

Old Buckenham Parish Council

**MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council
held on Thursday 5th September 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), T Cook (TC), G Frost (GF)

In Attendance: R Noyes (Clerk)

Also present: 4 members of the public

Minute		Action
19/106	Apologies for absence Apologies received from Cllrs D Oakley, M Farrington. B Devlin running late	
19/107	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2019 Approved (5 in favour, 1 abstain)	
19/108	To receive reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only No new information from County Broadband regarding numbers signed up. A lot of villages locally have been approached, yet the company can only work on 3 at a time.	
19/109	To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests None	
19/110	Public Participation relating to agenda items only i) A member of the public requested to know what the Green Committee had spent £5,300 on last financial year. The PC explained that any spending is stated in the Green Committee monthly minutes. JH to request a list at next Green Committee for the parishioner. ii) A big thank you to Dave Keable for a day's work tidying the village playground.	JH
19/111	Financial Matters a) Financial Report Community account balance: £40,156.18 b) Payments to be approved: S Barker: £90 I Kerridge (handyman): £262.00 Gemini Accounting: £200 R Noyes (salary): £150.00 L Gedge (comm car): £63.25 Wave Water: £26.09 J Frost (comm car): £34.20 TOTAL: £825.54 B Hibbert (bench bases): £546.00 (payed from Charity account) Payments APPROVED (6 in favour) Pension re-declaration completed Clarification given to PKF Littlejohn regarding differences on AGAR from last year.	
19/112	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

a) New Planning Applications

i) REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0739/HOU
PROPOSAL: First floor side flat roof extension
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: 4 Hargham Close Old Buckenham
APPLICANT: Grantchester Construction (Eastern) Limited

iii) REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0739/HOU
PROPOSAL: First floor side extension
LOCATION: 4 Hargham Close Old Buckenham
APPLICANT: Grantchester Construction (Eastern) Limited
CASE OFFICER: Sandra Bunning
AMENDMENT: Change flat roof to pitched

As i) and iii) are for same application they were voted on as one. APPROVED (6 in favour)

ii) REFERENCE: 3PN/2019/0042/UC
PROPOSAL: Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling (permitted development)
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Roughlands Farm, Grove Road Old Buckenham
APPLICANT: Mr R Richards

(BD arrived)

As the application fell within development, it was felt that the PC views would not be influential. APPROVED (4 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstain)

AN explained that the PC had previously voted against application and should have tried to show some consistency. Has been re-submitted using another example as evidence for their application.

b) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council

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 Baker
CASE OFFICER: Richard Laws

The above application has now been considered and the application has been APPROVED

ii) REFERENCE: 3PL/2019/0333/F
PROPOSAL: Construction of two new dwelling houses and garages
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Site at Harlingwood Lane Old Buckenham
APPLICANT: Mrs Garrod
CASE OFFICER: Tom Donnelly

The above application has been referred to the Planning Committee

The PC were informed by AJ and AN that this application had just been approved. While it was initially down for refusal, they had previously approved a site on Harlingwood Lane despite Highways objecting and so therefore approved this application too. It went through 8-2. Cllr S Askew spoke FOR the application (and was therefore not allowed to vote) and no-one spoke against the application. This is now 2 more houses off the village quota of 17.

19/113	<p>Allotments Parishioner who has informed PC of planned charity work at allotments unable to attend at last minute. Will attend next month to clarify. GF informed the PC that the beehive that was previously applied for has been placed on field behind the allotments and that the allotment has instead been used as a bit of a dumping ground. RN to write letter requesting improved care of plot. AJ raised the issue of allotment fees for the next year. Currently £40 a year for residents, £50 for non residents (half year fees of £20/£25). Propose to keep the same. APPROVED (7 in favour) as raising prices will deter people instead of encourage and already quite expensive. Need to highlight and advertise allotments to get more people in.</p>	RN
19/114	<p>Precept Grants Precept Meeting: 5th December Applications in by 21st November. Send to Parish Clerk. RN to collect and send out application forms.</p>	RN
19/115	<p>Action Log Action Log updated (see attached)</p>	
19/116	<p>Gamekeeper Update SM: Forms accepted by Breckland Council. Had a meeting with J Glen and currently trying to arrange meeting with all parishioners interested in helping. Had meetings with Redgrave and Garboldisham pubs and been using Pubs in the Hub Charity for advice. Financially, currently investigating possible option of ½ charity, ½ Ltd company. Looking at tax efficiency. Will be in contact with Ei soon to arrange visit.</p>	
19/117	<p>Highways New crossing of B1077 officially opened on Wednesday. Generally positively received by parishioners, particularly those with young children. There was concern by some about people having to cross Hargham Rd to reach the crossing but initial observations don't show it to be a problem. While it is not perfect, it's a big improvement. Thanks to T Cracknell, R Boggia, T Crook, L Womack, M Bartlett, T McCabe, Cllr S Askew and G Freeman MP for all their time and effort. Thanks in particular to Cllr S Askew for all his time and energy in getting a safe crossing to the village. RN to write a letter of thanks. Issues highlighted: one street light reflecting off pond into a nearby house. Highways aware and due to alter the angle. Some of the footpath leading towards the War Memorial has not been completed very well. Again, Highways aware and are due to come out and improve. A member of the public explained that during his conversations with villagers, the feedback was very positive and that the PC had done what they can to try and prevent any possible accidents for children crossing that road. Another Parishioner was disappointed to see such rudeness and negativity on Facebook post about the crossing and felt that people had forgotten that it was needed to help get children to/from school safely. Also highlighted that the visual impact of a traffic light crossing seemed to be causing cars to drive slower generally through the village. SAM 2 sign (mobile electronic speed display) due in 4-6 weeks. Still waiting to hear back from D Jacklin of Highways to agree locations. Suggested locations are Abbey Rd, Attleborough Rd as you enter village, Hargham Rd, CakeSt. JH offered to have it placed at the end of his garden additionally. Locations will be changed weekly. 2 batteries to allow continuous monitoring. Will log data of all cars, which can be used to notify police if needs be. A resident has been asked politely if they could cut back their garden hedge which is overgrown and reducing visibility on an already dangerous corner. The resident was uncooperative and therefore the PC will write a letter. If that is ignored, then Highways will have to be notified.</p>	RN

19/118	<p>Reports:</p> <p>a) Chairman's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 extra defibrillators have previously been approved by PC. Will order this month. 1 to be placed on Church Rooms, opposite playground. 2nd will hopefully be placed by Church on Hargham Rd, but need to liaise about exact location. AN highlighted that there is also now a defibrillator at the cricket ground. • Poppy collectors required <p>b) Village Green Working Party None</p> <p>c) Road Safety See 19/117 Highways above</p> <p>d) Play Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playdale have suggested replacing the rope bridge with a wooden one as it is safer for smaller children. Waiting to hear back about estimated cost. • Path is all broken up and first quote requested was dismissed as too small for company. Village Handyman to liaise with JH about re-paving path and replacing bins. • Highways aware of missing drain cover, yet still not replaced it. Will chase up. • Bark chippings are proving difficult to maintain and surrounding wood rotting away. Will investigate alternatives, such as sand or mesh and longer grass. <p>e) Recreation Area Grass has just been cut again. Cars parking in Village Hall car park are hitting the fences and therefore causing them to become unstable. Village Handyman to repair and improve stability and also cut back vegetation growing on to path leading to Primary School.</p> <p>f) Councillors Reports BD: i) Cars are parking and rubbish being dumped by Prince Harry Wood, just before St Andrews Close. Cars are starting to cause a lot of damage to grass, which will get worse as winter weather approaches. RN to write letter to Breckland Council (as land not owned by PC) highlighting the problem and requesting preventative measures. RN to also write letter to Cotman Houses requesting their residents do not leave litter in the wooded area. ii) Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 27th September at OB Café 9:30am. Cake donations welcomed. SM: Stream that travels through Staksford is being blocked up. This is likely to lead to flooding over winter months. RN to contact East Harling Internal Drainage Board about clearing up. GF: Village Litter Pick Sunday 22nd September AJ: Remembrance Sunday Service will take place at War Memorial this year as Church will be closed for work on its roof. Request that work to repair and paint the railings surrounding the War Memorial be delayed till after the Service in order to prevent it looking a mess.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>RN</p> <p>RN</p>
19/119	<p>To consider items for next agenda</p> <p>New PC laptop Policies/Standing Orders Neighbourhood Plan</p>	
19/120	<p>To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 3rd October 2019 at 7.30pm to be held at Old Buckenham Village Hall</p> <p>Confirmed</p>	