

**MINUTES OF THE OLD BUCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2016 AT OLD BUCKENHAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM**

**Present.** Cllr S Milner – Chairman, Mr J Kemp – Vice Chairman, Mr A Joel, Mr G Hart, Mrs C Marshall, Mr B Devlin, Mr T Cracknell, Mr M Farrington, Mrs R Boggia, Mr T Johnson. Mr R J Watling- Parish Clerk.

**Also Present.** 41 members of the public. Mr S Askew NCC Councillor Representative from Roberts Molloy Assocs.

**1/2/16.Apologies.** Cllr S Hornbrook.

**2/2/16. Declaration of Interest of items on agenda.** Old Buckenham Parish Council are shareholder of OBGPR's

**3/2/16. Public Recess.** 7 Fen Street residents and one from Crown Road spoke on Planning application 3pl/2015.1498/F Development of 8 dwellings with 4 garages and parking bay and an email from a resident supporting the application was read out. They all objected to the application raising issues regarding increased traffic levels, road safety, security issues of nearby residents, possible flood issues, and pedestrian safety. Resident spoke on the Breckland Local Plan and spoke against the site option LP(074)006 (8)00 which in the plan was designated as suitable for development He also said that Old Buckenham should not be subject to large scale development. Another resident asked when development in Old Buckenham would take place under the local plan. Cllr Joel responded on the matter. Resident from Hargham Road raised objections to planning application 3pl/2015/1495 Erection of 5 dwellings and parking and garages with turning on site. He cited speed issues in Hargham Road, and the proposed new footpath. Resident spoke on Chapel Road School which would greatly increase traffic levels on B1077 by up to a possible 150 extra vehicles a day using the road during term times. Cllr Boggia responded on the matter saying a new access road was being built but not for use of residents and Parish Council will be raising a petition to challenge this decision and try and get the road to be also used by residents.

**4/2/16. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016.** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was agreed with 7 for and 3 abstentions.

**5/2/16. Matters arising from the minutes.** The matter of the hedge in Cake Street being cut was raised and Clerk to contact Highways to see if they approve the new cut.

**6/2/16. Planning Applications. 3pl/2015/1498/f Fen Street** Erection of 8 dwellings , 4 garages Parking and turning within site. Cllrs after studying some plans asked questions of the agent of Roberts Molloy Assocs regarding S106 payments and other costs they would be liable for under the application. Following discussions and expressed views of Parish Councillors it was proposed that the application would be approved, there was no seconder so the motion was withdrawn. It was then proposed and seconded that the application be rejected this was agreed with 8 for and 2 abstentions.

**3PL/2015/1495/F Hargham Road.** Erection of 5 dwellings with associated parking, Garages and turning on site, New highway Access and Pavement Works. Cllr Kemp expressed his many concerns on the application including road safety, enough social housing in that area of Old Buckenham. Design of houses not in keeping with other nearby properties, also in local plan BDC have designated the site not suitable for development. Cllr Cracknell raised the point of developer paying for new footpath to which the agent said the developer would pay for it. Other Cllrs expressed views on the application then it was proposed and seconded and agreed with 6 for and 4 abstentions to reject the application.

**3PL/2015/1410/F Orchard House, Hargham Road.** Change barn so that residential dwelling be erected and the erection of two single storey detached garages. Various cllrs expressed views on the application especially garage 2 being right up against the front hedge of the development. It was proposed and seconded that the application be rejected, this was agreed with 9 for and one abstention.

**7/2/16. Planning Decisions Received. 3pl/2015/1250/f Cherry Tree Cottage.** Los Wroo. Erect summer house. Permission granted. **3pl/2015/1372/f Tudors Cake Street.** Proposed extension and alteration to existing 3 bedroom bungalow. Permission granted. **3pl/2015/1464/f The Pines Manor Corner.** Single storey rear extension. Permission granted. **3pl/2015/1014/f Doe Lane.** Erection of 5 holiday chalets. Permission refused.

**8/12/16. Creation of Working Parties.** Cllr Milner said workload of Parish Council has increased greatly and that Working Parties need to be set up and they will then come back to Parish Council with updates at each meeting. Chapel Road School. Cllrs Mrs Boggia, Mr S Milner, Mr M Bartlett (resident) and Mr T Cracknell. (resident. Neighbourhood Plan. Mr J Kemp, Mr A Joel, Mrs S Hornbrook, Mr A Jaggard (resident) and Mrs M Willford (resident). The Green. Mr B Devlin, Mr T Cracknell, Mr G Hart, and Mr Farrington. Play Area. Mr A Joel, Mr G Hart, Mrs K Talbott (resident) Mr F Farrington. Cllr Joel then gave an update on Neighbourhood Plan and said PC had to inform Mr Ian Williamson of BDC that OBPC was creating a neighbourhood Plan, Parish Clerk to write letter. Hope to soon outline steps and timelines to create the plan and to soon seek resident consultation on the plan. Parish Council to create a facebook page. Cllr Cracknell also suggesting contacting Mr Bornett to assist in delving into information regarding the creation of the plan.

**9/2/16. Breckland Plan.** Cllr Joel said the plan needs to be discussed and look at the development sites included in the plan and also at other sites that have not been included in the plan and designated suitable for development. Barbers Yard was not feasible for development as there is no access. Top of Mill Road which is a single road and was too narrow which could cause access problems. Plot of land on Attleborough Road could be suitable for development subject to Highways, Access and Parking in any future planning applications. A Parish Councillor said that unreasonable alternatives on plan excluding PLOT LP 074 008 (8) which should be designated Reasonable Alternative. Cllrs discussed this and it was proposed and seconded that the plot remain unreasonable alternative. This was agreed with 6 for, 2 against and 2 abstentions. Parish Council happy with no allocation of housing (page 40) of plan in Old Buckenham. Parish Clerk to write to Breckland on matter.

**10/2/16. Approval of Accounts Payable and Budget Analysis.** It was proposed and seconded that all invoices on cheque list due for payment be paid, this was agreed unanimously. There were no questions regarding the budget analysis.

**11/2/16. Chairman's Report.** Cllr Milner informed meeting that he would not be seeking re election at the May AGM but he will remain as a councillor as he felt he could still serve Old Buckenham He then raised the question of circulating all emails to all Councillors. He said this would result in too much time having to read and digest information. He said he would continue to address the issue and send some only to the relevant people but if they are relevant to all councillors then they would be copied in. Shrublands despite the Parish Council's objections was approved. Village Hall will be holding a charity event on 14<sup>th</sup> February between 2-4pm in aid of The Air Ambulance. Recent data obtain from SAM 2 traffic sign in Cake Street showed that 60% of drivers passing the sign were speeding and that 10% of drivers were exceeding 40mph and this data will be passed to police. Police were doing their own speed check in village today. Cllr Milner felt the sign did make a difference and drivers do slow down when they see their speed.

**12/2/16. District Cllr's Report.** Consultation of Breckland's Local Plan Preferred Directions and Site Specific documents finishes on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016. The next step is to look at the Site Specifics including any additional sites and this will be put out in the spring for further consultation. Residents across Breckland are being reminded on leaving recycled waste loose in their bins and not to put it into plastic bags or carrier bags as these could ruin materials that could otherwise be recycled.

**13/2/16. Parish Councillors reports.** Cllr Devlin said the new bench is to be sited in February and would have a plaque for Old Buckenham Ladies Hockey Club who donated the funds for the bench. Cllr Marshall suggested Andy Nichols for Rec Area Working Party and try to get more young people involved, Cllr Devlin suggested a new agenda item of Follow up on Jobs allocated. Cllr Marshall said another village garage sale would be held in May. Cllr Kemp said Neighbourhood Plan working party was getting a village questionnaire out to all residents in May. Cllr Joel raised matter of the Weir off Banham Road near Old Buckenham Hall is blocked and causing problems in the village. Parish Clerk to contact East Harling Drainage Board on the matter. Play Area Working Party met recently repair work carried out by Playdale after contact by clerk had resulted in reduction of charges by £250. Play equipment needs to be washed down in the spring. A handyman will cut the grass and maintain the area in the summer. Now need to look at what type of fence is required to replace the existing fence. Grants of up to 50% are available from BDC for this purpose. Letter from a resident on allotments issues including flooding and some allotment holders not keeping their allotments tidy. It was proposed and seconded and agreed that Cllr Joel contact the resident to try to resolve the matter. Cllr Farrington said the Women's Cycling Tour of Britain was likely to come through Old Buckenham and he hoped the village could organise a similar event to this year's Tour Of Britain. Cllr Cracknell said he was prepared to hold breakfast meetings at his house to discuss Neighbourhood Plan, The Green and Chapel Road School. Cllr Boggia has received minutes from Attleborough Development Partnership and also Parish Council need to elect a representative who could vote at meetings without first consulting Parish Council and also requesting a substitute member. It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Boggia be the Parish Council Representative and Cllr Cracknell be the substitute member, this was agreed unanimously. Cllr Johnson said the village hall wished to return the grant of £3,500 given to them for insulating of the hall. The costs now had spiralled and even with money they would not be able to afford the new costs. It was reported that the contractor who currently cuts the grass is no longer able to do so and the person who cuts the grass at the Recreation Area was unable to do it either. There will be a Bingo Evening on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in the evening at the village hall.

**14/2/16. Parish Clerk's Report.** Nothing to report.

**15/2/16. County Councillor's Report** Cllr Askew reported on the matter of the closing of 3 existing recycling sites which will close 2019/20 and be replaced with a super site along the A11. Cllr Milner said he would send an email to Cllr Askew on the subject. Cllr Askew then read an email which stated that the lease for Chapel Road School had been signed.

**16/2/16. Highways.** Reported that Cake Street drain keeps flooding highways to clean it out again. Also potholes on road off Abbey Road to School are not up to standard. Parish Clerk to contact Highways on the matter.

**17/2/16. The Green.** Nothing to report this month.

**18/2/16. Public Recess.** Resident raised matter of Village Hall returning grant to Parish Council. He said that other grants are available for insulation of village halls and asked if the cost of insulation was known. Cllr Johnson responded stating the views of the village hall and resident suggested the Parish Council keep the returned funds in a special reserve for possible future insulating project at village hall. He suggested residents should be made aware they can make individual comments to BDC on the Local Plan. Then raised the matter of housing development in Old Buckenham and said no money had

been spent on infrastructure. He said NCC should be notified of the increase in road accidents within the village.

**18/2/16. Confirm Date & Time of Next Meeting.** Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 at Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.03pm**