

MINUTES OF THE OLD BUCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND JULY 2015 AT OLD BUCKENHAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.

Present. Cllrs Mr S Milner – Chairman, Mr J Kemp – Vice Chairman, Mr A Joel, Mrs C Marshall, Mr T Johnson, Mr T Cracknell, Mrs S Hornbrook and Mr J M Watling- Parish Clerk.

Also Present 11 members of the public.

1/7/15. Apologies. Cllrs Mr B Devlin, Mr M Farrington Mrs R Boggia.

2/7/15. Declaration of interest of Items on the Agenda. Old Buckenham Parish Councillors as OBGRP's shareholder and Mr T Cracknell The Green.

3.7.15. Public Recess. Meeting suspended to allow members of the public to ask questions.

4/7/15. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 4th June 2015. Cllr Cracknell said he expressed an interest to be included on the Personnel Sub Committee, Cllr Hornbrook said under item 12 her name was spelt incorrectly, with these amendments it was proposed by Cllr Kemp and seconded by Cllr Johnson they be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

5/7/15. Matters arising from the minutes. Cllr Joel said in 12/6/15 it should read Personnel Committee and not Personnel Working Party

6/7/15. Adoption of new standing order. Cllr Milner said at last meeting it was voted to review the quorum of the Parish Council to a majority of the current serving parish councillors but he had not invoked suspension of a standing Order. He then proposed that Standing order 25b be suspended this was seconded by cllr Kemp and agreed with 5 for and 2 against. He then proposed that the quorum of the parish council will be a majority of the current serving parish councillors, this was seconded by cllr Kemp. Cllr Joel said we would be the only Parish Council that had more than 3 as a quorum and we could carry on a meeting with 4, Cllr Cracknell said what would be practical would be the difference between 4 and 6. Cllr Milner replied that at a recent meeting a vote was taken and agreed with only 2 people and at a subsequent meeting a number of cllrs said this was not right that a small number of people could make a decision. The vote on Cllr's Milner's proposal was taken with 5 for and 2 against. Cllr Milner then proposed suspending standing order 9b so he could put an item on agenda without the necessary 7 days notice, this was seconded by Cllr Joel and agreed unanimously. Cllr Milner said the Tour of Britain was coming through Old Buckenham in September and that grants were available for people to organise events around the tour. He proposed that the Parish Council be an umbrella organisation to Tours of Britain Organising Committee, this was seconded by Cllr Kemp and agreed unanimously.

7/7/15. Neighbourhood Plan. The item was deferred to September meeting.

8/7/15. Car Parking Play Area/Pub. Cllr Devlin had removed the plastic matting from the area and it now needed to be taken to the rubbish tip. Cllr Cracknell said Mr Paul Boggia had put a lot of hard work into it and he had spoken to OBGRP's who said they would like the surface to be grass. He suggested making a grant application to OB 2000 trust and some individuals would be willing to make a contribution to the work and cost. Mr Cracknell to make a personal application for a grant.

9/7/15. Co Option of New Parish Councillor. Deferred to September meeting. Parish Clerk to advertise vacancy.

10/7/15 Planning Applications. 3DC/2015/0084/DOC Corner of Crown Road and Grove Road. Discharge of conditions 3, 4 & 5 on 3PL/2014/1316/F. Proposed by Cllr Hornbrook and seconded by Cllr Cracknell no objections. This was agreed with 6 for and 1 abstention. **3pl/2015/0513/F Keele Cottage. The Green.** Erection of 2 semi Detached Houses, Partial demolition of existing. Following discussion with various cllrs it was proposed by Cllr Milner no objections. No seconder was found so it was proposed by Cllr Hornbrook and seconded by Cllr Kemp object to application, this was agreed with 4 for 1 against and 2 abstentions. **3pl/2015/0759/f Redroof. Cake Street.** Single storey extension to front of bungalow,

changes to internal layout & provision of first floor attic bedrooms. Proposed by Cllr Milner and seconded by Cllr Hornbrook no objections this was agreed with 6 for and 1 abstention.

11/7/15. Planning Decisions received. None.

12/7/15. Approval of Accounts Payable. Proposed by Cllr Joel and seconded by Cllr Cracknell that all invoices on the cheque list be paid this was agreed unanimously.

13/7/15. Chairman's report. Cllr Milner said there is no update available on Chapel Road School as they are still sorting out the estate of Mr Alston. The Tour of Britain Cycle Race will pass through Old Buckenham at approx. 1.00pm on the 1077 from Attleborough then turn on to Crown Road. Lots of events are being organised including 2 morning bike rides, after the race some roads around The Green will be partially closed and four races will take place. The 365 project has now reached the halfway stage and they will be holding two exhibitions of the photos taken to date. The Village Hall will on August 22nd have a music evening sponsored by Jenny and David Sallnow featuring Chicory Tip who have had top 10 hits in the past. Cllr Cracknell volunteered to take over welcome pack and he was asked to contact previous Cllr Smalley who can inform him how the system works. Cllr Milner said Stacksford Garden Services no longer exists but he would continue to do the maintenance at play area but he needed volunteers to help weed the area either Saturday or Sunday morning preferably early before children and mums start using it.

14/7/15 District Councillor's report. Cllr Joel said up to April 2015 all houses built were required to make a payment to BDC for Children's Play and Outdoor Sport. Under new regulations this is now only payable on developments of more than 10 properties on a development. Money from the scheme was pooled and Old Buckenham, Banham, New Buckenham and Kenninghall were put together for any of the villages to draw money for either Play or Outdoor sport. The amounts available are Children's Play £3,200 and Outdoor Sport £8,480. BDC are giving residents the chance to find out more about what can go into their black recycle bins and encourage them to use Brown waste garden bins. A Breckland Environmental Waste Officer and Cllr Joel will be at the village fete to try to sign people up on July 4th. BDC had joined up with a national environmental charity to launch a new campaign aimed at reducing dog fouling in the district. The "We're Watching You Campaign" was successfully piloted by Keep Britain Tidy last year at sites across the country. It is aimed at dog walkers who do not pick up after their dogs. BDC will soon roll out a small number of signs at carefully selected sites in each of the district's five market towns and surrounding areas. The posters include an image of a pair of eyes and the slogan "bag that poo, any bin will do" to remind owners to make use of the nearby general waste and poo bins. Dog owners should pick up after their dogs and dispose of the bags properly or by taking them home and putting in their own general household waste bin. Residents can report the council of litter and dog mess by using the "report it" button on Breckland's website.

15/7/15. Parish Councillors reports. Cllr Hornbrook said she had found someone who will advise the Village Hall on best energy efficiency methods and hopes to have some info for September meeting. Cllr Marshall raised the matter of the litter bin on Recreation Area which was completely fouled and needed to be disposed of, Cllr Cracknell said he would arrange something. Cllr Kemp said OB 2000 Trust organised a party at Village Hall last weekend which was a great event enjoyed by many. Cllr Joel asked if cllrs had thought anymore about his four year ideas plan, item to be put on September agenda. He then said shop is being tidied up but noticeboard is in terrible condition and needs to be replaced. Clerk said cost would be anything between £600 and £1,000 .It was suggested that someone in village could work on and improve the existing notice board. Cllr Joel also raised question of plant thefts from allotments and asked Cllr Johnson to raise matter at next SNAP meeting. The matter of Puddledock Corner grass is causing blocked views and it should be cut back Clerk to write to owner on matter. Cllr Johnson said Village Fete this Saturday at 1.00pm and next Film Show is August 7th. It was pointed out that someone was living in a caravan down by Old Buckenham Hall Lake

Grounds. Clerk to look into the matter. The question of potholes in St Andrews Close with white paint around them was raised. Clerk explained they are part of a programme for repair and hopefully the repairs will be carried out in next 6 to 8 weeks. Parish Clerk to write to Copman Housing on the proposed road widening scheme that was promised at the new housing development in St Andrews Close

16/7/15. Parish Clerk's report. None.

17/7/15. Highways. Vehicles from fair on last visit all came down Hargham Road they are coming back in September and could they be asked to use proper routes into village.. Meeting informed that weight restriction traffic does not apply to fairground traffic. It was suggested that the road leading down to children's play should have some proper children signs. Clerk to speak to Highways on matter.

18/7/15. The Green. None.

19/7/15 Public recess.. Meeting suspended to allow member of public to ask questions. Meeting resumed.

20/7/15. Confirm date & Time of Next Meeting. Thursday September 3rd at 7.30pm at Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.