

**Old Buckenham Parish Council**

**MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council  
held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 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), B Devlin (BD)

In Attendance: R Noyes (Clerk),

Also present: 2 members of the public and Cllr Steven Askew

Minute		Action
19/050	B Devlin Co-opted in as a Councillor (4 in favour) Jonn Hicks re-elected as Chairman (4 in favour). Declaration of Acceptance signed by all present.	
19/051	Steve Milner elected as Vice Chairman (4 in favour)	
19/052	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies from AN. G Frost has resigned as Councillor.	
19/053	<b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b> Minutes APPROVED (5 in favour)	
19/054	<b>To receive reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only</b> (19/043) should read 17 houses to be built	
19/055	<b>Public Participation relating to agenda items only</b> Parishioner 1: requested that someone from PC will attend village hall meeting. Jobs will be sorted at next meeting. JH will attend if no one else does. Key fob box for Village Hall was moved slightly due to defibrillator. Parishioner 2: Discussed Fen St application (3PL/2019/0231/O). Felt that by moving garages to side of houses it increased the urbanisation of the countryside. Wanted to highlight that Highway had concerns about the application but that Breckland were recommending approval despite the safety issues raised. As these were also issues the PC had highlighted to Breckland Council, would the PC change their view and support of the application? Parishioner 3: Discussed Fen St application (3PL/2019/0231/O). Apart from purchasing more land, which was not possible, there is little that can be done. A clear passing place will be created.  Cllr Askew: New District Councillor. Will provide update on crossing at Annual Parish Meeting (31 <sup>st</sup> May). Church Lane is proving difficult to sort but still working on it. Funding for Public Partnership is delayed but should be decided soon hopefully. AJ had been asked by a member of the public about the move of Banham Poultry to Bunn's Bank and therefore asked if OBPC be consulted. JH explained that it had already been approved but they had applied for an extension. Also newer technology should mean there would be no smell emitted.	
19/056	<b>To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests</b> None to record	
19/057	<b>Financial Matters</b> a) Balance in community account: £47,623.64  Balance in premium account: £2,878.92  Income received:	

	<p>Allotment Rent: £100  Breckland Council (comm car): £450  Donations for wood: £70</p> <p>Payments to be approved:  Norris &amp; Fisher (insurance renewal): £560.39 (last year £558.90)  Grants as agreed: £2,759.98  Rachel Noyes (clerk): £150  Gemini Accounting (RFO): £200  Spanglefish (website): £29.95  Enid Jolley (comm car): £40.50  JD Tree Services: £600  Ei Group (50% Gamekeeper car park): £426  Broadland Tree Services (xmas tree): £540  NALC (annual subscription): £241.36  L Gedge (Comm car): £21.60  J Frost (comm car): £33.75  TOTAL: £5,603.53</p> <p>Payments APPROVED (4 in favour, 1 abstained)</p> <p>Some invoices (e.g. xmas tree) have gone through to past clerks and have taken a while to come through. Ox and Plough rent to be chased up.</p>	DO
19/058	<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/2019/0287/F</b>  <b>PROPOSAL: Demolish Existing agricultural building and construct new residential dwelling</b>  <b>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Poplar Farm Fen Road Old Buckenham</b>  <b>APPLICANT: Mr Des Hunt</b></p> <p>Concerns were raised about the single land access to the site accommodating construction lorries. It was also highlighted that it is outside the village boundary (but within the Parish) and therefore would not count towards the 17 houses quota.  (in favour 1, against 3, abstain 1) AGAINST</p> <p><b>ii)</b>  <b>REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0333/F</b>  <b>PROPOSAL: Construction of two new dwelling houses and garages</b>  <b>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Site at Harlingwood Lane Old Buckenham</b>  <b>APPLICANT: Mrs Garrod</b></p> <p>Previous applications have been refused due to concerns from Highways. In particular, the junction to turn out of Harlingwood Lane is dangerous. There is also a pond on site as it was used to drain water away from a neighbouring field, but drainage has been factored in to the plans. BD felt that it was important to use these pockets of land in the village in order to limit the spread outwards with large</p>	

developments.  
(4 against, 1 abstain) AGAINST

iii)

**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

Lots of extensions done on house already. They are re-doing an existing extension.  
(in favour 5) IN FAVOUR

iv)

**REFERENCE:** 3PL/2019/0445/HOU

**PROPOSAL:** Demolish existing extensions & conservatory, erection of two storey extension on south elevation, erection of boundary fences and entrance gates

**LOCATION:** OLD BUCKENHAM: Loss Wroo, Orchard House Hargham Road Old Buckenham

**APPLICANT:** Sittingbourne Energy Ltd

Previous application approved by Council but then withdrawn. This is new application with addition of fences and gates.

(in favour 5) IN FAVOUR

v)

**REFERENCE:** 3PL/2019/0466/O

**PROPOSAL:** Outline Consent for the Erection of a Single Detached dwelling and Garage

**LOCATION:** OLD BUCKENHAM: Land to the rear of Church Farmhouse The Green Old Buckenham

**APPLICANT:** Mrs Susan Jacks

Will be a shared driveway with a 1½ storey house. Some residents concerned by traffic and being overlooked. JH explained that using the planning checklist for guidance, there wasn't anything to object to. This was outline consent only, and designs with windows etc would come later on. A member of the public highlighted that there was a row of tall trees at the back of the property in front which were not on the drawings which would prevent it being overlooked.

(in favour 5) IN FAVOUR as long as the trees are kept

vi)

**REFERENCE:** 3PL/2019/0231/O

**PROPOSAL:** Erection of four detached dwellings

**LOCATION:** Land to the north of Fen Street Old Buckenham

**APPLICANT:** Askew & Partners

**CASE OFFICER:** Lisa ODonovan

**AMENDMENT:** Forward garages removed

Application has been adapted. Original application was supported by the council as long as conditions regarding traffic safety and utilities were met. AJ felt that as these conditions have not been addressed the PC could not support it. SM also expressed disappointment that Breckland had not shown any positive engagement to find solutions to the issues raised (e.g. working with Sustrans for ideas for cyclists) and

	<p>highlighted that there was no safe way in/out of Fen St as all junctions were difficult. BD again highlighted the need to use the pockets of land available in the village and questioned whether 4 houses would make much difference to the existing traffic. He felt that construction and speed limits/cycle paths in the village were separate issues. (in favour 3, against 2) IN FAVOUR</p> <p><b>b) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council</b>  <b>REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0083/HOU</b>  <b>PROPOSAL: Two storey side extension &amp; internal alterations</b>  <b>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Manor Corner, The Green Old Buckenham</b>  <b>APPLICANT: Mr Paul Blaver</b>  <b>CASE OFFICER: Tom Donnelly</b>  <b>The above application has now been considered and the application has been REFUSED.</b></p> <p><b>REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0282/VAR</b>  <b>PROPOSAL: Variation of condition no 2 on 3PL/2017/0927/F</b>  <b>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>  <b>CASE OFFICER: Lisa ODonovan</b>  <b>The above application has now been considered and the application has been APPROVED.</b></p>	
19/059	<p><b>Clarification of Playground posts</b>  The wooden posts around the playground have been removed. As previously agreed, the council will not be paying for the installation of the posts. The £55 payment towards the reflectors has been returned and asked to be donated to Raise the Roof Fund. Highways has asked the Parishioner to restore the verge to its original state. JH and the Parishioner who installed the posts have had a discussion. Both parties agreed that they had had a conversation previously in which JH had said to send the paid invoice to the PC for discussion over possible part/full payment, however this was unlikely due to the work not being authorised previously by the PC. It was questioned why the paid invoice was addressed to the PC when they had not requested the work. Many Parishioners and Councillors felt the posts were a good idea and were disappointed to see Highways object to them and request their removal. It was particularly felt that Highways are quick to object to issues but slow or reluctant to improve things for villagers' safety. It was suggested that D Jacklin from Highways was invited to walk around the village with Councillors in order to highlight the many issues (speed limits, potholes etc).</p>	
19/060	<p><b>Green Lease</b>  Green Working Party were keen to extend the lease as they were pleased with how it has gone over last few years. Hasn't been passed on to PC yet for consultation. Once received, will look at details and discuss.</p>	
19/061	<p><b>Reports:</b>  <b>a) Chairman's Report</b>  Last week GF (and later the Clerk) received a phone call from a Parishioner who was rude and hung up on her. It was this abuse and pressurising from several Parishioners that was a contributing factor to GF resigning. Several Councillors and even their family members have had verbal abuse aimed at them in recent months.  <b>Parishioners need to remember that everyone volunteers their time for the Villages' benefit and no one has the right to be rude and abusive to the Councillors or their families.</b> The PC are happy to listen to concerns and help where possible as</p>	

	<p>long as they are spoken to in a polite and respectful manner. The Clerk should be the first form of contact and worth remembering that decisions are made by a whole Council and not individuals.</p> <p><b>b) Village Green Working Party</b> None</p> <p><b>c) Road Safety</b> None</p> <p><b>d) Play Area</b> Thanks to JH for cutting the grass around the playarea. Praise from several Councillors for how much their families enjoy using it.</p> <p><b>e) Recreation Area</b> AJ explained that AN has spoken to Mr Barker about cutting the grass in future. Next cut will wait until drier weather and also once the water from the leak from CGS has drained and corner marked off for Bee Orchids to grow.</p> <p><b>f) Councillors Reports</b>  <b>SM:</b> A Parishioner has spoken to him about the 40mph zone on Cake St. Highways has been contacted about speed limits in the village but not interested in changes.  <b>BD: i)</b> Requested a budget of £3,000 to repair and update phone box (quotes have been approx. £5,000). Budget approved subject to getting written quotes prior to work. Will hopefully progress this month. <b>ii)</b> Will be cutting the grass for Ox and Plough ready for TWT so will try and cut the Village Hall grass too.  <b>AJ: i)</b> Request for an allotment from someone who lives outside of OB. Usually £50 but as there's only 6 months left, reduced to £25. <b>ii)</b> A Parishioner has complained that the stones on Hargham Rd are difficult to walk on and untidy. <b>iii)</b> Phone mast is progressing: currently waiting for companies to install electricity to the site and then erect the mast.</p>	
19/062	<p><b>To consider items for next agenda</b>  Phone Box  Parish Council Working Parties  Neighbourhood Plan</p>	
19/063	<p><b>To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7.30pm to be held at Old Buckenham Village Hall</b>  Confirmed</p>	