <b>AN:</b> Handyman unable to sand blast phone box. Happy to paint if needed. JH explained he has a volunteer from village to paint it.  <b>SM:</b> County Broadband held meeting in Village recently about providing fibre broadband to the property. Requires 179 people to sign up to get it however no one signed up at the meeting. The PC is not endorsing the company but simply explaining what was said.  Neighbourhood Plan: Looking at the Project Plan for one in Devon. RN to enquire about a private company to complete NP for us to find out costs etc.  <b>AJ:</b> New duck house on Ottomer Pond. Thank you to Martin Hodgeson and Dave Tranmer. Ox and Plough have donated £50 for use of 2 events on the Green opposite the pub to the Raise the Roof fund.</li> </ul>	RN
19/104	<b>To consider items for next agenda</b> Spending money on play area Neighbourhood Plan	
19/105	<b>To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b>	

	<b>at 7.30pm to be held at Old Buckenham Village Hall</b> Confirmed	
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**Clerk Note**

Apologies: In June's PC meeting, it was explained that a Cllr witnessed a van bearing the company name Culling Scrap Metal Ltd disposing of their waste in to the village waste bins. Since then, discussions with the van driver have informed us that the van is no longer registered to the company and the waste was general daily rubbish and so was nothing to do with the company.