

Old Buckenham Parish Council

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

Present: Councillors J Hicks (Chair)(JH), S Milner (SM), D Oakley (DO), A Joel (AJ), A Nicholls (AN), T Cook (TC), M Farrington (MF)

In Attendance: R Noyes (Clerk)

Also present: 9 members of the public

Minute		Action
19/079	Apologies for absence Apologies received from Cllr B Devlin and Cllr G Frost	
19/080	Potential New Councillors Mike Farrington (MF) and Terry Cook (TC) were both co-opted on as Councillors (5 in favour)	
19/081	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2019 Approved (5 in favour, 2 abstain)	
19/082	To receive reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only None	
19/083	Public Participation relating to agenda items only None. Radar comments to be discussed later altogether.	
19/084	To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests None. MF and TC to complete DPI form by next meeting.	
19/085	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>a) Financial Report Balance in community account: £43,026.99</p> <p>Premium Account has been discovered to be a Charity Account. DO to contact the bank and try to understand where this money is from and what it is for.</p> <p>b) Income Received Loan Repayment: £500 Green Rights: £500 Ox and Plough: £250 Allotment Rents: £25 TOTAL: £1275</p> <p>c) Payments to be approved: D Kessler (comm car): £45.90 E Jolley (comm car): £51.75 Crispin de Boos (Internal Audit): £40 OBVH (room hire): £78 Gemini Accounting (RFO): £200 Rachel Noyes (clerk): £150 Rachel Noyes (expenses): £141.08 Ivan Kerridge (strimming): £125 S Barker: £180 J Frost (comm car): £29.25</p>	

	<p>L Gedge (comm car): £44.10 TOTAL: £985.08</p> <p>AGAR forms sent to external auditor</p> <p>Payments APPROVED (6 in favour, 1 abstain)</p>	
19/086	<p>To consider planning applications and to receive Breckland District Council's decisions made on any planning applications received before the meeting: (All planning applications are available for viewing on the Breckland District Council planning portal – www.breckland.gov.uk/article/2933/Search-Planning-Applications - Parish Councillors have been asked by the chairman to view the new applications in advance of the meeting</p> <p>a) New Planning Applications</p> <p>REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0550/F PROPOSAL: To install 3 steelground power operated roller shutter doors LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Post Office The Green Old Buckenham APPLICANT: Ms Venuka Seevaratnam</p> <p>Neighbour is unhappy with the potential noise and vibrations that could be caused by the shutters opening and closing. Several Councillors highlighted the need to think of the village as a whole and in order for the family to be protected and continue to run the shop for the benefit of the village. SUPPORT (7 in favour)</p> <p>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</p> <p>Councillors could not see a reason to object. It is suspected that the application fell within permitted development. SUPPORT (7 in favour)</p> <p>b) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council</p> <p>REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0508/HOU PROPOSAL: First floor extension to existing single-storey annex and storage/workshop building LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Crown Lane Cottage Crown Road Old Buckenham APPLICANT: Mr Richard Lindner CASE OFFICER: Sandra Bunning</p> <p>REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0385/HOU PROPOSAL: Redesign Conservatory to a garden room (amended design) LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Hunters House Access Roads In And Around Old Buckenham Hall Old Buckenham APPLICANT: Mr Christopher Wright CASE OFFICER: Richard Laws</p>	

	<p>REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0539/F PROPOSAL: Erection of Office building with First Floor 2 bed residential accommodation - revised elevations (3PL/2018/0887/F LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: 9 The Old Yard Old Buckenham APPLICANT: B Bernard CASE OFFICER: Tom Donnelly</p> <p>The above applications have now been considered and the applications have been APPROVED</p> <p>REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0287/F PROPOSAL: Demolish Existing agricultural building and construct new residential dwelling LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Poplar Farm Fen Road Old Buckenham APPLICANT: Mr Des Hunt CASE OFFICER: Tom Donnelly</p> <p>The above application has now been considered and the application has been REFUSED.</p>	
19/087	<p>Weather Radar (A friend spoke on behalf of the couple who live next to the Anglian Water site) They have spent 5 years extending and developing the house into a home. They enjoy spending a lot of time in the garden and one of their biggest concerns is the effect the tower will have on their view and the light into their house. They are also concerned about the noise as the Met Office (TMO) have admitted there will be some low level background noise as the Radar moves. When asked about the possibility of increased traffic, they have been told that once built, it will only be accessed 8am-5pm Monday to Friday. They have felt that the communication from TMO has been quite poor as they have not had any additional consultation or discussion. They also highlighted that any work with schools would not be allowed to take place on site as it is a working Anglian Water site. There is also concern about the effect of any future house price and sale of the property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AJ highlighted the article on the OB Blog from Matt Wilkins which gave the view point of the Airfield. • AN felt that TMP have been rather strategic in their approach. He also felt that it is likely to come down to a Planning Committee decision in the future and explained that anyone can attend these meetings and speak. We need to raise concerns now, and again once the planning application is submitted. • Despite being requested by OBPC, it appeared that Carleton Rd and New Buckenham did not receive the leaflet advertising the drop in meeting at OBVH on 28th June. • SM felt it was important for the PC to look into specific details, facts and figures so that we were fully armed for any debates. TMO will be doing a visual impact study. The height of the tower (27m) will be approx. the same height as the windmill (with sails). If we want accurate forecasts of rainfall (and therefore potential flooding) we will need a tower in East Anglia, as they have clearly shown the need for it. We should wait for the planning application and raise our concerns then. • The tower will help forecasts for East Anglia but there will be no direct benefit for OB. • Other towers in the country have been placed at airfields, why can't it be placed 	

	<p>at an empty airfield?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was felt by many that the PC should write a letter asking for more specifics and details on several aspects • TC felt that the phrasing of the letter was very important. As the tower was being built by TMO and had the support of Anglian Water and The Environment Agency, it would be difficult to argue against it in terms of requirements or environmental impact. We need to argue on behalf of the residents as all other arguments are likely to be shot down. We need to think with our heads, over our hearts. • We need to contact Cllr Askew and G Freeman MP for their help and support • A member of the public wondered if it was worth getting the support of a large company/individual who would be able to help the fight. • After a passionate comment from SM, AN left the meeting. SM followed and the Councillors spoke privately. Both returned and SM expressed his apologies to AN and the PC. AN accepted his apologies. • Need to contact Carleton Road and New Buckenham PC to gather their opinions. • Village opinion might be based on their own view of the tower (or lack of) and might not be considerate of the neighbours view. The Residents by the site left an open invite to the PC members to visit any time they wanted. • Any help/advice from village residents? JH to ask a resident who could potentially give advice. • Could English Heritage/Defra help provide arguments against it? <p>Questions to ask TMO in letter from PC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Why Old Buckenham out of all the possible sites? - Where were the other sites? - What considerations went into the selection? - What about other sites nearby – farms/empty airfields? - Impact on airfield? 	
19/088	<p>Recreation Area Will be discussed during Chairman’s Report</p>	
19/089	<p>Action Log GF absent and will be discussed next week.</p>	
19/090	<p>Reports:</p> <p>a) Chairman’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Hall and PC had meeting. Discussed Recreation Area as it was discovered last month that the PC was paying rent for the Rec Area, even though they own it, plus maintenance. VH agreed that PC could stop rent payment but would still pay for upkeep. • Playarea: Playdale have visited and are going to send quote for replacing rope bridge and a few other parts that need maintenance. May close playground for weekend of 11th August for all the work tidying it up. • Enterprise Inns (Ei) are putting Gamekeeper up for sale. It is listed as a village asset and so the PC would get the opportunity to purchase. Firstly, the price needs to be confirmed. Is there a quick and easy way to gather village opinion? AN explained that similar purchases have been made in Garboldisham and Redgrave. He also explained that the PC is able to borrow money at a very cheap rate. A member of the public explained he had received a letter from someone stating they would fully support the purchase and maybe even running it. • BD has not completed work on phone box. Village Handyman to quote to AN price for cleaning and sandblasting it. We already have the paint and a resident 	

	<p>offering to paint it for free.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Shelter: Paint needed for roof. Thank you to the gentleman who commissioned and paid for the art work, it looks excellent and is a lovely feature of the village. Thank you also to the Artist who painted it and those who helped install it. <p>b) Village Green Working Party Request to approve green cutting for the next year at £1000. AN explained that the original agreement with Suggit was for 3 years at £1000/yr anyway. Green cut has been delayed till 10th July. Will require bailing as it is so long now.</p> <p>c) Road Safety None</p> <p>d) Play Area See Chairman's Report</p> <p>e) Recreation Area See Chairman's Report</p> <p>f) Councillors Reports SM: Have all money needed for Sam Signs through donations and grants. Waiting for a reply from D Jacklin (Highways) about possible locations and what equipment will be required for installation. AN: Could road closure dates be posted on Facebook. AJ: Dave Tranmer at the Ox and Plough wanted it highlighted that while BD did the first cut for TWT, he now pays for it to be cut commercially.</p>	
19/091	<p>To consider items for next agenda Workplan for village handyman Weather Radar Gamekeeper</p>	
19/092	<p>To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 1st August 2019 at 7.30pm to be held at Old Buckenham Village Hall Confirmed</p>	