

MINUTES OF OLD BUCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH MAY 2015 AT THE CHURCH ROOMS OLD BUCKENHAM AT 7.30PM

Present. Mr S Milner – Chairman, Mr J Kemp – Vice Chairman, Mr A Joel, Mr J Frost Mrs S Dye Mr T Johnson Mr P Boggia Mrs S Marshall Mr D Smalley and Mr R J Watling – Parish Clerk.

Also Present 2 members of the public.

1/5/15. Apologies. Mr A Chrisoviledes, Mr T Ing.

2/5/15. Declaration of Interest of Items on Agenda. Mrs S Dye, Mr D Smalley and OBPC all shareholders in OBGRP's. Mr Milner declared an interest in item 12 on agenda. Play Area Maintenance.

3/5/15 Public Recess. Meeting suspended to allow members of the public to ask questions. Meeting resumed.

4/5/15/Minutes of Parish Council meeting 2nd April 2015. Proposed by Cllr Dye and seconded by Cllr Joel they be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was agreed with 7 for and 2 abstentions.

5/5/15/ Matters arising from Minutes. Cllr Johnson congratulated the clerk on getting 30mph repeater signs so quickly. Clerk responded that the speed of them being done was due to our NCC Highways Engineer. Cllr Joel asked if there was any update on CRS and the transfer of land following Mr Alton's recent sad death. He also raised the matter of the removal of the agreed Traffic Management System agreed for use during the construction period of the school. Cllr Milner responded that a new traffic plan would ensure all traffic would come on Attleborough Road and not through the village. Also there is a delay in transferring the land. Cllr Joel said PC should monitor the situation closely and Cllr Milner said he would contact NCC. Also the question of parking being allowed on school property and Cllr Milner replied that NCC policy would not allow parking of vehicles on School property.

6/5/15. Items 6, 7 and 8 were proposed by Cllr Johnson to be deferred to June meeting this was seconded by Cllr Boggia and agreed unanimously.

7/5/15. Adoption of Accounts. Proposed by Cllr Kemp and seconded by Cllr Boggia that the accounts for year ending 31st March 2015 be adopted, this was agreed with 8 for and 1 abstention.

8/5/15 Annual Governance Statement. Proposed by Cllr Marshall and seconded by Cllr Smalley the Annual Governance Statement be signed this was agreed by 8 for and 1 abstention.

9/5/15. Road Safety. Cllr Milner reported a quote had been received from Westcotec for a SAM 2 system which included Portable Speed Indicator Device (SID) with SLOW DOWN Legend beneath, battery powered complete with spare battery, 'intelligent' charger, sign cover and clamps for a cost of £2,800.00 each excluding VAT. Data Collection Unit £250 plus vat and any additional bracket sets £80 plus vat. The sign and equipment come with a 12 month guarantee second quote was for £3,050 plus VAT. The second was for an automated system which was £3,850 plus VAT and the third was for a Message Maker Sign which was for £2,975 plus VAT. He said in his opinion the Westcotec sign was the best. Cllr Joel suggested asking other Parish Councils for their views on their installed SAM 2 system. Cllr Johnson said the matter should be deferred to June meeting when more was known. Cllr Boggia also said details of guarantees of the system should be obtained.

10/5/15 Play Area Maintenance. Cllr Milner said a letter had been received from a resident complaining of the condition of the Play Area. The current person maintaining the play area would no longer be able to continue due to his work commitments. Cllr Milner had submitted a quote of £54 per month to carry out regular maintenance which would cover all grass cutting, strimming, minor repairs and keeping an area of 1 meter surrounding the play area free from weeds and overgrown shrubbery.

Other Cllrs expressed views on the matter and Cllr Dye said it was important that we have accountability of the work being done and if we sought a volunteer then it would not necessarily be done to the required standard. Cllr Dye had striven to obtain 2 other quotes but one she received was very expensive and other people did not wish to take on the work. It was proposed by Cllr Kemp and seconded by Cllr Johnson that the contract be given to Mr Milner.

10/5/15. Planning Applications. None.

11/5/15. Planning Decisions Received. None.

12/5/15. Approval of Accounts Payable. Cllr Boggia asked why the Ink Cartridge figure was so high. Clerk explained that the existing printer was 4 years old and was starting to play up and that the supplier had provided a large A3 colour printer/copier/scanner/fax free with the 24 cartridges. It was then proposed by Cllr Dye and seconded by Cllr Joel that the invoices on the cheque list be paid. This was agreed with 8 for and 1 abstention.

13/5/15. Chairman's Report. Cllr Milner said there had been reports of vandalism at the play area and it was hoped that identification of the culprits could be made and that all information should be passed to the police. Cllr Smalley said he would report it to the police now. The tour of Britain cycle race was coming to Old Buckenham on 12th September between 1 & 2 pm. Cllr Milner suggested setting up a working party in the village to arrange events for the day and the WP should involve other groups within the village. A meeting will be held with Breckland Council on 26th May to discuss the day's events. 2 accidents had been reported in the village recently, one in Grove Road and 1 in Abbey Road, also there had been a number of near misses involving pedestrians. There was a letter in the Newsletter from a resident complaining of the increase in the Precept. Cllr Milner had replied on the matter also via the newsletter. It was reported that Mr Ray Bayfield had provided a new duck house for the pond for which the Parish Council were very grateful. Mr Peter Twissell took out the old duck house from the pond. Parish Clerk to write to both parties thanking them.

14/5/15. District Councillor's Report. Cllr Joel said as a Parish Council we had done well over the past 4 years and had achieved a lot in spite of some unfair criticism.

15/5/15. Parish Councillors Reports. Cllr Marshall reported that the last week of renovation of the Alm Houses has taken place and they have 3 new tenants but still have one house available for a suitable tenant. It has cost £100,000 to refurbish the house so far and more money will be needed to be spent. She has one quote for the maintenance of the recreation area and will try to obtain 2 others. Cllr Joel said that one of the taps on the allotments was not working and he had arranged a plumber to replace it at no cost to Parish Council. Also, an allotment holder who had recently taken over an unattended allotment had said it had cost them £50 to enable it to be properly prepared to use as allotment and asked if the Parish Council would refund this cost. After a discussion it was agreed that Parish Council could not refund the cost and would write to the resident on the matter. Cllr Smalley said a resident had contacted him regarding the abandoned car on 1077. BDC had contacted the owner who said he would have it removed soon. The police were unable to speed up it's removal as it was not actually on the highway and was not causing an obstruction. Cllr Smalley said he would not be continuing on the ANP and said it was important that new Parish Council have a representative on the group. It was also asked if Parish Council could send a letter to Matt Wilkins at the airfield regarding the recent crash there. Cllr Milner said he had already contacted Mr Wilkins and expressed the condolences of the Parish Council. Cllr Johnson said he attended the recent Management Meeting of the Village Hall and the question of Insurance for the recreation area was raised. Parish Clerk advised Council that they had insurance cover under their general policy. Village Hall asked if they could use the Recreation Area and it's benches for the Village Fete, this was agreed. He also suggested a new dog bin at St Andrews Close, this was to be put on June Agenda. There will be a Film Show on Friday 22nd May instead of Saturday 23rd May, The Village Fete would be held on July 4th 2015.

16/5/15. Parish Clerk's Report. BDC had written to the development just off Hargham Road and the developer had suggest naming it The Old Yard, this was approved by Parish Council. Parish Clerk then read out an email from NCC Highways regarding past highways issues and what action had been taken.

17/5/15. Highways. The Sign at Puddle Dock was facing the wrong way. Parish Clerk to report it to Highways.

18/5/15. The Green. Cllr Dye said a meeting last Saturday was well attended at which they discussed a new way of managing the green and involving the residents. They are hoping to obtain charitable status which will enable them to access grant funding. They are also going to hold a green tidying up day after the green has been mowed. They are hopeful they can take the managing of the green forward in a very positive way.

Confirm date and time of Next meetings Wednesday 13th May AGM at The Church Rooms and Thursday 4th June at Village Hall, both meetings commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.42pm