

MINUTES OF THE OLD BUCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD MARCH 2016 AT OLD BUCKENHAM VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM.

Present. Cllrs Mr S Milner – Chairman, Mr B Devlin, Mrs S Hornbrook, Mr T Cracknell, Mrs C Marshall, Mr M Farrington, Mr T Johnson and Mr J M Watling – Parish Clerk.

Also Present. 7 Members of public

1/3/16. Apologies. Cllrs J Kemp, A Joel, G Hart.

2/3/16. Declaration of Interest of Items on Agenda. Old Buckenham PC The Green as a OBGRP'S shareholder.

3/3/16. Public Recess. Resident raised matter of an email he had sent which had not been replied to. He gave a document to Parish Council which included 5 points he wanted acknowledged in minutes. HGV's using Hargham Road and his e mail of December requesting copy of letter to Police on matter. Potholes on footpath leading off Hargham Road to Post office Store asking for it to be rectified by who is responsible for it's upkeep. Road Drain situated at top of The Green between Tamworth House and the Hawthorns has been blocked for some considerable time and no action seems to have been taken. Proposed housing development in Fen St and asked if the residents concerns along with PC's concerns had been formally responded to. Wanted agenda items of past 7 meetings that have been discussed, addressed and resolved be listed and formally included in minutes. Resident raised matter of flooding down Cake Street, Cllr Milner said Highways would be dealing with matter. Resident raised matter of planning applications and said over past 40 odd years only 45 houses had been built in Old Buckenham. He said more needs to be built to encourage support of local businesses and encourage young people to move to the village. Cllr Milner responded referring to Neighbourhood Plan which will look at housing development in the village. 3 residents said they would be willing to join the Neighbourhood Plan working party which would also look at lack of footpaths and insufficient infrastructure. Resident raised the matter of the hedge in Cake Street and asked for an update. Cllr Milner said he had inspected the hedge but it needs more measures to make the junction safe.

4/3/16. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting of 4th February 2016. Under item 13/2/16 delete words "at his house" with this amendment it was proposed and seconded that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. This was agreed with 5 for and 2 abstentions.

5/3/16. Matters arising from the minutes. None.

6/3/16. Planning Applications. 3pl/2016/0194/0 Cake Street. Erection of new dwelling and garage. Proposed and seconded and agreed no objections. 3pl/2016/0152/HOU 25 Oaklands, Single Storey Front and rear extensions, enlarge front dormer and remove all flat roofs to pitch roofs. Proposed and seconded and agreed unanimously no objections. 3pl/2016/0201/f 5 Fen Street. Oak Framed cart lodge and garage and store room. Proposed and seconded and agreed unanimously no objections. 3pl/2016/0129/HOU The Clowns House, Church Lane. Extension to ground floor single storey rear lobby to incorporate new WC and Boiler Room. Proposed and seconded and agreed unanimously no objections.

7/3/16. Planning Decisions Received. None.

8/3/16. Adoption of Child Protection Policy. Cllr Milner said some amendments were needed item to be put on April agenda

9/3/16. Adoption of Environmental Policy. Under section 3 to read Old Buckenham Parish Council with this amendment it was proposed and seconded and agreed with 5 for and 2 abstentions to adopt the policy

10/3/16. Adoption of Digital and Social media Policy. Proposed and seconded and agreed with 5 for and 2 abstentions to adopt the policy.

11/3/16 Village Hall Grant. Village Hall had been awarded a grant of £3,500 for insulation of the building but now cannot get funding to complete the project and asked PC if they could use the money for another project for which they may be able to obtain other grant funding. It was proposed and seconded and agreed with 6 for and 1 abstention that the village hall should return the money. Parish Clerk to arrange.

12/3/16. Parish Maintenance Tasks. Cllr Devlin suggested a log be kept of allocated tasks and then a monthly report back to parish council of what progress had been made during the past month on the allocated tasks. All cllrs to send in 5 tasks that should be carried out and then the log to be brought to the PC each month. Parish Clerk to send e mail to all cllrs on the matter.

Councillor Devlin Left Meeting.

13/3/16 Approval of Accounts Payable/Budget Analysis. Proposed and seconded that all invoices due for payment on cheque list be paid this was agreed unanimously. There were no questions relating to budget Analysis.

14/3/16. Chairman's Report. Chapel Road School, I attended a stakeholder meeting, Alston estate issues are now resolved and it is all systems go. The project needs to go to tender again, forecast is for building to start in May. It was emphasised that all traffic right from the start enters the site from Attleborough Road. Access road restriction, Chris Haines both at the meeting and in communication with me stated that the access will not be removed and he will not enter into any more communication on the matter and will not attend any village meetings should we invite him. There is no capital allocation to infrastructure and no measures will be taken to improve the existing traffic problems. No traffic forecasts will be accepted the effect of the new school on traffic will be assessed when the school is open. The heads of the schools are sympathetic to the problems we have. Despite a strongly worded statement from me, agreed with Rona, no movement from the position was achieved. Woman's Tour of Britain will be passing through Old Buckenham on Wednesday June 15. To continue last years tour of Britain legacy a cycling festival is being planned for the weekend of September 3. this will include criterium races on the same circuit as last year, long distance sportive starting and finishing in Old Buckenham and small scale cycling events for local people. This hopefully will be accompanied with a fun fair, stalls, beer tent teas and cakes.

15/3/16. District Councillor's Report. None.

16/3/16. Parish Councillors reports. Cllr Marshall said that Village Garage Sale will take place on May 15th 2016 and then asked if contractor for Rec Area had been agreed. Cllr Milner responded on matter. Cllr Hornbrook said Neighbourhood Plan Working Party would be meeting on Monday 7th March main topic would be village survey which will be drafted. She is in contact with the ex Parish Clerk of Cringleford Parish Council who has experience of Neighbourhood Plans who will come and speak to the Working Party. More volunteers were also needed for the Working Party and they hope to have the survey ready for May 2016. Cllr Cracknell said following the Annual Parish meeting he would be holding a breakfast meeting at the village hall on 19th March with 3 items on the agenda and everyone was invited. Cllr Johnson said at a recent Village Hall meeting he had a discussion with 3 residents of the Alm's houses about the heating not being on all the time. Cllr Marshall responded with times the heating was switched on, Cllr Johnson replied that perhaps the heating should be on all the time. Cllr

Johnson then raised the matter of an accident near his house when a car collided with a tree because of mud on road along with turkey droppings. Parish Clerk said that landowners are responsible for clearing mud on the roads caused by their vehicles.

17/3/16. Parish Clerk's report. Clerk read out a letter and an email from a resident in response to Parish Council's letter regarding flooding in Ragmere Road. His reply contained details of work being carried out on weir and the lake. The Person who is actually doing the work on the lake gave details of all work carried out so far over the last 2 years.

18/3/16. Highways. Pothole in Stacksford outside The Cottage and some smaller ones further along the road. Kerb needed on corner of play area leading toward the Ox & Plough as verge is being severely damaged. Parish Clerk to speak to Highways.

19/3/16. The Green. The AGM was held recently and it was reported that Mrs Dye would be standing down. Cllr Johnson asked what residents offer on the agenda meant. Cllr Milner responded on the dispute as to the legal ownership of The Green. It was suggested that PC should support the general maintenance of The Green. Cllr Cracknell said The Green was being set up as a charity in conjunction with PC, Cllr Milner suggested asking Mrs Dye to attend April meeting of the PC. Parish Clerk to contact Mrs Dye.

20/3/16. Public Recess. Resident raised matter of County Council being informed of vehicle accidents in the village and asked what Parish Council could do about it. Cllr Milner suggested Cllr Johnson raise the matter at the next SNAP meeting. Mr Bartlett said he would report the accidents to NCC. Resident suggested having a police representative a. Resident raised matter of heavy vehicles going up on the verge in Crown Road and two residents have put large logs on the verges to stop them. Resident raised matter of ditch at entrance to school being full of rubbish. Years ago probation service offered young people to come to villages to carry out work. Parish Clerk informed meeting the scheme had been stopped years ago. Resident suggested asking school to clear out the ditch. Parish Clerk to speak to School on the matter. Resident reported blocked drain at junction of The Green and Crown Road. Parish Clerk to speak to Highways on the matter.

Confirm date & Time of Next Meetings. Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 16th March 2016 and Parish Council meeting 7th April 2016 both meetings at Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.42 pm.