

**Old Buckenham Parish Council**

**MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council  
held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 at 7:30pm via Zoom**

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

In Attendance: R Noyes (Clerk), Cllr S Askew

Also present: 10 members of the public

Minute		Action																				
20.07.01	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b> AN sends his apologies. BD not present. Note: JH Chaired the meeting (not SM as stated in Agenda)</p>																					
20.07.02	<p><b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b> APPROVED (4 in favour, 1 abstain)</p>																					
20.07.03	<p><b>To receive reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only</b> None</p>																					
20.07.04	<p><b>To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests</b> None</p>																					
20.07.05	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <p><b>a) Financial Report</b> Community account balance: £34,864.46</p> <p><b>b) Payments to be approved:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">R Noyes</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 211.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gemini</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A Nicholls goal post reimburse</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 1,143.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S Barker</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 90.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>I Kerridge</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 205.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Gedge comm car</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 29.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NALC</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 239.83</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G Frost green survey reimburse</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 96.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Brewer survey printing reimburse</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL:</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£ 2,242.01</b></td> </tr> </table> <p>The last two payments (for the Green Survey) are to be taken from the Green budget. Payments APPROVED (5 in favour)</p>	R Noyes	£ 211.50	Gemini	£ 200.00	A Nicholls goal post reimburse	£ 1,143.99	S Barker	£ 90.00	I Kerridge	£ 205.00	L Gedge comm car	£ 29.70	NALC	£ 239.83	G Frost green survey reimburse	£ 96.99	R Brewer survey printing reimburse	£ 25.00	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£ 2,242.01</b>	
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20.07.06	<p><b>Public Participation relating to agenda items only</b> Cllr Askew: Have been posting reports from Breckland Council on Facebook page. Big thank you to all village helpers during this time.</p>																					
20.07.07	<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>i)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0495/TDC PROPOSAL: Technical details consent for erection of 4 dwellings (permission in principle</p>																					

reference 3PL/2019/1257/PIP)

LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Land to west of 22 Fen Street  
APPLICANT: B & D Developers Limited

Having taken the time to review the application and the technical details, which included replacing any hedgerow that was removed and supporting wildlife post build, the PC could see no problems with the application. Cllrs highlighted that the PIP had been granted and therefore this application was for technical details only. Propose to support APPROVED (5 in favour)

ii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0493/HOU  
PROPOSAL: New detached double garage to front of property.  
Single storey extension to rear of existing garage.  
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Redbourne House, Abbey Road  
APPLICANT: Marrison Agriculture Limited

There were no objections to the application. Propose to support. APPROVED (5 in favour)

iii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0550/LB  
PROPOSAL: Brick repairs to walls, oak lintel repairs over openings and repairs to the Mill cap.  
Ground floor replacement and removal of cement render. Minor timber repairs to intermediate floor structures.  
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Windmill, Mill Road  
APPLICANT: Mrs Amanda Rix

There were no objections to the application. Propose to support. APPROVED (5 in favour)

iv)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0580/F  
PROPOSAL: Erection of straw barn.  
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Scales Farm, Road From Stacksford Lane To Hargham Road  
APPLICANT: Askew & Partners

There were no objections to the application. Propose to support. APPROVED (5 in favour)

v)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0578/O  
PROPOSAL: Outline application for 5 residential dwellings  
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Land west of Attleborough Road, north of the prop East View  
APPLICANT: CW Hilton and Partners

Firstly, it was highlighted that the application was outside the settlement boundary of the village. OB has a housing target of 17 additional properties and has already met this target. The site was initially put forward to be included in the Local Plan, but was dismissed due to its impact on the historic environment. There was great concern from Cllrs and residents about road safety at the site. The original traffic survey was completed during Lockdown and produced unrealistic data of the volume and speed of traffic. Breckland Council has now stated that any survey completed in this period would not be useable. Road safety concerns included a lot of accidents in that area, being near a bend and vehicles frequently travelling above the speed limit as they enter the village. Additionally, there is no space to

build a footpath and so there would be an increase in people crossing the road to access village facilities. JH wished to highlight that there had been a lot of opinions online about this specific application, but then very little interest in other applications in the village. He also reminded residents that the PC is only one consultee and he encouraged all residents to submit their opinions for all applications on the Breckland Planning website. Propose to object APPROVED (5 in favour)

vi)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0585/HOU  
PROPOSAL: Erection of an outdoor Oak wooden gazebo structure with pantile roof.  
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: 5 Hargham Road  
APPLICANT: Mrs Lucia Roberts

There were no objections to the application. Propose to support. APPROVED (5 in favour)

vii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0636/HOU  
PROPOSAL: 1st floor extension and ground floor infill creating a 1.1/2 storey dwelling with annex accommodation.(revised scheme)  
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: 17 Hargham Road Old Buckenham

There were no objections to the application. Propose to support. APPROVED (5 in favour)

#### **b) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council**

The following applications have now been considered and prior approval has been given

i)REFERENCE: 3PN/2020/0014/UC  
PROPOSAL: Prior approval for change of use from agricultural to C3 residential use under Class Q(a) only.  
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Old Buckenham Country Park, Doe Lane  
APPLICANT: Mr Ben Devlin  
CASE OFFICER: Naomi Minto

ii)REFERENCE: 3PN/2020/0017/UC  
PROPOSAL: Prior approval for Conversion of existing agricultural building to single dwelling The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) -Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q  
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Poplar Farm, Fen Road  
APPLICANT: D & S Hunt  
CASE OFFICER: Fiona Hunter

The following applications have now been considered and the applications have been APPROVED

iii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0461/LB and 3PL/2020/0460/HOU  
PROPOSAL: Infill Extension.  
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Buckenham Priory, Abbey Road  
APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Ironmonger  
CASE OFFICER: Sandra Bunning

iv)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0117/PIP  
PROPOSAL: Permission in principle for the erection of 4 dwellings (Town and Country Planning) Permission in Principle (amendment) Order 2017  
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Land to the west of 49 Hargham Road

	APPLICANT: Mr Stephen Askew CASE OFFICER: Rebecca Collins	
20.07.08	<p><b>Development of OB</b></p> <p>Whenever a controversial Planning Application comes through, there is a lot of debate centred around how OB will develop. JH asked all members of the public present what their personal views were. The following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Like village as it is, don't want any more houses built</li> <li>• Can't stop future development</li> <li>• Concern about Attleborough boundary edging closer</li> <li>• Need for housing, particularly smaller family homes</li> <li>• PC can sometimes be inconsistent – JH reminded of the “tick list” used to assess applications. Will re-issue to Cllrs.</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Plan will not stop all development but could give stronger arguments for/against some applications</li> <li>• Need to develop facilities, particularly for young people</li> <li>• If you want facilities, you need development</li> <li>• Developers just keep coming – PC should be tougher</li> <li>• Government are very “Pro” development and therefore Breckland is under a lot of pressure to approve applications</li> <li>• Planning system is complicated and unfair</li> <li>• Environmental impact of the houses needs to be considered for sustainable houses and development</li> </ul> <p>The PC have previously approved writing a NP. When there is more freedom of movement and people are able to meet in person, the PC will again look and decide the best course of action regarding a NP.</p>	
20.07.09	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <p>SM has started reviewing all the aspects that have been highlighted previously. Will complete and send to Cllrs so that they can add their own feedback and decisions can be made about best steps forward.</p>	SM
20.07.10	<p><b>Action Plan Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 defibrillator locations have been confirmed, just been waiting out this period until a tradesman could be arranged.</li> <li>• Need to continue reviewing Policies</li> <li>• (Some update from Reports below)</li> </ul>	
20.07.11	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p><b>a) Chairman's Report</b> None</p> <p><b>b) Village Green Working Party (VGWP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some villagers feel unformed about contents of Green Report. RN to make clearer in Agendas.</li> <li>• Residents of Almshouses are unhappy with the Pound being left uncut. PC and GWP looked at initial reasons behind decision (wildflowers left to seed, rotating areas every year, feedback from residents) and decide to leave grass uncut until Autumn, as initially planned. RN and G Frost to write letter to residents of the Almshouses explaining decision.</li> <li>• UK Power Networks have written to GWP to request permission to access a small area of cables under edge of Green. Routine request, G Frost will authorise.</li> </ul> <p><b>c) Road Safety</b> New location for SAM sign on Cake St. Need to purchase new battery for mobile SAM sign. Reminder to people to drive safely and within limits as there has been a</p>	<p>RN</p> <p>RN &amp; G Frost</p>

	<p>large increase in speed during lockdown, but roads are getting busier again.</p> <p><b>d) Play Area</b>  Work has started. Rubber pellets are due to be delivered next week and should hopefully be finished soon after. Safety Inspection can be arranged quickly after completion. Breckland Council have advised not to open playground unless someone is present at all times to ensure Social Distancing. RN to contact about emptying Playground bins.</p> <p><b>e) Recreation Area</b>  Goal posts and nets delivered. Due to install next week. Will then look at planting fruit trees around boundary to help contain footballs and also provide a small orchard for the village. Grass will continue to be cut/rolled when possible.</p> <p><b>f) Councillors Reports</b>  <b>TC:</b> Rules for safely opening VH are very strict. Will meet and discuss this month how to implement the rules. JH cut grass at VH. Volunteer from village has offered to do so in the future, with possible contributions towards fuel.</p>	<p>JH RN</p> <p>JH</p>
20.07.12	<p><b>To consider items for next agenda</b>  Communications  Neighbourhood Plan</p>	
20.07.13	<p><b>To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm to be held via Zoom</b>  Confirmed</p>	