

Old Buckenham Parish Council

**MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council
held on Thursday 5th November 2020 at 7:30pm via Zoom**

Present: Councillors S Milner (SM)(Vice-Chair), A Joel (AJ), T Cook (TC), A Nicholls (AN), N Bailey (NB)
In Attendance: R Noyes (Clerk)
Also present: 3 members of the public

Minute		Action
20.11.01	Apologies for absence JH sent his apologies. MF absent. BD joined late.	
20.11.02	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2020 APPROVED (5 in favour)	
20.11.03	To receive reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only None	
20.11.04	To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests None	
20.11.05	Financial Matters a) Financial Report Community account balance: £38,215.68 b) Payments to be approved: Gemini Accounting (fees): £200 D Oakley (newsletter paper): £491.04 R Noyes (salary and expenses): £240.28 R Curtis (comm car medical): £55.00 I Kerridge: £195 E Jolley: £29.70 TOTAL: £960.26 Payments APPROVED (5 in favour) Emergency Tree work paid for: £600 Charity Account Annual Return submitted	
20.11.06	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook page set up. Has been well received and has already been used to notify us of a small maintenance issue in the village • Suggestion of putting a profile of each Cllr in the Parish Magazine. Will start with Chairman • Bench request in the memory of Bill Wardman by daughter. Currently looking at suitable location and bench designs. • Several questions received about Weather Radar. Just to inform people that a planning application has not been received yet. • S Askew informed Clerk that the Highways Ranger scheme is still operational and the PC can email any work that needs doing. • George Freeman MP has written asking for opinions on Covid response and planning reforms. Cllrs to email Clerk opinions and will be collated in to a response. 	All RN

20.11.07	Action Plan Update No updates this month. Village handyman due to complete several maintenance tasks.	
20.11.08	<p>Reports:</p> <p>a) Chairman's Report None</p> <p>b) Village Green Working Party (VGWP) None. Green has been cut.</p> <p>c) Road Safety Several Cllrs raised concern about the number of lorries using the minor roads and exceeding weight limits following temporary closure of B1077. Farm vehicles have also been stopping on roads for loading without a warning signs. Clerk to contact S Askew</p> <p>d) Play Area Still open during lockdown. Playdale were booked to attend but will now not come out to during lockdown. Toddler area bin is not being emptied as company don't have key. RN to chase up.</p> <p>e) Recreation Area Lines not painted yet. AN to chase up.</p> <p>f) Councillors Reports TC: Village Hall closed during lockdown again AJ: Bin in VH car park needs emptying again AN: Would be good to know Pub's plans so that we can support them.</p>	<p>RN</p> <p>RN</p> <p>AN</p>
20.11.09	Public Participation relating to agenda items only None	
20.11.10	County Broadband Cabinet Location County Broadband are looking to place a cabinet on the corner of the Green with Mill Road and have asked for PC feedback. Cllrs could not see any problems with the location. RN to inform Green Working Group.	
20.11.11	Covid-19 update and preparedness for winter Terri Hammond provided an update on the village group of volunteers. Previous volunteers have been contacted and most are happy to reprise the roles in helping those in the community that are isolating/shielding. A message has been put in Village magazine and just trying to get the message out that help is available if you need it. Main job is prescription runs and they are in communication with Doctor surgeries for this. Breckland are also in contact. AJ also highlighted that the community car is available. There was concern about people feeling lonely and if there was anything that could be done to help support them. Terri explained that they have been told by Breckland to look out for those struggling and they will referred to the correct support. Thanks to Old Buckenham 2000 Trust who are, once again, helping the volunteers with the finances before reclaiming from the residents.	
20.11.12	Parish Paths Articles in Village Newsletter have been well received and have had some useful feedback already from both walkers and landowners. One common issue is unclear/missing signs. New signs needed from the roads and also along the footpaths. This would incur a small partial cost to the PC. Propose for PC to commit (in principle) to improving signage and footpaths in the Parish. APPROVED (5 in favour)	
20.11.13	Chapel Green MUGA School are unable to provide money for the access to the MUGA as it is pupil money and so has to be spent on the children. The main issue is providing access to MUGA while ensuring security of the school. Initial quotes were very high. There is no lighting of the MUGA which would severely limit its use in the evenings, particularly in the winter months. Can the high	

	<p>costs be justified if it can only be used on the weekend? PC has previously looked at getting its own MUGA (possibly on the Recreation ground). A feasibility study would give clearer understanding of the situation. AN to investigate a quote for MUGA.</p>	AN
20.11.14	<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)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/1092/HOU PROPOSAL: Single Storey Side & Rear Extensions, Conversion of Garage to Provide Additional Accommodation, Front Porch & Render to Existing External Walls. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: 59 Fen Street APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Sparling</p> <p>No objections. Propose to support APPROVED (5 in favour)</p> <p>ii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/1076/TDC PROPOSAL: Technical Details Consent for erection of one dwelling and garage (Permission in Principle reference 3PL/2019/1258/PIP). LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Land between Willow Cottage and Priest Hill Cottage Fen Street APPLICANT: L Devlin Developments Limited</p> <p>No objections. Propose to accept APPROVED (5 in favour)</p> <p>iii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/1075/F PROPOSAL: Change of use of agricultural land to garden. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Land to rear of development plot between Willow Cottage and Fen Street APPLICANT: L Devlin Developments Ltd</p> <p>Large garden extension proposed. A resident questioned the depth of the ecological study. Old pipeline runs underneath proposed extension but is no longer in use. Proposed extension would surround neighbouring property. Propose to OPPOSE but would support a smaller extension or ensure there is a restriction on development on area labelled Paddock/Orchard APPROVED (4 in favour, 1 against)</p> <p>b) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council The following application has now been considered and the application has been APPROVED.</p> <p>REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0979/HOU PROPOSAL: Removal of the existing single-storey extension, new two-storey extension, replacement windows and new external cladding. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Tall Trees, New Buckenham Road APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Nick Clarke CASE OFFICER: Sandra Bunning</p>	

	<p>The following applications have been withdrawn:</p> <p>REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0326/F and 3PL/2020/0327/LB PROPOSAL: Convert the existing barn into one dwelling and to build two new dwellings with a new access to service the three dwellings. LOCATION: West View Farm, The Green APPLICANT: The Cousins CASE OFFICER: Tom Donnelly</p> <p>AJ queried if OB was due any s.106 payments. RN to contact Breckland to enquire.</p> <p>BD Joined the meeting.</p>	RN
20.11.15	<p>To consider items for next agenda Precept</p>	
20.11.16	<p>To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 3rd December 2020 at 7.30pm to be held via Zoom Confirmed</p>	
20.11.06	<p>The meeting to be closed to the Public and Press in order to discuss a personnel matter Propose to close the meeting to the public and press. APPROVED (6 in favour)</p>	