

STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 17 July 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in St Botolph's Church, Gravelpit Hill, Stow Bedon, NR17 1BX.

Present: Councillors: Jonathan White (Vice-Chairman), Paul Howe, Dawn Jessett.
Julian Gibson (Clerk)

In the absence of the Council Chairman the Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was **resolved** to accept the reasons for absence offered by Councillors Hayward, Morfoot and Pilkington.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.**
 - 4.1 A member of the public expressed concerns about the speed of traffic on Mere Road and made a plea for the Council to try to do something about it. The Clerk pointed out that the Correspondence included a letter from Norfolk County Council announcing another round of the Parish Partnership Scheme and explained how the Speed Awareness Messaging device (SAM2, which he had obtained for one of his other parishes under the scheme) worked. The Member of the public said that if the Council was able to get one of these he would be pleased to ensure that the batteries were kept charged, and to move it between locations as required. The Clerk was asked to put this matter on the agenda for the next meeting, and to make enquiries so that the Council would then have all the facts at its disposal.
 - 4.2 **Blocked gullies on B1111 near Church Cottage.** It was reported that the three gullies were again completely blocked. The first, which has a large sump to collect silt was doing its job, but is now full to capacity (several tonnes worth), and so any further silt will enter the system and block the pipes downstream. The Chairman undertook to provide some photographs for the Clerk to use as evidence to NCC Highways.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 19 June 2017 were **confirmed** and **signed**.
- 6 **Matters arising.**
 - 6.1 [6.1] **Blocked gullies on A1075.** County Councillor Fabian Eagle has asked for a photograph of the water on the road as evidence of the problem. The Chairman said he would ask a resident to provide this.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
 - 7.1 Norfolk County Council: *Delivering local highway improvements in partnership with Town and Parish Councils.*
 - 7.2 Norfolk County Council: *Temporary Traffic Order closing Broad Way, Caston, from 27-28 July 2017 between 09:30hrs and 15:30 hrs.*
 - 7.3 *Clerks & Councils Direct - July 2017.*
 - 7.4 Breckles Parochial Church Council: *Letter of thanks for grant payment.*
 - 7.5 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account Statement - 1-30 June 2017.*
 - 7.6 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account Statement - 1-30 June 2017.*
 - 7.7 Breckland Council: *Revised Street Naming and Numbering Policy.*
 - 7.8 Breckland Council: *SNN Policy.*
 - 7.9 Breckland Council: *Street Naming & Numbering Guidance for Town/Parish Councils and Developers.*

7.10 Breckland Council: *Street Naming & Numbering - Postal Towns.*

8 Planning.

8.1 **3PL/2017/0772/HOU: Home Farm, Stow Road, Stow Bedon.** Application to Insert dormer windows to front elevation. Insert rooflights. Demolish porch & erect new. Demolish rear single storey extension & erect 2½ storey rear extension. Alterations to south elevation following removal of porches. It was **noted** that the Clerk has responded, “No objections”, under his delegated power after consultation with five Councillors, and Planning Permission dated 7 July 2017 was **received**.

8.2 **3PL/2017/0018/F: Land at Waters Edge Mere Road, Stow Bedon.** Three detached single storey dwellings with integral garages. A Notice of Appeal against Breckland Council’s Refusal of Planning Permission dated 14 June 2017 was **received**, and it was **noted** that the Clerk had written to the Planning Inspector reinforcing the objections, and adding further information about the presence of great crested newts in the neighbouring land and information about 15 endangered and nationally threatened aquatic species recently found on the Stow Bedon Fuel Allotment. The Clerk pointed out that Breckland Council had reported that it no longer has a 5-year land supply, and this may well have an impact on the Appeal.

8.3 **3PL/2017/0754/D: Chapel Farm, Mere Road, Stow Bedon.** Application for deferred matters for Erection of dwelling. It was **noted** that the Clerk has responded, “No objections”, under his delegated power after consultation with Councillors.

8.4 **3PL/2017/0650/F: Home Farm, Stow Road, Stow Bedon.** New Office building. Planning Permission dated 7 July 2017 was **received**.

9 Village Appraisal. Councillor Jessett reported that the questionnaire was now ready, and it was **agreed** that this should be delivered to all households by the Working Group members by 28 July, along with stamped addressed envelopes for responses to come back to her, hopefully by 11 August. When they start to come in she would start loading the responses onto a spreadsheet, and the results should be available for the September Council Meeting.

10 Wayland Partnership. A letter from the Partnership giving details of their application for funding for the Wayland Community of Culture was **received**, and the Council **agreed** that this was an exciting project and asked the Clerk to email saying that it was supported by this Council.

11 Finance.

11.1 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 30 June 2017 was **received**.

12 Matters for consideration at next meeting.

12.1 SAM2.

12.2 Village Appraisal update.

13 Next meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as Monday, 14 August 2017, or if there is no business to be discussed, as Monday, 18 September 2017, at 7.30 p.m. in St Botolph’s Church, Gravelpit Hill, Stow Bedon.

Confirmed:

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Lee Pilkington, Chairman

18 September 2017

Scheduled future Meeting dates:

Monday, 14 August 2017*

Monday, 18 September 2017

Monday, 16 October 2017

*If needed

Monday, 20 November 2017

Monday, 18 December 2017

Monday, 22 January 2018*

Monday, 19 February 2018

Monday, 19 March 2018