

NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of New Buckenham Parish Council held via Zoom on Tuesday 9th February 2021 7.30 – 9.08pm

Present: Cllrs Karen Hobley (Chair) Andrew Bingham (Vice-Chair), Don Crossman, Mary Dowson, Steve Highton, Mary Manning.

Also in attendance: District & County Cllr Steve Askew, Trevor Wenman (Clerk) fourteen members of the public

2021/110 Apologies: There were none.

2021/111 Minutes: Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2021 be approved as a correct record.

2021/112 Matters Arising:

- a. Violet Highton. The Council noted with great sadness the passing of Mrs Violet Highton, a long standing and valued member of the village community, whose active support to many village projects including the Community Car Scheme and the Neighbourhood Plan had been invaluable. The Council expressed its condolences to Cllr Steve Highton and his family. Cllr Highton expressed his gratitude for the kind words and support he had received following his mother's death.

2021/113 Declarations of Interest: There were none.

2021/114 Public participation: Resolved: That the meeting be suspended to enable public participation:

- a. District Councillor/County Councillor. Queries were raised with Cllr Steve Askew regarding Church Farm House (which had lain empty for a number of years) and the flooding of the Dam Brigg (and what action if any the Highways authority was taking). Cllr Askew undertook to investigate.
- b. Parish Councillors. Cllr Bingham queried the relationship between the Biz Buzz website and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. It was confirmed that the content and management of the Biz Buzz website and Facebook page was independent of the NHP steering group.

2021/115 6. Financial Matters:

- a. The Financial report for the month ending 31st January 2021 was noted
- b. Payments for February 2021

Resolved: That the following payments be approved/noted as appropriate:

Payments List February 2021 for approval/noting			
Payments marked DDR or STO are for information only			
Payments marked OL/Chq will be paid by online banking, or cheque if the payee's payment details are not known.			
	Net	VAT	Gross expenditure
09/02/2021			
V Baker	60.00	0.00	60.00
Closed churchyard gardening February 2021			
OL/Chq	60.00	0.00	60.00
D Crossman	274.64	15.93	290.57
Reimbursement - Playdale Play equipment spare parts			
OL/Chq	79.64	15.93	95.57
reimbursement - Playdale annual safety inspection fee			
OL/Chq	195.00	0.00	195.00
Broxap Ltd	3,786.00	757.20	4,543.20
(Sunshine Gym) - Outside gym equipment for play area (installation will be billed separately)			
OL/Chq	3,786.00	757.20	4,543.20
11/02/2021			
EON	26.64	1.33	27.97
Street lights electricity January 2021			
DDR	26.64	1.33	27.97
28/02/2021			
Norfolk Pension fund	106.80	0.00	106.80
February 2021 pension contributions			
STO	106.80	0.00	106.80
T Wenman	318.32	0.00	318.32
Clerk's Office Expenses contribution February 2021			
STO	35.00	0.00	35.00
Salary for February 2021 (net of tax and pension contribution)			
STO	283.32	0.00	283.32
Grand Total	4,572.40	774.46	5,346.86

2021/110 7. Casual Vacancy: There had been two expressions of interest in the councillor vacancy, one of whom would shortly be submitting an application form to the Clerk. It was agreed to consider this application and any others received at the next Parish Council meeting.

2021/111 8. Planning

- a. The Council considered the following planning applications received since the last meeting

REFERENCE:	3PL/2021/0072/HOU
PROPOSAL:	Replacement of windows at the front of property (1 ground floor and 2 first floor) .
LOCATION:	Teasel Cottage Chapel Street New Buckenham
Resolved	That no objection be raised to this proposal

REFERENCE:	3PL/2020/1470/LB
PROPOSAL:	Rebuilding of dwarf wall at front of property
LOCATION:	NEW BUCKENHAM: St Mary's Residential Care Home Market Place New Buckenham

Resolved:	That no objection be raised to this proposal
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b. The Council noted the following planning decision

REFERENCE:	3PL/2020/1346/LB & 3PL/2020/1345/HOU
PROPOSAL:	Demolition of single storey extension and erection of new two storey extension and detached cart lodge
LOCATION:	NEW BUCKENHAM: Corner Cottage, Market Place
Decision	Approved

2021/112 Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Manning reported that the draft

Neighbourhood Plan was currently with Susan Heinrich at Breckland for final comments and would be formally submitted for the next stage following her feedback.

2021/113 Community Land Trust The Council discussed suggestions made by Mr Charles Stimpson regarding establishing a Community Land Trust in the Village. It was noted that this was not something that the Parish Council should be actively involved with as the initiative for such a scheme needed to come from the wider community. It would also not be appropriate to expend significant Parish Council time or resources on this issue until after the Neighbourhood Plan was completed.

2021/114 11. Amenities

- a. Allotments. The clearing of allotment 12 was still outstanding. It was agreed that a review of the standard allotment lease agreement should be undertaken. The Clerk agreed to circulate the current version to Councillors
- b. Cemetery. The Clerk reported that the availability of space at the cemetery was reducing and consideration should be given to tightening the eligibility for people seeking to reserve a grave plot. The current cemetery rules would be circulated to Councillors as a first step towards doing this.
- c. Play areaAdult
 - i. Play equipment installation. This was now complete, and Councillors were encouraged to try it out.
 - ii. Children's play equipment repairs and safety inspection. Cllr Crossman reported that extensive repairs were required to the roundabout. It was **resolved** that this repair work be carried out by Playdale at an estimated cost of £1,588.08 +vat
 - iii. The Council were reminded that there was still S106 funding of £480 available for play equipment available. The Chair asked

councillors to review information previously provided on sensory play equipment with a view to making a decision at the next meeting.

- iv. Grounds Maintenance. It was noted that no action had so far been taken regarding replacement of the waste bins on the Village Green. The Clerk agreed to bring proposals on this to the next meeting.

2021/115 Coronavirus update. It was noted that the current restrictions means that Parish Council meetings would need to be held remotely for the foreseeable future.

2021/116 Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Cllr Karen Hobley Chair

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