

## STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 16 December 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

**Present: Councillors: Dawn Jessett (Vice-Chairman), Phil Childs, Paul Howe, Lee Pilkington. 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 Cllr. Reed and Cllr. White. The Clerk reported that District Councillor Phil Cowen had sent his apologies, and said that all he had to tell the Council was that officers were getting to grips with the new policies in the adopted Local Plan and that as a consequence most residential applications had been held back until the January Planning Committee meeting.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.**
  - 4.1 County Councillor Fabian Eagle thanked the Council for supporting the application for funding under the parish Partnership Scheme made by Wretham Parish Council for a “Deer” sign. He also said that he had once again raised the matter of a reduced speed limit on the A1075. Finally he mentioned that the Boundary Commission was carrying out a review of the County Divisions, and while at the moment it is inclined to keep the number of members at 84, it will be looking to even out the number of residents each member represents.
  - 4.2 A pot hole was reported on the B1111 south of the junction with the road through Lower Stow Bedon. The Clerk said he would report this to NCC Highways. **Post meeting note:** It is apparent from the Highways website that this matter has already been reported.
  - 4.3 It was reported that two very large new sheds had been erected at Brookside Farm, Watton Road (in the parish of Hockham), although there is no mention of this on the Breckland Planning Portal. The Clerk was asked to report this to Breckland.
  - 4.4 Concern was expressed that the hedge along the side of the A1075 was obstructing visibility for vehicles exiting from Low Road. Cllr Pilkington said that he would arrange for the contractor who works for him to cut the brambles on the verge and the hedge back to the fence when his hedges are done in February providing that the householder confirmed that he was happy with this. The Clerk was asked to write to gain this consent.
  - 4.5 Speaking as Chairman of the Trustees of the Stow Bedon Fuel Allotment charity, Cllr. Childs provide an update regarding the possible sale of the Fuel Allotment, saying that the Trustees were still waiting for an independent valuation, to compare with the offer from Norfolk Wildlife Trust.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 18 November 2019 were **confirmed** and **signed**.
- 6 **Matters arising.**
  - 6.1 [9] **Vehicle Activated (Deer) Sign for A1075.** Wretham Parish Council has now submitted a bid under the Parish Partnership Scheme. A decision is expected in April 2020. Apparently a County Councillor (not connected with this bid) raised the matter of the number of Road Traffic Accidents which occur in Norfolk as a result of the activities of deer, and asked for more warning signs, so Wretham suggested that this project might be regarded as a trial for a new way to warn drivers of the risks.

6.2 [10, Minutes of 21 October 2019] **Improved road safety on A1075.** The Clerk reported that the SLOW DOWN signs had been deployed in two locations each on the A1075, but Cllr. Eagle said that he would need to take them back soon after Christmas in order to lend them to another interested parish council.

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

- 7.1 Breckland Council: *Breckland Town & Parish Forum - 12 February 2020.*
- 7.2 Norfolk County Council: *Mobile Library Poetry Competition.*
- 7.3 Norfolk Constabulary: *All Saints & Wayland newsletter - November 2019.*
- 7.4 Norfolk Constabulary: *Breckland District Community Speedwatch Monthly Returns - October 2019.*
- 7.5 SAM2 Co-ordinator: *Monthly report.*
- 7.6 The Pensions Regulator: *Re-enrolment and re-declaration: your legal duties as an employer.*
- 7.7 Breckland Council: *Adoption of the Breckland Local Plan 2011-2036.*
- 7.8 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance - Your balances on 29 November 2019.*
- 7.9 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account statement - 1-29 November 2019.*
- 7.10 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account statement - 1-29 November 2019.*

**8 Planning.**

- 8.1 **3AG/2019/0020/AG: Honeypot Estate, Spring Lane / Mere Road Junction, Stow Bedon.** Hay/Straw Storage Barn. Notice dated 29 November 2019 that Prior Approval is required and is refused was **received**. The Clerk reported that he had received a call from the applicant, saying that the Council had been wrong to say that he did not keep animals, but the Clerk pointed out that what had been said was that the Councillors had not seen any. The Clerk suggested that he look at the Breckland Officer's report, which stated that they had looked at aerial photograph where the clear evidence of mowing lines seemed to indicate the absence of livestock. Breckland had also contacted Agent pointing this out and asking for evidence to be produced to support the claim that the barn was needed to support livestock, but no reply was received within the time that a decision had to be taken under the Agricultural permitted development, hence the refusal.
- 8.2 **3PL/2019/0726/F: White Horse Farmhouse, Mere Road Stow Bedon.** Application for Erection of 3 bed dwelling. Notice that an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Breckland District Council to Refuse to grant planning permission was **received**.

**9 Budget 2020/21.** The Clerk presented a draft budget for 2020/21 which was **approved**.

**10 Precept 2020/21.** It was **agreed** to fix the Precept for 2020/21 at £5,000.

**11 Meeting dates.** A schedule of meeting dates for 2020/21 was **agreed**.

**12 Finance.**

12.1 **Clerk's salary.** It was **resolved** that cheques numbered 100798 & 100799 totalling £1,018.62 (salary for 1 October 2019 to 31 December 2019: £927.77; payment for use of home as office: £13.50; Mileage Allowance Payment for 9 September 2019 - 8 December 2019: £77.35) to the Clerk and HM Revenue & Customs be signed. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 112(2)*)

12.2 **Clerk's reimbursement.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100800 for £10.28 (Postage & Telephones: £5.28; Hire of Hall for meetings (heating): £5.00) to the Clerk be signed as reimbursement for items paid on behalf of the Council for 9 September 2019 - 8 December 2019. (*Local Government Act 1972 s.111*)

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12.3 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 30 November 2019 was received.

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

14 **Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday, 13 January 2020**, or if not required on **Monday, 17 February 2020**, at **7.30 p.m.** in **Caston Village Hall**.

**Confirmed:**

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**Jonathan White, Chairman**

13 January 2020

**Scheduled future Meeting dates:**

Monday, 13 January 2020*	Monday, 15 June 2020	Monday, 16 November 2020
Monday, 17 February 2020	Monday, 13 July 2020	Monday, 14 December 2020
Monday, 16 March 2020	Monday, 17 August 2020*	Monday, 18 January 2021*
Monday, 20 April 2020	Monday, 14 September 2020	Monday, 15 February 2021
Monday, 18 May 2020**	Monday, 12 October 2020	Monday, 15 March 2021

\*If needed

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

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