

Old Buckenham Parish Council

**MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council
held on Thursday 7th January 2020 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, Harman Sand and Rob Shaw (PACE)

Also present: 2 members of the public

Minute		Action
21.01.01	Apologies for absence MF sends his apologies	
21.01.02	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2020 APPROVED (7 in favour)	
21.01.03	To receive reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to Cllr Askew with swift action on reports raised last month. Discussions with Highways regarding road safety outside the school resulted in submission of an application for a grant to help with these issues (decision in March hopefully). • VH have kindly agreed to empty the Rec Ground bin, for a small donation. 	
21.01.04	To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests None	
21.01.05	Financial Matters <p>a) Financial Report Community account balance £34,660.96</p> <p>b) Payments to be approved: R Curtis (comm car): £2.00 R Noyes (salary and expenses): £240.28 Broadland Tree Services: £540.00 JC Frost (allotment rent): £450.00 Gemini Accounting: £300.00 L Gedge (comm car): £82.80 J Frost (comm car): £12.60 TOTAL: £1,627.68 Payments APPROVED (7 in favour)</p>	
21.01.06	Public Participation relating to agenda items only Public commented during individual items.	
21.01.07	Solar Farm presentation by Pathfinder Clean Energy (PACE) There will soon be an application for a Solar Farm in the Parish, located between Puddledock and Bunn's Bank. It will have the potential to provide the needs of 7,500 homes and could play a part in the Governments zero carbon emissions target. Many factors were considered during the planning stage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It will be set away from Bunn's Bank, due to its historic status and also from the scheduled monument. - It will be well screened to minimise visibility, including the small sub station - Liaised with OB Airfield to ensure no glare would affect pilots - Areas at risk of flooding have been avoided - No loss of agricultural land as sheep will be able to graze below the panels, which also manages the growth of the grass 	

	<p>- It will provide an increase in biodiversity to the area, with a 47% increase in hedgerows and therefore nearly 300% increase in habitats</p> <p>The application is likely to be submitted in January and will include a large number of specialist surveys. The average lifespan of a solar farm is 40-55years. This one is proposed for 55 years. Once installed, maintenance should not cause too much disruption as one panel can be removed at a time with ease. An existing footpath will be kept and a new footpath will join up to it. This path will be given ample space and set safely within the field. PACE were asked about a Community Involvement Fund and were very open to working with OBPC on possible options for the village. Cllrs also highlighted the need to ensure all construction traffic was directed through Attleborough, rather than through the village.</p>	
21.01.08	<p>Precept See attached Cllrs added £2000 to the Contingency Fund for Village Maintenance. Total Precept to apply for: £22,310. This is slightly higher than in previous years due to larger total of Grants approved (felt this was down to current Covid restrictions). Has been an overspend on Green maintenance and the Play Area in last year. Total APPROVED (6 in favour, 1 against)</p>	
21.01.09	<p>Clerk's Report (Correspondence and Action Plan update)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been contacted by several people regarding flooding in the village recently, particularly due to the heavy rainfall on 23rd/24th December. Cake Street and Fen Street were the two main areas highlighted. Cllr Askew will contact Highways regarding possible solutions. • Norfolk Police and Crime Budget Consultation is currently taking place. Live Q&A taking place on 12th Jan 6-8pm. Will publicise on Facebook. 	
21.01.10	<p>Reports:</p> <p>a) Chairman's Report TC and JH had to clear up large amount of glass dumped in VH car park. PC will look into the possibility of upgrading the VH security camera with a new one as this could benefit the whole village, and not just the VH. RN to contact VH, BD to investigate new camera options and costs.</p> <p>b) Village Green Working Party (VGWP) None (not able to currently meet)</p> <p>c) Road Safety None</p> <p>d) Play Area None</p> <p>e) Recreation Area Fence has been inspected by Cllrs and appears to quite rotten in places. Will investigate replacing with a hedge rather than fencing. This will create increase in habitats, improve drainage and possibly be cheaper.</p> <p>f) Councillors Reports Cllr S Askew:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flooding at Puddledock. Landowner of ditch has been contacted and will clear blocked ditch. - Fen St potholes are particularly bad. Highways has been chased several times as could be dangerous to cyclists and cars. - Marsh Way still building so hopefully still on track for July finish. - Flooding in Village before Xmas – Cake St was overwhelmed. Will contact Highways and look in to possible solutions. 	<p>BD</p> <p>JH</p>

	<p>AJ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanks to the volunteers who came out to help install the Xmas Tree. Some bulbs were found not be waterproof and caused problems. Will need to look at purchasing new ones for next Xmas. Thanks again to Dave Tranmer at the Ox and Plough for supplying the electricity. - Track from School to Clinic is in poor state with large potholes and blocked drain on it caused flooding to nearby property. RN to contact Highways regarding both issues. - Playground bin is unlocked now but needs emptying. RN to chase up. 	<p>RN</p> <p>RN</p>
<p>21.01.11</p>	<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/2020/1334/F PROPOSAL: Erection of a single agricultural building and new vehicular access. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Land off Banham Road, Old Buckenham APPLICANT: Louis Richards</p> <p>Many Cllrs felt it was a dangerous road and an increase in traffic on there could cause problems. Propose to Support (1 in favour, 4 against, 2 abstain) OBJECTED</p> <p>ii)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</p> <p>This would be built on existing footprint. Cllrs felt it was important to support the development of local businesses. Propose to Support (7 in favour) APPROVED</p> <p>iii)REFERENCE: FUL/2019/0010 LOCATION: Double Banks Farm, Old Buckenham Road, Carleton Rode, NR16 1NH: PROPOSAL: Change of use of existing waste processing/composting facility including in-vessel composting to an HCI (Household, Commercial and Industrial) waste processing and recycling facility to produce RDF (Refuse Derived Fuel) and SRF (Solid Recovered Fuel) grade material: APPLICANT: LGC Waste Management</p> <p>Have been contacted previously but have been updates to traffic proposal. Previously supported but concern over traffic to/from plant. JH informed that the Operator’s License would not allow the lorries to travel through OB but would have to go via Spooner Row. Propose to Support (7 in favour) APPROVED (BD lost internet connection at this point)</p> <p>iv)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/0780/F PROPOSAL: The construction of an agricultural feed mill (Use Class B2) with ancillary offices and welfare facilities, creation of a new vehicular access and associated</p>	

infrastructure including silos; engineering; landscaping; and ground works - this is an Environmental Impact Assessment Development
LOCATION: Land at Chalk Lane
APPLICANT: 2 Agriculture Ltd
CASE OFFICER: Fiona Hunter
AMENDMENT: Additional plans, site selection documentation, job details, view point photographs & flood risk & drainage assessment

JH abstained from discussion and vote due to professional conflict.
The Cllrs could not see this causing any problems for OB. As it is near the A11, all traffic should enter straight from there. Propose to Support (5 in favour, 1 abstain)

v)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/1464/F
PROPOSAL: Erection of Dwelling and Garage
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Land adj Beckwood Stacksford, Old Buckenham
APPLICANT: Mr L Shaw

Breckland previously rejected this, and also on appeal. There was concern from some Cllrs that the utilities would struggle to cope. The building would take place on an old filled-in quarry. Propose to Support on the condition that all environmental protection suggestions are followed (4 in favour, 2 abstain) APPROVED

b) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council

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

i)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/1016/F
PROPOSAL: Construction of a new dwelling house and detached garage
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Development Site, Harlingwood Lane
APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs S Hendrie
CASE OFFICER: Naomi Minto

ii)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
CASE OFFICER: Naomi Minto

iii)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
CASE OFFICER: Naomi Minto

iv)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/1248/HOU
PROPOSAL: Single Storey Side Extension.
LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Acer House, The Green
APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Paul Devlin

	<p>CASE OFFICER: Sandra Bunning</p> <p>v)REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/1007/F</p> <p>PROPOSAL: 40 additional camping pitches & 40 additional touring caravan pitches.</p> <p>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Old Buckenham Country Park, Doe Lane</p> <p>APPLICANT: Old Buckenham Country Park</p> <p>CASE OFFICER: Rebecca Collins</p> <p>The following applications have now been considered and the applications have been REFUSED.</p> <p>REFERENCE: 3PL/2020/1217/O</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Detached Single Storey New Residential Dwelling and construction</p> <p>LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Rear Of 41 Hargham Road</p> <p>APPLICANT: Mr Mike Barnard</p> <p>CASE OFFICER: Tom Donnelly</p>	
21.01.12	<p>To consider items for next agenda</p> <p>Rec Ground Hedge</p> <p>VH camera</p> <p>Options for Community Involvement Fund with PACE Solar Farm</p>	
21.01.13	<p>To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 4th February 2021 at 7.30pm to be held via Zoom</p> <p>Confirmed</p>	