

## New Buckenham Parish Council

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF** New Buckenham Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Moat Lane

Present: Councillors Karen Hobley (Chair), Andrew Bingham, Tony Lister, David Scott Miller

In Attendance: Mrs H A Clutten (Clerk), Adrian Joel (District Councillor)

Absent  
(without apologies) None

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The Chair welcomed everyone to the February meeting.

15/18 To consider accepting apologies for absence:

The Council accepted the apologies for absence from Councillors Chirodian, Rush and Walsh for reasons known to it.

15/19 To approve the Minutes of the Meetings of New Buckenham Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015:

The draft Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated; **Council RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The minutes were signed at the end of the meeting by the Chair, Karen Hobley.

15/20 To receive reports of matters arising from those Minutes for update and information only:

Councillor Scott Miller was given permission from the Council to contact TEG about an increasing number of heavy vehicles using the road through New Buckenham when they were supposed to use an alternative route.

The Clerk had arranged for a representative from Saffron to attend this month's meeting but she had had an inpatient hospital appointment and she had not confirmed if she would be coming or not.

It was agreed that Councillor Bingham would put an item in the Parish News regarding the Housing Needs Survey and the quest for land for an Affordable Housing project.

The caravan parked in Boosey's Walk has now been removed.

15/21 To record Declarations of Interest not covered by the current Register of Interests:

None

15/22 To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation and reports:

The meeting was adjourned to allow public participation and reports.

### **(a) Matters Raised by Members of the Public:**

Mrs Highton reported that there were some new CCS forms for the Chair to sign for Community Car Drivers. The Chair agreed to progress these by contacting the drivers concerned.

### **(b) Parish Councillor Reports:**

The Clerk was asked to check about some cemetery plots purchased by a resident through a previous Clerk.

### **(c) District Councillor Report**

The National Planning Policy Framework was changed in 2014 regarding the policy for Affordable Homes and contributions towards recreation facilities for new properties. Previously developers had to provide Affordable Homes on development of 5 or more homes and a Recreation Payment on all

properties. Affordable Homes are now only required on developments of 10+ houses and there is still a recreational payment.

There has been a change to the Black Bin Recycling, with gift wrapping paper, excluding sticky tape, and greetings cards now allowed. Recycling has increased by 10% since the new arrangements were put in place last year.

Breckland has now agreed to move forward with its development growth programme and has set up a Local Asset Back Vehicle (LABV). Breckland will partner up with a Private Investor, where it will supply the land and the partner will provide a cash investment. Initially three projects will be delivered, a hotel/cinema complex on Riverside, Thetford (car park site) and two house building projects.

Breckland's 2015-16 central grant funding has been confirmed today as being 15.1% lower than 2014/15 with the Council set to receive £6.38m to support local services, down from, £7.52m in 2014-15. Despite this income reduction, Breckland has renewed its pledge to protect services and freeze the Council Tax thanks to prudent financial management supported by increased income from new homes bonuses, business growth and stronger economic outlook.

New Buckenham Parish Council expressed its concern that it was never advised of the appeal decision relating to Castle Hill Garage; Councillor Joel said that he would endeavour to find out why the Parish Council had not been informed of the successful appeal.

*The meeting was re-convened*

15/23 To consider planning applications and to receive District Council's decisions made on any applications received before the meeting:

- Breckland Council had given planning permission for the revised design of the garage at 2 Church Farm
- New Application (Full and Listed Building) for King's Head – no objections
- New Application (Full) for extension to the rear of 9 Church Street – no objections

15/24 Financial Matters:

**(a) Financial Report:**

The Clerk had provided a financial report in advance of the meeting.

In view of the still outstanding rent on No 1 Town Houses, Council agreed that this should be advised to Breckland Council and that an email should be sent to Mr Pennell advising that if the matter was not resolved by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2015 then the Council would have to take advice on what to do next.

**(b) To approve payments to be made:**

**Council RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

**Agenda item: Payments**

<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Vat £</b>	<b>Gross £</b>
<b>Cheques drawn 10/02/2015</b>			
101763	Mrs H A Clutten expenses plus any additional hours less tax	0.00	128.24
100019	A R Cross, Village Hall Electrics for Kitchen & Bar	400.00	2,400.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£400.00</b>	<b>£2,528.24</b>
<b>For information: payments by DDR /SO</b>			
21.01.2015	Campaign for the Protection of Rural England	0.00	36.00
08.02.2015	Mrs H A Clutten, Basic Pay and Office Allowance less tax	0.00	238.74
12.02.2015	E-ON Street Lighting February 2014 Energy	2.22	46.60

15/25 To Consider Any Allotment Matters:

Mr Satchwell has started the work on the allotment fencing and gates.

The Banham resident decided not to take up a vacant allotment as there is no car parking on the site.

15/26 To Consider Any Street Lighting Matters:

The Clerk reported on recent correspondence from T T Jones explaining why the street lights might not look as if they have been cleaned. A quotation had been received but only for new lights, to do deal with the other matters raised in the annual report.

The Clerk was asked to check the Street Lighting contract on the question of light cleaning.

15/27 To Consider Any Play Area Matters:

Nothing to report.

15/28 To Consider Any Cemetery Matters:

Nothing to report.

15/29 To receive a Report from the Town Houses Investment Working Party:

Councillor Bingham is arranging for the revised document to be included in the Parish News.

15/30 Parish Council Notice Board at Lovells:

There was a discussion on whether to repair or replace the current notice board and if it should continue to be sited on the wall of Lovells; Councillors were asked to think about this for the next meeting.

15/31 Cricket Pitch Parking/Posts and Chains:

Councillor Lister reported that the area needs another 10 posts, possibly metal posts which could be collapsed. There was also a suggestion from the Chair that the car park might be resurfaced. Councillors were asked to think about these issues and report back to the Council.

15/32 To Consider Providing Another Dog Bin on the Common:

There is already one dog bin on the Common but dog walkers are using a litter bin nearer to the road as a dog bin. Councillors were asked to think about this when considering the other issues relating to the Common.

15/33 Emergency Plan/Emergency Co-ordinator:

The Chair had now seen the current Emergency Plan for the village and said that it was in need of some updating and should link into the Breckland and Norfolk County Council Emergency Plans. Also, she thought that there was no reason not to publish the plan provided that confidential information about residents is removed from the published version. It was agreed to check the Breckland Emergency Plan.

15/34 To Receive Items of Correspondence:

There were no items received by post to circulate to Councillors this month.

15/35 To receive items for the next agenda:

Affordable Housing  
Notice Board at Lovells  
Allotments  
Issues Relating to the Common (Cricket Pitch Parking, Car Park, Dog Bin)  
Town Houses Investment Working Party  
Emergency Plan  
Street Lighting

15/36 To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meeting as 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015:

Confirmed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

***Signed by K Hobley 10.03.2015***