

NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of New Buckenham Parish Council held at New Buckenham Village Hall on Tuesday 8th February 2022 7.30 – 9.00pm

Present: Andrew Bingham (AB Vice-Chair) Mary Dowson (MD), Mary Manning (MM), Don Crossman (DC) and Andrew Nettleton (AN).

Also in attendance: Angela Thornton (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

2122/101 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Karen Hobley (Chair), Steve Highton (SH), County/District Councillor Steve Askew,

2122/102 In the absence of KH, Andrew Bingham chaired the meeting

2122/103 Minutes of previous meeting

Subject to the following change:

2122/92 Should read AN not AW. **Resolved:** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

2122/104 Matters Arising

- a. Village bench on agenda.
- b. AN's article highlighting the Project Fund. AN to send article to Parish News.
- c. Cuffer Lane potholes – still awaiting a response from Highways.
- d. County Broadband and BT digital voice, Chair has re-established contact and awaiting a full response to suggested delay till 2022 and clarity on notices recently displayed on telegraph pole. No response to date
- e. Cemetery rodding on agenda.
- f. Village gateway enquiries ongoing.
- g. Marsh Lane Work is ongoing.
- h. Electric Car. Article to go into March Parish News and will be on the agenda at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

2122/105 Declarations of Interest: There were none.

2122/106 Public Participation. Resolved that the meeting be suspended to allow public participation as follows:

a. County/District Councillor

In the absence of the County and District Councillor his email update was read out stating "I can tell you that Mr Frost from Downmore farm contacted me last week and mentioned that work has finally started on the phone mast. A concrete base has been laid so hopefully this will continue to completion!"

b. Parish Councillor reports

MM reported an overfull dog waste bin, at the top corner of the cricket pitch, asking if a different size or frequency of collection could be explored. AT to check schedule of collection and contact BDC.

c. Parishioners Comments & Questions:

Resident Sue Britton requested that a defibrillator be purchased for the village. Much discussion took place concluding the Parish Council are not against purchasing a defibrillator but question how maintenance etc will be managed. Action SB to bring a full proposal addressing concerns raised such as insurance requirements, maintenance, on costs etc to the March meeting for consideration..

2122/107 Financial Matters:

a. **Financial report / reconciliation to 31st January 2022. Resolved** that the report be noted

b. **Payments for February 2022. Resolved:** It was noted that the electricity account and direct debit (highlighted) we held with EON was taken over on 1st December by N power. The following payments were approved for payment,

Payment Date	Payee	ITEM	FOLIO	Gross expenditure	Vat	Net expenditure
11/01/2022	CAB	Donation	84	50.00	0.00	50.00
11/01/2022	Parish News	Donation	95	500.00	0.00	500.00
July 2021	Broadland Tree Services	Pruning and removal of allotment trees	96	1,176.00	196.00	980.00
14/12/2021	A Thornton	printer for parish council	97	65.00	0.00	65.00
08/02/2022	TT Jones Electrical Ltd	Street lights maintenance Jan-March 2022	98	25.25	4.21	21.04
26/01/2022	W Patrick	Rodding	99	220.00	0.00	220.00
21/01/2022	Subscription 2022/3	annual membership	100	36.00	0.00	36.00
08/02/2022	npower	Dec electricity supplier changed	101	49.69	2.37	49.69
08/02/2022	New Buckenham Village Hall	room hire Oct-Dec 21	102	50.00	0.00	50.00
08/02/2022	Norfolk Association of Local Councils	Preparing file for internal auditor	103	25.00	0.00	25.00
08/02/2022	V Baker	Closed churchyard gardening Feb 2022	104	62.50	0.00	62.50
08/02/2022	norfolk pension fund	February 2022 pension contribution A Thornton	105	108.67	0.00	108.67
08/02/2022	A Thornton	Salary and expenses for February 2022	106	318.32	0	318.32
				2,686.43	202.58	2,486.22

c. **To consider Community Project Fund Application from Village Hall.**

The Community Project Fund board met to assess and consider The Village Hall application. MD on behalf of the Project Fund board recommend that the Parish Council contribute £5000 to the extra costs incurred to support the village hall project, to reduce the hall carbon footprint, by the new hybrid (air source heat pump and oil boiler. **Resolved** That that the recommendation of the project board be approved. Proposed by MD Seconder MM.

d. To consider increased cost of village bench refurbishment approximately £400. The Parish Council concluded the cost is not viable and that the bench be offered to the highest bidder via an

article in the parish magazine, Proposer MM seconder AB.

2122/108 Planning applications received: New Buckenham Parish Council 8th February 2022

REFERENCE:	3PL/2022/0075/LB
PROPOSAL:	Existing stair to be replaced and rotated by 180 degrees within the existing stairwell.
LOCATION:	NEW BUCKENHAM: Corner Cottage Market Place
APPLICANT:	Mr Maney

Mr Maney's application was discussed – the Council has no objections.

REFERENCE:	3PL/2022/0069/F
PROPOSAL:	Conversion of outbuilding to form new dwelling in garden of Aviary House
LOCATION:	NEW BUCKENHAM: Aviary House, King Street
APPLICANT:	Mr & Mrs Marjorie Womack

Mr and Mrs Womack's application was discussed at length the Parish Council has no objections but requested that the impact on carparking be lodged with Breckland Council- AT action.

Planning Decisions notified since the last meeting:

REF NO:	3PL/2021/1565/HOU Decided 18-01-22
DECISION:	Permission
LOCATION:	NEW BUCKENHAM 8 Chapel Street, , NR16 2BB
Proposal:	Rear ground and first floor extension; addition of a porch canopy to front door; replacement of timber single glazed windows with timber double glazed (Householder)

2122/109 Amenities

Grounds Maintenance. No update.

Closed Churchyard. Grass has been raked and collected. Churchyard Quinquennial report is under review with plan and costing to be prepared. AT to request meeting with PCC to clarify PC responsibilities.

Cemetery. A review of charges deferred to April public meeting when AN and MD will have completed identification of all available plots in both new and old cemetery.

Allotments. Still one invoice outstanding, AT to remind again. The allocation of available plots is now progressing.

Play Area - Bee Maze has been installed.

Cricket Pitch – no update.

Public footpaths –no update

2122/110 Defibrillator see 21/22106c.

2122/111 Queens Platinum Jubilee. Parish Councillors encourage the community to celebrate and article promoting this to be placed in Parish News – AB to action.

2122/112 Community Car Scheme. Gerry Walsh outlined the current position and grant application that has been submitted to Breckland District Council to enable the scheme to continue for 2022-23.

2122/113 Neighbourhood Plan. No update / change reported at this meeting.

2122/114 Clerks Probationary Period. Bank authority still progressing. Minutes of March meeting to be taken by Stevie Hobley in Clerks absence

Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March at 7.30pm at the Village Hall

CLlr Andrew Bingham Vice Chair