

## Old Buckenham Parish Council

### MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 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), G Frost (GF)

In Attendance: R Noyes (Clerk) and Jim Trice (Met Office)

Also present: 7 members of the public

Minute		Action
19/064	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies received from Cllr B Devlin	
19/065	<b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b> 19/058 the property would count towards the quota, despite being outside of the village boundary Minutes APPROVED (4 in favour, 2 abstain)	
19/066	<b>To receive reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only</b> None	
19/067	<b>Co-opt Gemma Frost to the Parish Council</b> Notice of Vacancy has been cancelled by Breckland therefore do not need to co-opt back in. She is still a Councillor.	
19/068	<b>Presentation by Jim Trice from the Met Office regarding building of new weather radar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed site is part of the Anglian Water site on Abbey Road. It is a brownfield site that will need clearing before the radar could be built. Area required is approx. 20m x 10m and will house the tower and a cabin, for housing the transmitter and communications equipment.</li> <li>• Site was chosen out of 15 initial possibilities. A shortlist was created by comparing cost, radar coverage and project risks. Old Buckenham was chosen due to best coverage all the way to the coast and was at a higher elevation above sea level than some other sites.</li> <li>• The Radar tower is 22m tall and the radome is 5m in diameter. In the dome is a rotating dish which transmits a pulse of energy and detects the interaction with precipitation. They are normally located at the top of hills but due to the flat topography of the area, a taller tower is required to ensure the radar is above most landforms and trees (including future growth).</li> <li>• The radar is needed due to limited coverage and accuracy of the rainfall intensity in East Anglia and will help improve weather forecasting, warnings of flooding and improved forecasts of snowfall. Additionally, it will improve forecasting for a much wider area and provide Anglian Water with data for with more efficient use of water resources and sewerage systems.</li> <li>• So far the PC, George Freeman MP, Stephen Askew, the airfields and the closest resident have been contacted.</li> <li>• A drop in event is planned for the public on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2-8pm at the Village Hall. Poster boards will help illustrate scale of tower. A leaflet drop is being organised to advertise the event.</li> </ul> <p>- AJ highlighted that due to the location New Buckenham and Carlton Road would need to be contacted as it is close to the Parish borders and will be visible to them. It</p>	

	<p>was also suggested they be included for the leaflet drop to attend the drop in event for the public at OBVH. It was suggested to work with the three schools in OB and Mr Trice was keen to contact and get involved with them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When asked about the airfields views, Mr Trice explained that while they did not have a problem with the frequency involved with the radar, they did have an issue with the height. The airfield had also requested that a light be located at the top of the structure.</li> <li>- There would be no additional benefit to the village as it would require specialist contractors to build and operate. JH explained that there should not be any construction traffic through the village and down Abbey Road.</li> <li>- When asked about any possible noise or health risks, Mr Trice said that there are strict guidelines about what noise levels are acceptable and they are confident that they would stay within those limits as the radar rotates quite slowly. Public Health England had monitored the weather radar at Ingham and published a report showing there were no health risks.</li> <li>- A parishioner asked how the radar would improve use of water resources and sewerage systems. Mr Trice explained that Anglian Water would be able to use the data collected in order to have more accurate estimates of rainfall and therefore adjust the systems accordingly.</li> <li>- The planning application should be submitted in the next couple of months with the hope of starting work at the beginning of 2020. Construction should take approx. 6 months. The land is being leased from Anglian Water for 25yrs and a parishioner suggested they seek confirmation that the land cannot be sold during that time. Mr Trice believed that the lease would prevent Anglian Water from selling the land but would research and confirm. The radar and its current technology are expected to last approx. 20-25years also.</li> </ul>	
19/069	<p><b>Public Participation relating to agenda items only</b></p> <p>Parishioner 1 asked if using boards on the Green might be a way of boosting numbers of the public attending PC meetings. While there is the noticeboard at the shop, not everyone attends the shop or reads the board. SM will look at possible equipment to use</p> <p>Parishioner 2 explained that after proposing an alternative to leasing the Green at the Annual Parish Meeting, there has only been 6 days to ask general views and so requested that the Lease Extension was not signed at this meeting to allow more time to collect parishioners views.</p>	SM
19/070	<p><b>Green Management and signing of the Lease</b></p> <p>JH explained that he had requested that the village survey be completed again and could use those results to judge whether to sign Lease Extension. He had also calculated that the Green had cost each household in the village 9.3p per week last year, although AJ highlighted that not all households pay Council Tax. Several Councillors felt that there had been so much discussion in the past about signing the original Green Lease that the Extension should be signed now and that discussing having a Lease at all would be starting the process all over again. They also felt the PC needed security for spending money on the Green in the long term.</p> <p>PROPOSE: sign Green Lease Extension at the meeting (5 in favour, 1 abstained)</p> <p>The Green Lease Extension was signed by JH</p>	
19/071	<p><b>Arrange date of the next VHMC and PC joint meeting</b></p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm at the Village Hall Memorial Room. Cllrs SM, GF, DO and AJ to attend on behalf of the PC.</p>	SM, GF, DO, AJ

19/072	<p><b>To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests</b>  AN needs to complete a new DPI form due to new business.</p>	AN
19/073	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <p>a) <b>Financial Report</b>  Balance in community account: £45,262.14</p> <p>Balance in premium account: £2,878.92</p> <p>Letters of thanks received from OB Village Hall management committee and Monday Mardle for precept grants.</p> <p>b) <b>Payments to be approved:</b>  Rachel Noyes (clerk): £180  Gemini Accounting (RFO): £307.32  Old Buck Village Hall (rec area lease for 2017+2018): £770.00  Wave d/d (water for allot.): £40.78  S Barker (cut rec area): £102.00  D Kessler (comm car): £57.15  J Hicks (reimbursement): £28.00  L Gedge (Comm car): £65.70  Breckland Mowers: £40.00  TOTAL: £1,590.95</p> <p>It was questioned why the PC is paying £385 to lease the rec area from the VH, plus maintenance costs, when it is not used by anyone. Will find and consult original lease to see if there is a get out clause. The VH could then use how they wish, maybe extending the car park for which they could receive an income from school parking permits. AN highlighted that planning regulations would need to be consulted for change of use.</p> <p>Payments APPROVED (5 in favour, 1 abstained)</p> <p>c) <b>Income received:</b>  Ox and Plough £250  Green Rights Proprietors £500</p> <p>Pre-dated cheque received from Ox and Plough for £250</p> <p>d) <b>AGAR</b>  Asset register updated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eco bar trailer for transporting mower to playground etc to cut grass</li> <li>• Strimmer and lawnmower added</li> <li>• Stolen bin replaced</li> </ul> <p>Asset register APPROVED (5 in favour, 1 abstain)</p> <p>DO and AJ will take AGAR (audit form) to Internal Auditor asap. Once signed, will be sent to External Auditor. This must be received by 1<sup>st</sup> July otherwise there are financial penalties.</p> <p>DO and AJ to also speak to Barclays bank about updating the account</p> <p>JH wished to thank DO for the excellent work tidying up the financial records of the PC over</p>	<p>DO, AJ</p> <p>DO, AJ</p>

	the last year.	
19/074	<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></p> <p><b>i)REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0508/HOU</b>  <b>PROPOSAL: First floor extension to existing single-storey annex and storage/workshop building</b>  <b>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Crown Lane Cottage Crown Road Old Buckenham</b>  <b>APPLICANT: Mr Richard Lindner</b></p> <p>The dwelling will be quite far back from the road. Being built for son to live in.          APPROVE: 6 in favour</p> <p><b>ii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0539/F</b>  <b>PROPOSAL: Erection of Office building with First Floor 2 bed residential accommodation - revised elevations (3PL/2018/0887/F</b>  <b>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: 9 The Old Yard Old Buckenham</b>  <b>APPLICANT: B Bernard</b></p> <p>Will roughly be in place of original dwelling but with slightly lower elevation. Applying for moving some windows and a new balcony          APPROVE: 6 in favour</p> <p><b>iii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0287/F</b>  <b>PROPOSAL: Demolish Existing agricultural building and construct new residential dwelling</b>  <b>LOCATION: Poplar Farm Fen Road Old Buckenham</b>  <b>APPLICANT: Mr Des Hunt</b>  <b>CASE OFFICER: Tom Donnelly</b>  <b>AMENDMENT: Additional contamination, Highways &amp; Tree information provided</b></p> <p>Discussed last meeting and decided AGAINST. Additional information from Highways etc. Need to show consistency.          AGAINST: 5 in favour, 1 abstain</p> <p><b>iv)REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0540/F</b>  <b>PROPOSAL: Conversion of existing detached bungalow to 2no 3 bedroom s with new roof to accommodate new first floors</b></p>	

	<p><b>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Eastview Cake Street Old Buckenham</b>  <b>APPLICANT: Old Bucks Developments Ltd</b></p> <p>Left, rights and back extensions are within permitted development. Raising elevation requires planning application. Entrance to plot being moved further away from the difficult corner on Cake St. Developers are flexible about keeping/closing original entrance but in dialogue with Highways about it. Expected Highways will require it closed. A turning circle will be within the land to allow cars to turn and exit properties forwards and not reverse onto road. In a 30mph zone, 43m of vision is required from the entrance. By moving entrance, they will have 45m. The properties are still a good distance from the boundaries and will be a greater distance than some are currently nearby. House is increasing in size by 85%.</p> <p>APPROVE: on the conditions it meets Highways requirements, particularly regarding the new entrance to the plot. 6 in favour</p> <p><b>b) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council</b></p> <p><b>i) REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0231/O</b>  <b>PROPOSAL: Erection of four detached dwellings</b>  <b>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Land to the north of Fen Street Old Buckenham</b>  <b>APPLICANT: Askew &amp; Partners</b>  <b>CASE OFFICER: Lisa ODonovan</b>  <b>The above application has now been considered and the application has been APPROVED.</b></p> <p><b>ii) REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0445/HOU</b>  <b>PROPOSAL: Demolish existing extensions &amp; conservatory, erection of two storey extension on south elevation, erection of boundary fences and entrance gates</b>  <b>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Loss Wroo, Orchard House Hargham Road Old Buckenham</b>  <b>APPLICANT: Sittingbourne Energy Ltd</b>  <b>CASE OFFICER: Sandra Bunning</b>  <b>The above application has now been considered and the application has been APPROVED.</b>  Decision received just before meeting so couldn't update Agenda in time.</p>	
19/075	<p><b>Items for Highway Rangers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Old Hall Farm Cottage corner on junction of Cake St/Harlingwood Lane: Hedge requires cutting back to the telegraph posts</li> <li>• Crown Rd/Grove Rd: hedge requires cutting back</li> <li>• Ditch alongside Cake St</li> <li>• Hargham Rd: 30mph sign with red paint on it needs cleaning</li> <li>• Clear pathways around the green from overgrowing grass etc</li> </ul>	RN
19/076	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p><b>a) Chairman's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wedding at the Ox and Plough recently was for a local couple. For any future weddings/events requiring a marquee on the Green, the PC needs to be consulted and a fee paid for additional use of the Green. There are to be no cars on the Green. Only bikes for Two Wheel Tuesday are allowed.</li> <li>- Lots of edges around the Green need strimming/tidying. Village Handyman to have a day's work tidying up around benches, war memorial etc. However the Ox and Plough are responsible for maintenance around the parking bays.</li> </ul> <p>APPROVED (6 in favour)</p>	



	to other allotments. AJ to speak to resident.	AJ
19/077	<b>To consider items for next agenda</b> Action Log Weather Radar	
19/078	<b>To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.30pm to be held at Old Buckenham Village Hall</b> Confirmed	