

Old Buckenham Parish Council

**MINUTES of meeting of the Old Buckenham Parish Council
held on Thursday 4th March 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: 4 members of the public

Minute		Action												
21.03.01	Apologies for absence MF sends his apologies													
21.03.02	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2021 APPROVED (7 in favour)													
21.03.03	To receive reports of matters arising from those minutes: for update and information only None													
21.03.04	To record declarations of interests not already recorded in the current Members' Register of Interests None													
21.03.05	<p>Financial Matters</p> <p>a) Financial Report Community account balance £32,448.81</p> <p>b) Payments to be approved: Payments for approval</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">R Noyes clerk</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£225.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gemini RFO</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D Kessler comm car</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£62.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wave d/d</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£81.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brownies early grant</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£750.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,319.75</td> </tr> </table> <p>Brownies have enquired about receiving approved Precept Grant early due to difficulty in paying insurance despite being unable to open to the public. Propose to pay the £750 as a loan, which would then be repaid from the Grant in April. APPROVED (7 in favour). Grant application form also to be updated for future applications to clearly explain that Grants will be paid in April, once received from Breckland Council, as have had several queries recently.</p>	R Noyes clerk	£225.89	Gemini RFO	£200.00	D Kessler comm car	£62.15	Wave d/d	£81.71	Brownies early grant	£750.00	TOTAL:	£1,319.75	
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21.03.06	<p>Public Participation relating to agenda items only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public requested that the PC log an objection to the appeal (21.03.09). While you can only object with new information, the member of the public highlighted there was potentially new information that hadn't been released. They also showed concern that the Appeal stated that the OB Housing Target of 17 was a minimum target and so shouldn't not be used as a reason to reject it. • A member of the public highlighted that the posts around Manor Pond had been hit by a car and needed replacing. RN to inform Highways. 	RN												
21.03.07	<p>S Askew Update: Parish Partnership Scheme</p> <p>In December OBPC quickly applied for funds from the PPS to contribute towards traffic safety measures for Abbey Rd. While a decision has not been made on the application yet, Cllr Askew met with Highways to discuss potential ideas that would make it safer for</p>													

	<p>pedestrians needing to cross in front of the High School in order to reach the Primary School. Firstly, 2 “wig wags” (speed flashing signs) could be placed on the road with one located before the bend for traffic coming in to the village and the other on the approach to the schools from the traffic lights. Secondly, it was thought that a suggested crossing point should be installed as it could prevent people crossing near the corner and be easier for drivers to predict where people were likely to cross. Due to the number of roads/turnings at this location, it was difficult to find an obvious crossing point but it was suggested that pedestrians could cross on to the turning island before crossing the road. This would not be a set crossing but a suggested route through the use of dropped kerbs and a rough path on the edge of the island. This would also prevent people crossing in front of the High School gates. In total, this would cost approx. £10,000 and if the PPS application is successful, the PC would only be expected to pay half. Cllr Askew would also look at supporting the Scheme with a donation from his Personal Budget.</p> <p>Propose to support the suggestions made and start the planning process APPROVED (7 in favour). The PC wished to thank Cllr S Askew for his help in instigating the process, meeting with Highways and helping to make our village safer. RN to liaise with Cllr Askew.</p> <p>Additionally, have been in regular contact with Highways regarding work. Several dangerous potholes have been filled and ditch on Fen St cleared. Will raise the issue of the condition of Hargham Rd in general.</p>	RN
21.03.08	<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: Land off Banham Road, Old Buckenham APPLICANT: Louis Richards CASE OFFICER: Sandra Bunning AMENDMENT: Access sited further south</p> <p>Rejected previously. Need for consistency. Propose to Object APPROVED (7 in favour)</p> <p>ii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/0210/TDC PROPOSAL: Erection of 4 dwellings & garages- Technical details consent following application 3PL/2020/0117/PIP LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Development Site 605747 291109 Hargham Road, Old Buckenham APPLICANT: Devlin Developments Ltd</p> <p>(BD abstained due to conflict of interest) PIP application was approved despite PC objection. All Cllrs agreed that the footpath connecting new properties to village is vital for safety and the construction process needs to be well managed to avoid problems. Propose to approve application on the condition that the footpath is built and signed off before 1st occupancy and a Construction Management Plan, which includes wheel washers and no parking on road, is in place APPROVED (6 in favour, 1 abstain)</p>	

	<p>iii)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/0236/F LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM Land off Attleborough Road, Old Buckenham,Norfolk NR17 1QB PROPOSAL: Ground mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) farm along with continued agricultural use, ancillary infrastructure and security fencing, landscaping provision, ecological enhancements and associated works. (Full)</p> <p>Cllrs felt it was a detailed and considerate application but would emphasise the importance of construction and maintenance traffic going through Attleborough to the A11 and not through OB. Propose to support APPROVED (7 in favour)</p> <p>iv)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/0271/HOU PROPOSAL: Proposed garage extension to rear to provide workshop area. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: 22 Oaklands Old Buckenham APPLICANT: Mr P Reed</p> <p>Cllrs could see no problems to the application. Propose to support APPROVED (7 in favour)</p> <p>v)REFERENCE: 3PL/2021/0272/LB PROPOSAL: Replacement of structurally damaged roof timbers (including removal, storage and reuse of roof tiles) and associated repair works where necessary. LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: The Gamekeeper Public House The Green APPLICANT: Mr D Lohan</p> <p>Cllrs understood the need for the work in order to preserve the building for any future use. Propose to support APPROVED (7 in favour)</p> <p>REFERENCE: 3PN/2021/0013/UC PROPOSAL: Prior Approval for Change of use of Agricultural Building to a Dwelling (permitted development) The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q LOCATION: OLD BUCKENHAM: Roughlands Farm Grove Road Old Buckenham APPLICANT: Mr R Richards</p> <p>Cllrs have previously objected to several applications on this site but they have been withdrawn before decisions. Propose to Object APPROVED (7 in favour)</p> <p>b) Planning Decisions by Breckland Council None</p>	
21.03.09	<p>3PL/2020/0578/O Appeal (5 Residential Dwellings, Land West of Attleborough Rd) JH started by explaining his frustration that residents will get very vocal about planning applications which directly affect them or if they are highlighted on Social Media. There has been a lot of opinions about this particular application but very little interest in other applications in the village, which have the potential to have a far greater impact on our community. JH encouraged everyone to stay up to date on local Planning Applications (either through Breckland Planning website or through PC meetings) and to state their opinions to Breckland Council directly. The more voices the better.</p> <p>An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Breckland Council</p>	

	to Refuse planning permission on the above application. The PC's original comments against the application have been forwarded on to the Inspector. While a resident had questioned if there was new information about the application, the PC felt that there was nothing they could add to their original comment, based on the information that was available to them.	
21.03.10	<p>Track Repair (Shop to Phone Box)</p> <p>Residents had been in contact to highlight the large, permanent puddles that were on the track during winter. It is a track which receives a large footfall as it leads to the crossing/schools from the shop. As the water is unable to drain away, there is a lot of muddy standing water during winter months. It also creates problems for residents living off the track, as they have a large volume of mud outside their front doors. It was highlighted by several Cllrs that the majority of damage is done by the cars of the residents that live there. If it was just a footpath, then there would not be the same level of stones pushed off. JH questioned if it was fair to ask all villagers to pay for repairing a track which is being damaged by a few residents accessing their homes. Propose to investigate cost-effective solutions and ask residents that live off the track to make a donation towards its repair APPROVED (7 in favour)</p>	RN
21.03.11	<p>Reports:</p> <p>a) Chairman's Report None</p> <p>b) Clerk's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog bin application for Harlingwood Lane has been rejected • Census Day on March 21st • Hargham Rd will be closed 18/19th March • Thank you to Phil Little for fixing backing of Village Noticeboard. He will also make noticeboards for the phone box but is struggling to get hold of decent hardwood at the moment • VH were happy with proposed new camera and TC is liaising to arrange installation. The VH were happy to pay the monthly subscription for extra features • In process of speaking to Playdale to arrange new swings and inspection. They have only just started opening up again. • MP G Freeman has written to Breckland Council against the Weather Radar • Memorial Bench for Bill Wardman will be placed outside Almshouses instead (exact position to be decided). Family have sent proposed design. Some Cllrs would have preferred that it was made of recycled materials instead of oak but the family have offered to take responsibility of maintenance. PC will pay for concrete base, family will pay for installation. Propose to agree design and general location APPROVED (7 in favour) <p>c) Village Green Working Party (VGWP) The VGWP had emailed some questions for discussion/approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will Ox and Plough and Gamekeeper be charged rent this year? Ox was not charged last year, due to pandemic and so will be charged this year. Price has not changed for a long time therefore will go up to £550 this year and will rise each year in line with inflation. We don't know who owns the Gamekeeper or what their plans are yet. Will hold off charging until owners have been contacted. • Will PC approve £1000 charge for cutting the Green again this year? Cllrs were under the impression that there were to be 3 cuts throughout the year, but there has only been 2 in recent years. RN to request detailed quote for full discussion next month. Public Liability Certificate is also needed for anyone who works on the Green. 	RN

	<p>d) Road Safety Bluetooth now working and have managed to download data from last couple of days from Cake St. Pleased to see majority were at 30mph but speeds up to 51mph were recorded. New battery needed for mobile SAM sign on Crown Rd.</p> <p>e) Play Area None</p> <p>f) Recreation Area None</p> <p>g) Councillors Reports AJ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will price of hedging for Rec be? JH explained that he will be calculating required amounts this month. • Will we be able to hold Village Meeting in the VH in May? JH explained that restrictions will not be lifted by then to allow public meetings. Will have to postpone. AGM date will also be considered. <p>AN: Have someone who can help cut the rec ground. JH explained he has a volunteer. BD has offered his ride-on-lawnmower that can be used.</p>	
21.03.12	<p>To consider items for next agenda Green Cutting Potential new Councillor</p>	
21.03.13	<p>To confirm date of next Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 1st April 2021 at 7.30pm to be held via Zoom Confirmed</p>	