

Old Buckenham Parish Council

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

Present: Councillors G Frost (Vice-Chair) (GF), J Hicks (JH), S Milner (SM), A Nicholls (AN), D Oakley (DO)

In Attendance: R Noyes (Clerk)

Also present: 6 members of the public

Minute		Action
19/028	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence received from Councillors A Joel and B Devlin	
19/029	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2019 Minutes APPROVED (4 in favour, 1 abstained)	
19/030	To receive reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only None	
19/031	Public Participation relating to agenda items only A parishioner highlighted the talk by Norfolk Wildlife Trust about Common Wildlife on the 15 th March at the Village Hall.	
19/032	To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests None to record	
19/033	Financial Matters a) Balance in community account (28/02/19): £38,714.68 Balance in premium account: £2,877.49 No income Payments to be approved: J Frost (community car): £40.05 L Gedge (community car): £95.85 R Bunn Electrical (defib installation): £110 LCPAS course (SM): £45 Gemini Accounting: £200 R Noyes: £150 R Noyes (expenses): £200 Wave Water d/d: £41.88 D Kessler (community car): £89.20 Total Payments: £971.98 Payments APPROVED (4 in favour) b) A parishioner has submitted an invoice for approx £400 for placing wooden posts and reflectors around the playground in order to prevent cars from parking on the Green as it was starting to deteriorate. The posts themselves were donated and the invoice was for the labour and reflectors. However, this work was not discussed or approved by either the Green	

	<p>Working Committee or the Parish Council. Councillors discussed whether to pay this invoice as approval has not been sought before hand and if they paid for this then others might carry out unapproved work and expect the Parish Council to pay for it. While all councillors were very grateful to the parishioner for all their help and contribution to the village, they felt the need for consistency was important. It was highlighted that as the parishioner had not gone through the proper channels, they had not used the village handyman or sought 3 quotations for the work, which is the standard practice on all work carried out in the village.</p> <p>Proposal: Reimburse the parishioner £55 for the reflectors only and write a letter explaining why the Parish Council was unable to pay the full invoice</p> <p>APPROVED (5 in favour)</p>	DO
19/034	<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>i)</p> <p>REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0080/HOU</p> <p>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.</p> <p>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Willow House Mill Road Old Buckenham</p> <p>APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Dillon</p> <p>Approved (5 for)</p> <p>ii)</p> <p>REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0231/O</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Erection of four detached dwellings</p> <p>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Land to the north of Fen Street Old Buckenham</p> <p>APPLICANT: Askew & Partners</p> <p>There have been previous applications for this land, which have been refused due to utilities such as water and sewerage. This is the first application for 4 dwellings (previously for 8). Several issues for existing residents of Fen St: traffic speeds, junctions with poor visibility, water pressure. While no one objected to the general location, it was questioned whether or not the existing problems could cope with more houses. AN highlighted that Breckland Council haven't reached their 5 year housing quota and so might be more likely to approve this time. SM suggested we use the potential building of these dwellings to help improve the issues current residents are facing. This would include: extending the 30mph zone to the full length of Fen St, improving the visibility at junctions and making it safer for walkers and cyclists. If these issues are addressed, then the council would support the application.</p>	

	<p>Proposal: support application with letter explaining that it is on the condition of addressing these issues APPROVED (5 in favour)</p> <p>b) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council</p> <p>i)</p> <p>REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0040/HOU</p> <p>PROPOSAL: two storey and single storey extensions to farmhouse</p> <p>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Shardalows Farm Fen Street Old Buckenham</p> <p>APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Stephen & Pamela Brown</p> <p>CASE OFFICER: Joe Barrow</p> <p>ii)</p> <p>REFERENCE: 3PL/2018/1460/VAR</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Removal of Agricultural Restriction on pp W.8024 and W.8523</p> <p>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Meadowcroft Doe Lane Old Buckenham</p> <p>APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Smith</p> <p>CASE OFFICER: Lisa O'Donovan</p> <p>The above applications has now been considered and the applications have been APPROVED.</p>	RN
19/035	<p>Tourism/Breckworld</p> <p>New Buckenham Parish Council had been in contact to inform us about an idea they had to develop tourism within their parish, with the possibility of linking it with Old Buckenham. Breckland Council are developing an app (Breckworld) to promote 5 market towns in Breckland. NBPC would like to join forces with OBPC and extend the Attleborough information to cover our villages, possibly through the Tas Valley Way which runs through Old Buckenham. All Councillors viewed this as positive for the village as it would support local businesses and may be a way of promoting, and therefore protecting, local wildlife. JH explained that the only issue was funding. However, there are lots of grants available which were being investigated by NBPC. It was suggested that we could also link up with other nearby villages (e.g. Banham, Keninghall etc) which would help spread the cost too. A representative of NBPC would be invited to next month's meeting for more information and an update.</p>	
19/036	<p>Action Log Review</p> <p>Action Log was reviewed and updated. See attached.</p>	
19/037	<p>Reports:</p> <p>a) Chairman's Report None</p> <p>b) District Councillors Report</p>	

	<p>None</p> <p>c) Village Green Working Party The 3 quotes for clearing vegetation behind the bus shelter had been obtained. Only one of the quotes included chipping, despite being requested from all three companies. GF asked if all three companies were definitely asked to include chipping and it was confirmed that they were. There was not enough time to go back and ask the other companies to re-quote, as the work must be completed before birds start nesting. Therefore, it was proposed to accept Company B's quote of £600. APROVED (4 in favour, 1 abstain)</p> <p>d) Road Safety One of the Speed Watch sign's had been stolen. Some reports of seeing a random sign near Attleborough Police Station. Letter and email sent to Highways regarding extending 30mph zone on Fen St. Highways claim there haven't been enough accidents to justify this. SM appealed to residents of Fen St to all write to Highways about this topic.</p> <p>e) Play Area Safety Inspection has been passed. Nothing serious to do but quite a few advisory notes. Initial estimate of approximately £650 to complete all improvements. Waiting for Playdale to come back with more information before making detailed cost.</p> <p>f) Recreation Area S Barker has asked if Recreation Area needs cutting this year. While it has already been agreed, RN will contact and confirm with him.</p> <p>g) Councillors Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) SM: Work on broadband in Stacksford has started. Could we have a poster to publicise Elections in May to get people's attention. ii) DO: Reminder to all dog walkers to pick up dog mess. The minority of people who don't do this make the village and the Green look awful. iii) GF: Initial plans to plant snowdrops around Ottomer pond has to be bought forward, before plants die. Now taking place Saturday 9th at 10am. Will put message on Facebook. School has requested an area around the pond that can be worked on with children for Forest School project. 	<p>RN</p> <p>RN</p>
19/038	<p>To consider items for next agenda Play area</p>	
19/039	<p>To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 7th March 2019 at 7.30pm to be held at Old Buckenham Village Hall Confirmed</p>	