

# STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 14 December 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: Phil Childs (Chairman), Paul Howe, John Morfoot, Jonathan White.  
Julian Gibson (Clerk)

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence offered by Councillors Hayward, Jessett, and Pilkington.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.**
  - 4.1 **Sundry matters.** The Council was told about another fly-tip behind the bottle bank in the Pingo Trail lay-by, a fridge in the gateway to the first field on the left of the B1111 south of the junction with the A1075, and a depression (possibly subsidence) in Rocklands Road at the eastern end of Lower Stow Bedon. It was also pointed out that some of the reflector posts outside Church Cottage had been broken, and that the hedges outside Breckles Hall and at the entrance to Mere Road were hanging over the road. The Clerk said he would report all these to the district and county councils.
  - 4.2 **Breckland Council.** Councillor Phil Cowen spoke about the Local Plan consultation, which runs from 11 January to 22 February. He said that the policies being proposed had been tailored more strongly to relate to the rural nature of Breckland, and urged the Council and parishioners to respond to the consultation and to make their views known. He also said that it seemed inevitable that the parish would not be receiving fibre-enabled broadband as part of the current roll-out. He said that people could put their post code into a link on the Better Broadband for Norfolk website to see if it was on the schedule for rollout of fibre. If it was not (and he confirmed that Mere Road was not) then it would have to be done by Breckland Council using the funds it had put in to the project, and for which the government had provided match funding. This would have to wait until the rollout of fibre broadband was complete in 2018, using a technology yet to be developed.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 16 November 2015 were **confirmed and signed.**
- 6 **Matters arising.**
  - 6.1 [4.2] **Speed Awareness Message device.** Caston Parish Council was, apparently, considering applying to the Parish Partnership scheme for two SAM2 devices, and was interested in possibly sharing one with this parish. However, they feel they cannot make a case for two signs without evidence that they have a real (rather than perceived) issue, and it seems that some data monitoring was undertaken when there were temporary traffic lights a few yards from the monitoring location. They have, therefore, decided to apply alone for one device.
  - 6.2 [7.8] **Breckland Council's retention of Government grant funding for the benefit of parish councils.** Whereas in the past the Government has been openly critical of district councils which did not pass on the funding to parishes, it seems that now it is doing a U-turn, saying that this is purely a local matter, and not one where it should intervene or even state a view.
  - 6.3 [9] **Pingo Trail lay-by and Car Park.** County Councillor Ian Monson says that David Jacklin, NCC Highway Engineer, has spoken with David Mills (Trails Officer for the area), and he is going to help with the clearance of the undergrowth. David



will supply planeings to improve the surface of the car park and entrance. The Clerk said he would contact David Mills to find out what was being planned.

**7 Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:

- 7.1 East Anglian Air Ambulance: *Grant Application.*
- 7.2 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *Notice of AGM and Constitution changes.*
- 7.3 Norfolk County Council: *Re-imagining Norfolk - Strategic and financial planning 2016/2019.*
- 7.4 Norfolk County Council: *Norfolk Minerals Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD): Single Issue Review of Silica Sand - Preferred Options Document.*
- 7.5 Norfolk County Council: *Potholes - Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council.*
- 7.6 *Clerks & Council Direct - November 2015.*
- 7.7 Breckland Council: *Parish Precept Requirement 2016-17.*
- 7.8 Breckland Council: *Parish Grant Allocation 2016-17 to 2019-20.*
- 7.9 Breckland Council: *Guidance for setting parish/town precepts 2016/17.*
- 7.10 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account Statement - 1-30 October 2015.*
- 7.11 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account Statement - 1-30 October 2015.*
- 7.12 Norfolk County Council: *Better Broadband for Norfolk Information Sheet 22 - 3 November 2015.*
- 7.13 Breckland Councillor Philip Cowen: *Broadband.*
- 7.14 Norfolk County Council: *Wayland Flexibus.* The Clerk will ask for this to be published in *Waylander.*

**8 Planning.**

- 8.1 **3PN/2015/0051/PV: Bernard Matthews Brookside Farm, Breckles Gate, Hockham.** Install solar PV panels on roof of poultry units (permitted development). Notice that No Prior Approval is Required dated 11 November 2015 was **received**.
- 8.2 **3PN/2015/0045/UC: Home Farm, Stow Bedon.** Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling (Permitted Development). Notice that Prior Approval is Required and is Granted dated 25 September 2015 was **received**.
- 8.3 **3PL/2012/0707/F: Watering Farm.** Emails between Agent and Norfolk County Council regarding damage to Peddars Way were **received**.
- 8.4 **3PL/2015/1254/F: Heath Farm, Breckles Heath, Stow Bedon.** Detached ancillary residential annexe. Planning Permission dated 30 November 2015 was **received**.

**9 New audit regime.** It was **agreed** that the Council should allow the arrangements for the New Audit Regime which the Sector-Led Body (SLB) being set up by the National Association of Local Councils, the Society of Local Council Clerks and the Association of Drainage Authorities to proceed, rather than to opt out of these arrangements and appoint an auditor locally. The Council has been advised to budget for a one-off SLB fee of up to £100 in 2016/17.

**10 50 mph speed limit on A1075 between Stow Bedon and Watton.** The revised proposal for a reduced speed limit on the A1075 was **received**. It was **agreed** not to make any further comment.

**11 Council Meetings.** A schedule of future Council Meetings was **agreed**.

**12 Budget 2016/17.** The Clerk presented a draft budget for 2016/17 which was **approved**.

**13 Precept 2016/17.** It was **agreed** to fix the Precept for 2016/17 at £4,600, an increase of 3.2%.

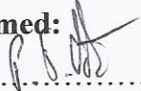
**14 Finance.**

- 14.1 **Clerk's salary.** It was **resolved** that cheques numbered 100681 & 100682 totalling £555.32 £642.25 (salary for 1 October 2015 to 31 December 2015: £534.60; Mileage Allowance Payment for 8 September 2015 to 5 December 2015: £107.65 (of which £2.67 is the VAT element)) to the Clerk and HM Revenue & Customs be signed. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 112(2)*)
- 14.2 **Clerk's reimbursement.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100686 for £23.98 (Postage & Telephones: £22.56; Hall heating: £1.00; VAT: £0.42) to the Clerk be signed, as reimbursement for items paid on behalf of the Council for 8 September 2015 to 5 December 2015. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 111*)
- 14.3 **Venue hire.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100685 for £40.00 to Caston Village Hall be signed, being payment for the use of the Hall for Council Meetings during 2015. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 133*)
- 14.4 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 30 November 2015 was **received**.

**15 Matters for consideration at next meeting.** None.

**16 Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Parish Council, was **confirmed** as **Monday, 18 January 2016**, or, if there is no urgent business to be discussed, on **Monday, 15 February 2016**, at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

**Confirmed:**



**Phil Childs, Chairman**

15 February 2016

**Scheduled future Meeting dates:**

Monday, 15 February 2016	Monday, 20 June 2016	Monday, 14 November 2016
Monday, 14 March 2016	Monday, 18 July 2016	Monday, 12 December 2016
Monday, 18 April 2016	Monday, 15 August 2016*	Monday, 16 January 2017
Monday, 16 May 2016**	Monday, 19 September 2016	Monday, 20 February 2017
	Monday, 17 October 2016	Monday, 20 March 2017

\*If needed

\*\* Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Meeting of the Parish Council