

Old Buckenham Parish Council

**MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council
held on Thursday 4th February 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom**

Present: Councillors J Hicks (JH)(Chair), S Milner (SM), A Joel (AJ), T Cook (TC), A Nicholls (AN), N Bailey (NB), B Devlin (BD)
In Attendance: R Noyes (Clerk), Cllr S Askew
Also present: 5 members of the public

Minute		Action
21.02.01	Apologies for absence MF sends his apologies	
21.02.02	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2021 Correction: 21.01.10 should read March Field Way APPROVED (7 in favour)	
21.02.03	To receive reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only None	
21.02.04	To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests Change of employment for JH	
21.02.05	Financial Matters a) Financial Report Community account balance £33,004.23 Allotment rent received (included in above) £80. b) Payments to be approved: R Noyes (salary and expenses): £231.47 Gemini Accounting: £200.00 R Curtis (comm car): £26.55 D Kessler (comm car): £95.40 NALC training: £72.00 TOTAL: £625.42 Payments APPROVED (7 in favour)	
21.02.06	Public Participation relating to agenda items only Public commented during individual agenda items	
21.02.07	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/2020/1500/F and 3PL/2020/1501/LB PROPOSAL: Convert the existing barn into one dwelling to include the demolition of adjoining existing hen house and erection of side extension and the creation of a new access. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: West View Farm, The Green APPLICANT: The Cousins	

There was some concern about the ability for vehicles to turn in/out of the property on a small access road. Propose to support APPROVED (7 in favour)

ii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/0091/F
PROPOSAL: Erection of a 24.46m high radar tower and associated comms cabin (portakabin).
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Part of Anglian Water Drilling Unit site Abbey Road Old Buckenham
APPLICANT: Hickman & Smith Architects

Councillors observed several issues with the application and associated reports:

- There was very little mention or consideration of the rare bat species we have in the area and how they might be affected by the Radar.
- Many of the nearest residents had not been consulted directly despite claims that a full consultation had taken place.
- There was not a thorough visual impact assessment from the neighbouring property or any definitive suggestions of how the structure could be screened from sight.
- Some of the neighbouring parishes have yet again, not been consulted despite OB highlighting it during the original application.

In addition to these issues, the application has only been classed as a 'Minor' application, rather than a 'Major' one and has been given to a Junior Planning Officer, rather than a more Senior one.

County Cllr S Askew has requested that the application be taken to the Chairman's Panel, so that he may request it to be taken before the Planning Committee.

Neighbouring residents have raised the issue with CPRE and Natural England themselves and are awaiting responses.

Propose to Object APPROVED (7 in favour)

PC to consult with Natural England for help and advice in the effect on the rare bat species and to possibly place a Holding Objection. PC will also request that the Planning Officer undertake a site visit in order to give them a greater understanding of the impact on the nearest residents.

iii)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

No objections. Propose to support APPROVED (7 in favour)

b) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council

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

i)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/1339/TDC
PROPOSAL: Erection of one dwelling (Technical Details Consent following the grant of Permission in Principle 3PL/2019/1405/PIP).
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: 29 Fen Street, Old Buckenham
APPLICANT: Mr Chris Fraser
CASE OFFICER: Tom Donnelly

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	<p>ii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/1332/F PROPOSAL: Change of use from existing Storage/Industrial unit to Residential Dwelling. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Rosedale, Fen Street APPLICANT: Mr. M Hall CASE OFFICER: Tom Donnelly</p> <p>iii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/1009/F PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing building (with extant permission to convert to a dwelling) and the erection of New Single Dwelling and Cartlodge, and Change of Use of Agricultural Land to Domestic Curtilage (Revised Scheme) LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Development Plot At Poplar Farm, Fen Road APPLICANT: Des Hunt CASE OFFICER: Naomi Minto</p> <p>iv)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/1341/F PROPOSAL: Erection of new two storey office building and demolition of external store. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Scales Farm, Road From Stacksford Lane To Hargham Road APPLICANT: Taylored Joinery CASE OFFICER: Tom Donnelly</p> <p>The following applications have now been considered and the applications have been REFUSED.</p> <p>REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/1250/F PROPOSAL: Erection of a new single storey dwelling. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Land at Roughlands Farm, Grove Road APPLICANT: Mrs B. Murray CASE OFFICER: Naomi Minto</p>	
21.02.08	<p>Options for Community Involvement Fund from PACE Solar Farm AN spoke to PACE regarding the possibility of a Community Involvement Fund, should the SOLAR Farm be approved. They confirmed that they were happy to contribute to such a fund in principle, although there was no amount decided. This could be used for community projects which highlight/educate about greener energy. Cllrs felt it would be important to consider involving the schools, but also ensuring it would benefit residents of all ages in the village. Any projects would also need to consider ongoing maintenance costs in the future.</p>	
21.02.09	<p>New camera for Village Hall BD collected a quote for the installation of a new camera and security system at the VH. Work came to a total £1328.00 (+VAT). Propose to accept quote, provided VH agree, and install new system. There is the option of a monthly subscription for maintenance at £10/month, which would be paid for by the VH. TC to update VH.</p>	TC
21.02.10	<p>Reports:</p> <p>a) Chairman's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Handyman has had to move earlier than expected. Noticeboards should be repaired this month by alternative workman. <p>b) Clerk's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks to those for reporting and warning about missing manhole cover. Was replaced the next day - Still trying to find suitable location for new dog bin on Harlingwood Lane 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have been asked about previous plan to move some fish from Rod Alley Pond. BD is still hoping to complete soon during cooler weather. - Requiring a suitable location for a memorial bench for Bill Wardman. JH suggested outside the shop. RN to consult with shop owners. - Reports of tractors driving aggressively through the village and possibly speeding. JH to contact local farms to request drivers are more considerate when driving through villages. <p>c) Village Green Working Party (VGWP) None (not able to currently meet)</p> <p>d) Road Safety Both the SAM sign and the mobile SAM sign will be repositioned soon.</p> <p>e) Play Area None</p> <p>f) Recreation Area There are no restrictions to replace damaged fencing with hedgerow. Natural England are being consulted for advice on the best species to encourage a range of wildlife habitats. They are hoping to visit during next month to advise.</p> <p>g) Councillors Reports County Cllr S Askew: Road maintenance issues highlighted last month have been completed: pot holes filled in on Fen St, Attleborough Rd pot hole filled in, missing man hole cover replaced. Cllrs highlighted some new issues that have arisen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drain has possibly collapsed on Cake St and causing flooding - Flood water on Hargham road is not draining away and may need to have drains jet cleaned - Drains on track (up from Primary School) and on Attleborough Rd may be blocked/collapsed and need investigating. <p>AN: Resident kindly cleared leaves off path opposite Stud/along Cake St as they were so slippery. Need to ensure these are cleared regularly during Autumn and Winter months as could cause nasty accident.</p>	<p>RN</p> <p>JH</p>
21.02.11	To consider items for next agenda None	
21.02.12	To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 4th March 2021 at 7.30pm to be held via Zoom Confirmed	