

STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

5 April 2021

Members of the public are invited to attend a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council to be held **via video link** on Monday, 12 April 2021 at 7.30 p.m. for the purpose of transacting the following business. Join the meeting using computer, iPad, mobile phone or the like, via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82872931509>, or using a land-line telephone, dial 0203 695 0088 and follow the instructions, entering meeting number 828 7293 1509.



Julian Gibson
Clerk to the Council

The Jays, Watton Road, Wretham, Thetford, NORFOLK IP24 1QS (01953 499980)

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, 15 March 2021.
6. **To report** matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda: **for information only.**
 - 6.1. [Minutes of 18 January 2021, 10] **Deer sign.** The Clerk to Wretham Parish Council has now taken delivery of and deployed the Deer sign, initially in Wretham, but it will alternate with locations in this parish on a monthly basis. As there are eight approved locations there is little chance of over-familiarity developing.
7. **To acknowledge receipt** of the following correspondence.
 - 7.1. HM Revenue & Customs: *Important information for all employers* - (regarding year-end).
8. **To receive** Planning Applications, planning decisions and correspondence, and **to decide** on comments to be made where necessary.
 - 8.1. **3PL/2020/0690/F: Brookside Farm, Breckles.** Retention of three replacement poultry houses along with six feed silos (replacement buildings). **To receive** Planning Permission dated 22 March 2021.
 - 8.2. **3PL/2020/0802/HOU: Breckles Gate, Wretham Road, Breckles.** One Bedroom Annexe. **To receive** notice of an Appeal to the Secretary of State against the decision of

Breckland Council to refuse to grant planning (Ref. no. APP/F2605/W/21/3266251), and **to consider** whether the Council should submit a further comment.

- 8.3. **3PL/2021/0448/VAR: Open grazing land adjacent to Pig Patch House.** Variation of Condition No 2 on 3PL/2019/0897/F - amended design of dwelling.
- 8.4. **3PL/2020/1479/F: Land Adjacent River Cottage, Lower Stow Bedon.** Proposed Dwelling - Revised plans.
- 8.5. **3PL/2021/0161/HOU: 3 Hall Cottages, Rockland Road, Lower Stow Bedon.** Single storey extension to side of dwelling. It was **resolved** that the Council had no objection.
9. **To receive** an update on the situation regarding the Pingo Trail Car Park.
10. **To receive** notice from Luke Hall MP, Minister for Regional Growth and Local Government stating that the Government has decided not to bring forward emergency legislation to extend the regulations permitting virtual meetings from 7 May 2021. This is despite,
 - 10.1. Coronavirus full page Government newspaper adverts stating, "Every online meeting is making a difference";
 - 10.2. letters being sent to people previously advised to shield, stating, "It is important that you continue to keep the number of social interactions that you have low";
 - 10.3. the route-map out of lockdown saying that organised indoor meetings (and therefore the opening of village halls) will not be permitted until 17 May at the earliest;
 - 10.4. Scottish local authorities having had express provision to meet remotely prior to the pandemic, and the Welsh Government having since passed legislation coming into force on 1 May and makes express indefinite provision for Welsh local authorities to meet remotely;
 - 10.5. MPs being able to continue to attend the House of Commons remotely until 21 June; and
 - 10.6. The Speaker having announced that House of Commons Select Committees are to continue meeting virtually until 17 September.
11. **To note** that Local Government lawyers have asked the High Court to rule that, as there is nothing in current legislation that actually debars Councils from meeting virtually, no changes are required and that virtual meetings are legally permitted under existing laws. The Court has agreed that this case will be fast-tracked, and a decision is expected by the end of April.
12. **To consider** (in case it is deemed not to be legal to hold meetings virtually from 7 May onwards) rescheduling the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to a day and time between 1-6 May inclusive. (This meeting must be held on a day in May.)
13. **To consider** (in case it is deemed not to be legal to hold meetings virtually from 7 May onwards, and as it may well be impossible on occasions to, (a) find a suitable place for the Council to meet physically, or (b) to muster a quorum at such a meeting as a result of Coronavirus concerns) delegating all decisions on any matter where delegation is legally possible to the Clerk, and **to agree** any necessary conditions relating to consulting members.
14. **To note** that the Government has issued a 12-week "Call for evidence" relating to virtual meetings, and **to agree** that the Clerk should respond on behalf of the Council asking for Parish Councils to have the power to take this decision in relation to all future meetings, so that this option exists, whether or not the Council at the time decides to make use of it.
15. **Finance.**
 - 15.1. **To approve** payment of £109.97 to Norfolk Association of Local Councils, in settlement of their invoice no. 4851, being the membership subscription for 2021-22.
 - 15.2. **To approve** payment of £29.95 (£24.96 + £4.99 VAT) to the Clerk in reimbursement for his having paid Spanglefish for hosting the Council's website for the year ending 10 April 2022.
 - 15.3. **To note** that on or around 26 April 2020 the Information Commissioner's Office will collect £35.00 from the Council's account by direct debit, being the data protection fee due under the *Data Protection (Charges and Information) Regulations 2018*.

15.4. **To receive** the Monthly Financial Report.

16. **To decide** on any matters for consideration at next meeting.

17. **To confirm** the date of the next meeting as Monday, 17 May 2021 at 7.30 p.m., via **Zoom video link**.

Scheduled future Meeting dates:

Monday, 12 April 2021	Monday, 16 August 2021	Monday, 13 December 2021
Monday, 17 May 2021	Monday, 13 September 2021	Monday, 17 January 2022
Monday, 14 June 2021	Monday, 18 October 2021	Monday, 14 February 2022
Monday, 12 July 2021	Monday, 15 November 2021	Monday, 14 March 2022