

Old Buckenham Parish Council

**MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council
held on Thursday 1st April 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom**

Present: Councillors S Milner (SM)(Vice Chairman), A Joel (AJ), T Cook (TC), A Nicholls (AN), N Bailey (NB)

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

Also present: 2 members of the public

Minute		Action
21.04.01	Apologies for absence MF and JH send their apologies. BD absent.	
21.04.02	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2021 In 21.03.11 it should read that Stuart Baker had offered to help cut the recreation ground grass. APPROVED (5 in favour)	
21.04.03	To receive reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only None	
21.04.04	To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests None	
21.04.05	Financial Matters a) Financial Report Community account balance £31,199.21 VAT claim made for £1,095.99 b) Payments to be approved: R Noyes £211.50 Gemini £200.00 NALC subs £239.83 Spanglefish (website) £29.95 Playdale (Inspection) £234.00 Palydale (Toddler swings) £927.31 Ion Networks (VH Security Camera) £1,593.60 TOTAL: £3,436.19	
21.04.06	Public Participation relating to agenda items only None	
21.04.07	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/2021/0429/VAR PROPOSAL: Variation of Condition No's 2 & 3 on 3PL/2020/1334/F (Erection of a single agricultural building and new vehicular access) LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: The New Agricultural Barn Land Adjacent to The Roughlands Farm Grove Road APPLICANT: Louis Richards	

	<p>Cllrs could see no issues with the proposed variations. Propose to Support APPROVED (5 in favour)</p> <p>b) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council</p> <p>The following applications have now been considered and the applications have been APPROVED</p> <p>i)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/1334/F PROPOSAL: Erection of a single agricultural building and new vehicular access. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Land off Banham Road, Old Buckenham APPLICANT: Louis Richards CASE OFFICER: Sandra Bunning</p> <p>ii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/0102/HOU PROPOSAL: Construction of Swimming Pool and Erection of Pool Building including gym, changing room and lounge area. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: 64 Fen Street Old Buckenham APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs P Robinson CASE OFFICER: Sandra Bunning</p> <p>iii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/0327/HOU PROPOSAL: Creation of first floor addition to existing single storey annexe which is part of main dwelling. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Downmore Farm House Banham Road Old Buckenham APPLICANT: Mr Chris Kerry</p> <p>The following application has now been WITHDRAWN</p> <p>i)REFERENCE: FUL/2019/0010 PROPOSAL: Change of use of existing waste processing/composting facility to a HCL waste processing and recycling facility to produce RDF (Refuse Derived Fuel) and SRF (Solid Recovered Fuel) grade material LOCATION: Double Banks Farm, Old Buckenham Road, Carleton Rode, NR16 1NH</p>	
21.04.08	<p>VH Security Camera</p> <p>TC passed on the thanks of everyone on the Village Hall committee for the installation of a new Security Camera system. Thanks also to Stewart Ramsey for his professional, quick and efficient service. The new cameras cover a large area and enhanced area. Was quite a big job as it involved re-wiring and setting up the new system. It should provide excellent support and prevention against anti-social behaviour which has been a problem in the car park in recent weeks. There has not been any such behaviour occurring since the installation.</p>	
21.04.09	<p>Parish Partnership Scheme (PPS)</p> <p>Our application for the PPS has been approved. The final cost is broken down as follows: Total Cost: £14,5000 NCC contribution: £7,250 Members Fund Contribution: £3,500 Parish Contribution: £3,750 A big thank you to County Cllr Steve Askew for his very generous donation of £3,500 towards the project from his Cllrs Personal Budget. This has significantly reduced the</p>	

	<p>amount the PC have to pay and S Askew has been vital in driving the project forward at a great pace. There will be two “wig wag” (flashing 20mph) signs placed on Abbey road (one before the bend as you approach the schools and one from the opposite direction) and also a rough footpath cut into the edge of the turning island outside the High School to help encourage pedestrians to cross at one spot and away from the blind corner. Cllr Askew was happy to help support the project and was able to give that amount due to the increase in his Cllrs Personal Budget.</p> <p>Propose to approve payment for the project APPROVED (5 in favour)</p>	
21.04.10	<p>Green Cutting</p> <p>The Village Green Working Party require approval for a quote of £1000 to cut the grass on the Green this year. The cut will happen twice a year (exact timings are dependent on the weather). This is a discounted price and the VGWP have struggled to get another quote as no one wants the job. The grass is of poor quality due to weeds etc and so has no value. Cllrs were of the opinion that if the VGWP felt that this was a good deal, then they should listen to their advice and accept the cost. Propose to approve payment APPROVED (5 in favour)</p>	
21.04.11	<p>Reports:</p> <p>a) Chairman’s Report None</p> <p>b) Clerk’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Liability Certificates for workers on the Green were raised in previous meeting. Most have been collected, remaining will be chased. • Location chosen for the memorial bench for Bill Wardman. It will be in front of the middle of the Almshouses. Once family agree with the location, work will start on plinth. There will need to be some gradation of the soil so that it is easily accessible. • Brownies Leader sent her thanks for sending the Grant early. It helped significantly and stopped the unit having to close. • Highways issues that were raised last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Posts in front of ditch by Stud have been fixed - Posts by Manor Pond have been inspected and will be fixed soon - Cake St sign was deemed to still be acceptable by Highways and so will not be replaced • Will return to face-to-face meetings from our June Meeting onwards. RN and JH will work with the VH to ensure it is covid-safe. • Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected next meeting. <p>c) Village Green Working Party (VGWP) None</p> <p>d) Road Safety SAM Sign has been moved to Attleborough Rd. Will look in to setting up Speedwatch Groups as restrictions are eased.</p> <p>e) Play Area Swings and inspection ordered. Tractor is also very run down and requiring attention. JH has looked at replacing tractor with one from Playdale. Awaiting final quote but to buy, deliver and install but it could be over £4000. Cllrs felt this was very high and wanted to look at other options and also look at raising funds for the playground. NB will investigate fundraising ideas.</p> <p>f) Recreation Area Grass had been cut but not sure who did it. Lines for football pitch will now need to be painted.</p> <p>g) Councillors Reports</p>	<p>RN</p> <p>RN JH</p> <p>JH RN NB</p> <p>AN BD</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Cllr S Askew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most of the potholes that he has been made aware of have been filled in. There are just a few more to go. Grove Rd has potholes that needs attention. - Road approaching Primary School is getting in a bad state. This road has an agreement between Highways and Parish Council from the 1970s that states maintenance is paid for 50/50. Cllr Askew will enquire with Highways. • TC: Attended a Webinar about Green Ways which was very useful and informative. There will be significant amounts of money assigned to improving Green Ways across the country and there may be up to £1.6million for Norfolk. This will include Public Rights of Way, cycle paths, bridleways etc. We need to start thinking if and how we could bid into best use this money and what improvements need to be made. Also, how can we encourage younger generations to get actively involved in these improvements and looking after the countryside in general? 	
21.04.12	To consider items for next agenda Village Handyman?	
21.04.13	To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 6th May 2021 at 7.30pm to be held via Zoom Confirmed	