

STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

29 October 2017

Members of the public are invited to attend a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council to be held in St Botolph's Church, Gravelpit Hill, Stow Bedon, NR17 1BX, on **Monday, 6 November 2017** at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of transacting the following business.



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Agenda

1. **To consider accepting** the reasons for any apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of interest** in items on the agenda. Members are no longer required to declare personal or prejudicial interests but are to declare any new Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Interests that are not currently included in the Register of Interests. Members are reminded that under the Code of Conduct they are not to participate in the whole of an agenda item in which they have an Interest. In the interests of transparency, Members may also wish to declare any other interests they have in relation to an agenda item, in support of the seven Nolan Principles, namely Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership.
3. **To consider** any applications made by Members for a dispensation to allow them to participate in and vote on an agenda item in spite of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.
4. **Public participation session.** The Council's Standing Orders allow members of the public to make representations, answer questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. This session should not exceed 20 minutes, and members of the public are requested to keep their comments brief. Please note that the Council is unable to make a decision binding in law at this meeting unless the item is already included on the published agenda. It can, though, place the matter on the agenda for discussion at a future meeting..
5. **To confirm** and **sign** the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 16 October 2017.
6. **To report** matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda: **for information only.**
 - 6.1. [6.1] **Broadband.** Elizabeth Truss MP has forwarded an email from BT Openreach purporting to be in response to the Clerk's email on behalf of the Council. However, it appears that BT has no idea what a parish council is. The response was not to the question of why the charges for broadband are the same for poorly supplied rural areas as they are for urban areas where much better speeds are available, but addressed to the Clerk as a private individual, suggesting he contacts his own service provider. The Clerk has responded directly to BT pointing out their error, and copied the MP's aide.
7. **To receive** Correspondence (available at the meeting).
 - 7.1. CGM Group: *Perfect for your Parish Council* - Ground maintenance advertising letter.
 - 7.2. The Pensions Regulator: *by law minimum pension contributors will soon be increasing.*
 - 7.3. Barclays Bank Plc: *We're making important changes: updating your terms, and creating our ring-fenced bank.*
 - 7.4. Came & Company: *Council Matters* - Autumn 2017.

- 7.5. Breckland Council: *Parish Precept Requirement 2018-19.*
- 7.6. Breckland Council: *Parish Grant Allocation 2018-19 to 2020-21.*
- 7.7. Breckland Council: *Guidance for setting parish/town precepts 2018/19.*
- 7.8. Interprint: *Marketing letter.*
- 7.9. Barclays Bank Plc: *Advance notification of charges.*
- 7.10. Barclays Bank Plc: *Confirmation of Signing Arrangement Amendments.*
- 7.11. Wicksteed Playgrounds: *raising funds for your new play area? We'll match it!*
8. **To receive** Planning Applications, planning decisions and correspondence, and **to decide** on comments to be made where necessary.
 - 8.1. **3PL/2017/1076/F: Attleborough Road, Rockland All Saints.** Application for Use of site as separate, self contained dwelling (retrospective) and widening of joint access. Refusal of Planning Permission dated 10 October 2017.
 - 8.2. **3PL/2017/1309/F: Prince of Wales Lodge, Cherry Tree Lane, Stow Bedon.** Application for Erection of 8 dwellings with parking, garaging, amenity and open space and retain existing dwelling. (Extension of response deadline to 23 November requested.)
9. **To consider** the concerns raised by parishioners about drainage issues in Mere Road, and **to agree** any actions the Council can take to improve this.
10. **To agree** a schedule of meeting dates for 2018/19.
11. **To agree** the budget for 2017/18.
12. **To agree** the Precept for 2017/18.
13. **Finance.**
 - 13.1. **To approve** payment of £6.25 to Norfolk Association of Local Councils in part settlement of their invoice no. 1291, being this Council's share of the cost of the Clerk attending GDPR Training on 1 November 2017.
 - 13.2. **To receive** the Monthly Financial Report.
14. **To decide** on any matters for consideration at next meeting.
 - 14.1. Village Appraisal results.
 - 14.2. Defibrillator.
15. **To confirm** the date of the next meeting as Monday 18 December 2017, at 7.30 p.m., in St Botolph's Church, Stow Bedon.

Scheduled future Meeting dates:

Monday, 18 December 2017

Monday, 22 January 2018*

Monday, 19 February 2018

Monday, 19 March 2018

*If needed