

Old Buckenham Parish Council

**MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council
held on Thursday 2nd June 2020 at 7:30pm via Zoom**

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

In Attendance: R Noyes (Clerk)

Also present: 5 members of the public

Minute		Action
20.06.01	Apologies for absence BD not present.	
20.06.02	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2020 The amount to be paid to support the Village Newsletter is £300, not £200 as stated in previous minutes. Propose to accept APPROVED (6 in favour)	
20.06.03	To receive reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only None	
20.06.04	To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests None	
20.06.05	Financial Matters a) Financial Report Community account balance: £34,524.56 b) Payments to be approved: Gemini Accounting (fees): £300 R Noyes (salary and expenses): £211.50 I Kerridge: £130.00 S Barker: £90.00 D Kessler: £37.80 TOTAL: £769.30 Payments APPROVED (6 in favour) Thank you to DO for completing the accounts. They will be reviewed next month.	
20.06.06	Public Participation relating to agenda items only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Village Newsletter has been printed to cover whole village again. Distribution has been helped by the volunteers in the village. • Enquiry about access to Chapel Green MUGA: JH explained that his initial plan for access wasn't approved by Headteacher. She had alternative idea but initial estimates of costs are very high. JH is struggling to find a compromise that is reasonable in cost. As it stated in the original planning application that the facilities would be available to the village, the PC are keen to find a solution. There is a Governors Meeting at the school on 9th July. RN to write to Chair of Governors and Headteacher to be discussed at that meeting. 	RN
20.06.07	OB during Covid-19 Update IT issues meant Terri Hammond was unable to join meeting for update. A member of the public who is one of the volunteers explained that the system is working well and trips are routinely made for food/prescriptions/care home trips/etc.	

	The Councillors wished to express their thanks again to everyone involved with looking after the vulnerable residents of the village.	
20.06.08	OBPC Communications Councillors and residents have not had opportunity to meet again before the meeting. Will meet soon and update next month with a plan of action.	SM
20.06.09	Attracting New Councillors (MF left meeting due to technical issues) The PC want to look at how to attract new Cllrs to the PC. It is highlighted that it would be good to have some younger residents on the PC to help represent the views of families, with a possible focus sport/health/fitness. At present, the PC is all male so female Councillors would be good too. An advert will be used in Village Newsletter and noticeboard. Several members of the PC felt that they should be making more effort as Cllrs to meet up with groups and individuals to build up a relationship, improve communication and to explain how to become a Cllr. While everyone appreciates that this is not possible at the moment, RN will compile a list of groups within the village that Cllrs can attend to meet residents, once restrictions are fully lifted.	RN
20.06.10	SAM sign Notebook A small notebook computer is needed in order to download and store the traffic data from the new SAM sign. Cost is approx. £300. APPROVED (6 in favour)	SM/JH
20.06.11	Trees on the Green Green Working Party (GWP) have had 80 trees donated by NWT. NWT have advised on suitable locations. GWP propose 20 oak trees in existing woodland opposite Hovis House to replace damaged, dead and removed trees and a total of 30 Field Maple and 30 Hornbeam trees on the Pound and behind the bus shelter. JH highlighted the need to consider the cost of maintaining these trees in the future, as the Oak trees will require coppicing every 10 years, which will be paid for by the PC. Last year, over £3000 was spent on the Green, due to a lot of tree work. A lot of Cllrs were keen to highlight the environmental benefits the trees would bring. Trees absorb a large amount of CO2 from the atmosphere and therefore there was a strong feeling that we should be encouraging tree planting. TC suggested that the large spend on the trees last year was due to the lack of maintenance over the years and therefore if the PC planned a strategy for maintenance and saved some money each year, then it would not be such a large amount in one go. It is proposed that Breckland Tree Officer is invited to provide an independent view on how many trees should be planted and possible locations. RN to contact. APPROVED (4 in favour, 1 abstain)	RN
20.06.12	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/2020/0436/F PROPOSAL: Further holiday cabin / caretaker accommodation. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: The New Stables, Grove Road APPLICANT: Mr Paul Boggia Applicant requires cabin to be part time accommodation for on-site caretaker of business as they are often away (approx. 6-9months). This will also provide extra	

security and then the remainder of the time it will be a further holiday cabin for the business. Propose to support APPROVED (2 in favour, 3 abstain)

ii)REFERENCE: 3PN/2020/0017/UC
PROPOSAL: Conversion of existing agricultural building to single dwelling.
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Poplar Farm, Fen Road
APPLICANT: D & S Hunt

Previously rejected due to Highways concerns. They are now supporting this new application. Land is no longer classed as agricultural. Propose to Support APPROVED (4 in favour, 1 abstain)

iii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0437/F
PROPOSAL: Change of use of parcel of land to rear of existing residential unit to residential curtilage and erection of a rear extension, comprising of garage bays to the ground floor and 2no bedrooms to the first floor and terrace at the rear.
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Haresfield, The Old Yard
APPLICANT: EPB Developments Ltd

Land is only allowed one dwelling on it, therefore extending that one property. Not overlooked by anyone. Propose to support APPROVED (2 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstain)

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

LB that is controlled by English Heritage. Same footprint as a building that existed previously. Historic Officer has no objections. English Heritage are likely to monitor materials, design etc. Propose to support APPROVED (5 in favour)

v)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0495/TDC
PROPOSAL: Technical details consent for erection of 4 dwellings (permission in principle reference 3PL/2019/1257/PIP)
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Land to west of 22 Fen Street
APPLICANT: B & D Developers Limited

PIP has been approved with a long list of recommendations, including replanting of hedge and no removal of trees on site. As the application came through quite late the Cllrs did not have much time to go through the detailed list and evaluate the plans. The opinions of other consultees have not been uploaded yet. Several local residents have contacted PC with objections. Propose to request extension to the deadline in order to fully understand plans, conditions of PIP approval and gather more information APPROVED (5 in favour)

b) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council

The following application has now been considered and the application has been APPROVED.

	<p>i)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0379/HOU PROPOSAL: Removal of garage; new side and rear extension. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: 5 Oaklands APPLICANT: Mr James Alexander CASE OFFICER: Sandra Bunning</p>	
20.06.13	<p>Reports:</p> <p>a) Chairman’s Report Many enquiries about a traffic survey being completed on Attleborough Rd near beginning of lockdown. Was being completed for a potential Planning Application in the area. When asked about PC opinion on a development there which would be outside the village boundary, Cllrs explained that they can not judge an application location before it has been submitted.</p> <p>b) Village Green Working Party (VGWP) See Minute 20.06.11 above.</p> <p>c) Road Safety Concerns raised by a resident about cars using track between Clinic and School as a road and driving very fast. As track is maintained by Highways, PC are unable to do much however they recommended contacting Highways themselves to complain and encouraged other residents nearby to do the same. SAM Sign post on Cake St is being installed by village handyman.</p> <p>d) Play Area Company providing rubber pellets has been unable to fulfil the order and will provide refund. Contractor has been unable to complete the work. Therefore contractor will be providing a refund to the PC and copies of all expenditure to RFO. New order of rubber pellets has been made and should hopefully be delivered in 10 working days. Many people in village have offered to complete the job and JH has organised a new contractor.</p> <p>e) Recreation Area Grass was cut and rolled however too dry to make much impact. Will roll again when softer. Grass will be cut regularly. AN will order new goal posts as companies are now starting to open up again. Bin is full and requires emptying.</p> <p>f) Councillors Reports None</p>	
20.06.14	<p>Action Plan Not enough to time – will review next month</p>	
20.06.15	<p>To consider items for next agenda Communications Action Plan update</p>	
20.06.16	<p>To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 2nd July at 7.30pm via Zoom Confirmed</p>	