

## STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 13 July 2020 at 6.00 p.m. This was a virtual on-line meeting.

**Present: Councillors: Jonathan White (Chairman), Phil Childs, Dawn Jessett, Lee Pilkington. Julian Gibson (Clerk)**

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was **resolved** to accept the reason for absence offered by Cllr. Howe. The Chairman said he would like to remind all members that the Council needs to agree that the reason for an absence is acceptable if a member is to be able avoid “the six-month rule” in the *Local Government Act 1972 s. 85(1)* which states, “... if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the authority.” If no apology and reason is submitted before a meeting the Council is, therefore, unable to do anything, and eventually a member will just cease to be a member, and a Casual Vacancy will occur. So he encouraged members to advise the Clerk if they are not going to be able to attend a meeting, and to give the reason. This reason will only be revealed to other members to avoid matters like extended absence from home being made public.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.** None
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 15 June 2020 were **confirmed** for retrospective signing by the Chairman of the next face-to-face meeting of the Council.
- 6 **Matters arising.**
  - 6.1 [6.3, Minutes of 20 April 2020] **Defibrillator.** The Clerk has now placed the order for the defibrillator to be installed in the Mere Road telephone kiosk, and work should commence for this in the next month or so. Cllr. Jessett has agreed to be the on-site contact.
  - 6.2 [6.1] **Turkey sheds at Brookside House, Breckles.** Breckland Council Enforcement advises that a retrospective planning application has been submitted. Their case (ENF/379/19/PAR) will now be closed, but should the application be refused it will be re-opened.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
  - 7.1 *Clerks & Councils Direct* - July 2020.
  - 7.2 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business Accounts - at a glance* - Your balances on 30 June 2020.
  - 7.3 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account statement* - 30 May - 30 June 2020.
  - 7.4 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account statement* - 30 May - 30 June 2020.
- 8 **Planning.**
  - 8.1 **3PN/2020/0027/UC: Mere Farm, Stow Bedon Road, Stow Bedon.** Application for Prior approval for Conversion of agricultural building to residential (permitted development). It was **resolved** that the Council objected because the existing barn has a footprint of 486 sqm., which exceeds the 465 sqm limit required for Permitted Development, and also on grounds of poor design, future development of the site, reliance on private cars, and similar issues.

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8.2 **3PL/2020/0453/F & 3PL/2020/0454/LB: Breckles Gate, Wretham Road, Breckles.**  
The erection of a self-contained one bedroom annexe. Notice dated 30 June 2020 that these applications have been withdrawn was **received**.

8.3 **3PL/2020/0439/VAR: Land North of Mere House, Mere Road, Stow Bedon.**  
Variation of Condition No 2 on 3PL/2019/1363/F (Erection of two dwellings) - Revised Site, Elevations and Tree Protection Plan. Planning Permission dated 7 July 2020 was **received**.

9 **Proposed new Model Code of Conduct.** The proposed Local Government Association proposed new Model Member Code of Conduct was **considered** and the Council **agreed** a response to the consultation to be sent.

10 **Finance.**

10.1 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 30 June 2020 was **received**.

11 **Matters for consideration at next meeting.**

11.1 Progress of Covid epidemic measures and impact on format of future meetings.

11.2 Report on Frost's Common situation.

12 **Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday, 17 August 2020**, or if that is not necessary, on **Monday, 14 September 2020**, in both cases at **7.30 p.m.** via **Zoom video link**.

**Confirmed:**

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**Jonathan White, Chairman**

17 August 2020

**Scheduled future Meeting dates:**

Monday, 17 August 2020*	Monday, 16 November 2020	Monday, 15 February 2021
Monday, 14 September 2020	Wednesday, 16 December 2020	Monday, 15 March 2021
Monday, 19 October 2020	Monday, 18 January 2021*	

\*If needed