

**Minutes of the Buxton with Lamas Full Parish Council Meeting  
held in Buxton Village Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT**

Councillors:

Mr Shaw	Mrs Dimsey	Mrs Kammoun	Mrs Rix
Mrs Powell	Mrs Nichols	Mr S Riley [Arrived at 7:32]	

Also in attendance:

Councillor David Harrison [arrived approx. 8:14pm]  
Clerk to the Council: Laura Apps-Green

**17/52 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from: Rev Goodman & Mr Battle

**17/53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION** - Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Powell & Mrs Rix reference 9.5 on the agenda.

**17/54 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> July and 24<sup>th</sup> July were previously circulated. With spelling mistakes corrected, all agreed to sign them as a true and correct record.

**17/55 MATTERS ARISING** – It was noted by Mrs Rix that Mr Perkins has withdrawn his planning application for a garden plot on his land.

**17/56 ADJOURNMENT** – Not required

**17/57 REPORTS**

**Mrs Rix** reported that due to the summer recess there had been very little business taking place at Broadland District Council. There was a contentious planning application regarding 2 developments in Rackheath that would lead to a small road (Green Lane) taking more heavy duty traffic along it that is deemed suitable. The application has had to be approved due to there being no legal grounds to refuse it. Mr Rix voted against this application.

The Environmental excellence committee is looking at joined up waste services with North Norfolk District Council in order to make financial savings. Broadland District Council are also looking to further promote the use of smart meters in houses. Full Council meeting planned for 31<sup>st</sup> August was cancelled.

**Mr Harrison** reported that there are plans afoot for Norfolk County Council to return to a Cabinet system, but this would not be possible until 2019. Mr Harrison has responsibility for Health, Museums and Adoption at Norfolk County Council. He reported that there is a need for the return of the cottage hospital as beds are being blocked at hospital and there is nowhere for patients to go. The ambulance service is in great need of improvement and is regularly put on black alert, while the treatment for autism has greatly improved in recent times. Mr Harrison would like to see greater powers given to speed watch volunteers.

There are talks taking place which could see Broadland District Council and South Norfolk District Council joining forces in order to make financial savings and work more efficiently.

The Nelson exhibition is well worth seeing and Norwich Castle has recently been awarded an £8 million grant.

**17/58 PLANNING**

Description: Conversion of agricultural barns to 4 bed dwelling  
Location: Meadow House, Skeyton Road, Buxton, NR10 5DQ  
Applicant: Mr Andrew Sheils

All **AGREED** to **SUPPORT** the above planning application.

**Greater Norwich Local Plan** (Standing Item) – Mr Riley informed council that central government need 8,000 more houses to be built in the GNLP area. The 5 year supply has been met in the rural area, but not in the urban area. Clerk mentioned a letter from GNLP to CPRE that addresses the concerns of the CPRE regarding the housing allocations already made not being fulfilled. Clerk to check that this letter had been circulated to councillors.

**Land off Lion Road Development** ( Standing Item) – Nothing to report

**Neighbourhood Plan** – The meeting date of **5<sup>th</sup> October was AGREED** with Richard Squires of Broadland District Council and those wanting to be part of the Neighbourhood plan. To take place in Buxton Village Hall at 7:30pm. .

**Saffron Housing Affordable housing letter** – It was **AGREED** to invite Saffron Housing to the PC meeting in October.

**CPRE Letter and e-mail** – Full council noted this correspondence

#### 17/59 FINANCE

1. **Bank reconciliation** – for July and August was checked and signed by the Scrutineer.
2. **Receipts and payments as per schedule** – See below

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
22704	BT	Purchase of Phone box on the heath	1
22705	Laura Apps-Green	Postage costs	12.9
22706	Norse	Verge cutting for July	147.18
<i>The above payments were made during the summer recess</i>			
22707	Norse	Verge cutting for August	147.18
22708	Norse	Verge cutting for September	147.18
22709	Barnwells Print Ltd	The Round	252.00
22710	Anglia Water	Qtl bill	18.90
22711	Mazars	Annual Audit	270.00
22712 /	Laura Apps-Green,	Sept Pay, Pension, Phone, HMRC,	1,034.30
22713 /	Post Office Ltd,	Office rent	
22714 /	Norfolk Pension Fund		
22715			
<i>Total for September</i>			<i>2,030.64</i>

3. **Mazars Annual Return** – Clerk confirmed that the annual accounts have been externally audited and have been signed off as a true and correct record.

4. **Mr Claridge** – It was **AGREED** to pay Mr Claridge 50% of the cost of the replacement posts he has had put in by the river, as this is heavily used by walkers in the village.

5. **Computer costings** – Clerk has investigated the cost of a laptop and projector for the council and is waiting for a quote from Aylsham Computers. Quote will go to the October meeting for a decision.

#### 17/60 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS), RIVER & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

**Parish Partnership Scheme 2017/18** – It was decided to leave a further application until the following year. The PC want to see what comes out of the Neighbourhood plan first and see how the pending trod in Lamas goes.

**The Dell** – Clerk to chase Ben Burgess on this matter

**The Mill** – No further action to be taken as there is a danger sign already in place by Broadland District Council and a life ring. Plus this is not PC land or river.

**BT Phone box on the Heath** – Clerk to put this new asset on the PC insurance policy. The Heath residents will refurbish at their own cost.

**Buxton village hall** – Mrs Nichols requested a copy of the RoSPA inspection for the village hall play area.

**To receive reports on highway matters** – Mr Finch has written to the PC asking for help with the lorries that are causing blockages outside his house on Crown Road when making deliveries to the shop. The lorries are blocking his driveway and the engines are left running and causing fumes to fill his house and making the road dangerous. It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to write to Highways to request double yellow lines be painted on this section of the road. Clerk to copy in Cllr Harrison on this request.

#### **17/61 ALLOTMENTS**

Neighbourhood plan is needed before a decision on this can be made.

#### **17/62 BALAY PARK –**

Discussion paper on issues – Nothing can be agreed or decided until the PC is presented with a coherent and worked up business plan. Mr Riley and Clerk to draft a letter to be agreed at the PC meeting in October.

British Gas – Price increase – It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to look into an alternate supplier and to inform the Scouts of the pending price increase.

**17/63 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED** – With reference to the letter from the Bure Navigation Conservation Trust regarding the need to remove the stiles from the FP's in Buxton. Mr Bean is willing to replace them with kissing gates on his land, but would like the stile FP4, by the River Bure, opposite the weir to be removed and the vegetation tidied first. Clerk to pass this on the Norfolk County Council .

**17/64 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS** – Village hall committee have requested their 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of financial assistance with the grass cutting at the hall.

#### **17/65 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:18pm.