

# STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 16 November 2020 at 7.30 p.m. This was a Zoom on-line meeting.

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

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was resolved to accept the reason for absence offered by Cllr. Morfoot.
- 2 **Casual Vacancy.** The Chairman advised the Council that Cllr. Paul Howe had resigned. The Clerk has advised Breckland Council and started the Casual Vacancy process. Notices have been posted on the parish boards inviting electors who wished to have an election called to advise the Breckland Returning Officer by 27 November 2020. Unless ten electors do this, the Council will fill the vacancy by co-option. The Clerk will write to Cllr. Howe on behalf of the Council, thanking him for his service over the past nine years.
- 3 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 4 **Dispensations.** None.
- 5 **Public participation session.** District Councillor Phil Cowen said he had attended meetings earlier in the day, and passed on an update on the COVID-19 situation locally, stressing the need for everybody to follow the given advice. He also spoke about application 3PL/020/1237/F at Mere Farm, which had been received by the Clerk too late to be considered at this meeting. The Clerk said he would try to obtain an extension so a response would be agreed at the December meeting.
- 6 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 19 October 2020 were **confirmed**, and **signed** by the Chairman.
- 7 **Matters arising.**
  - 7.1 [6.1, Minutes of 16 April 2018] **Pingo Trail layby.** The Chairman reported that, following flooding occurring across the A1075 at this location, he had contacted County Councillor Fabian Eagle for the situation regarding the access to the lay-by, the dangerously hidden car park, the encroachment by vegetation, and the flooding issues to be investigated as a whole, and was awaiting a response.
  - 7.2 [15] **Defibrillator.** Cllr. Jessett reported that she had put a piece into *The Waylander* informing residents that the defibrillator was now in use, and suggesting that they watch a video explaining how it should be used. She had also been carrying out the weekly check and logging that this had been done. She suggested that she ask a local resident to be available to carry this out when she was not available, which was **agreed**. She had also been sent a notice explaining the process of using the device, but it was thought best not to display this in the kiosk, as speed of collection was important. So, it was **agreed** that Cllr. Jessett should get copies of the document copied and included as an insert in *Waylander*.
- 8 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
  - 8.1 Norfolk County Council: Temporary closure of Cherry Tree Lane in the Parish of Stow Bedon - sewer connection works (ref STRO4184).
  - 8.2 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your business accounts - at a glance* - Your balances on 30 October 2020.
  - 8.3 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account* - 1-30 October 2020.
  - 8.4 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account* - 1-30 October 2020.
  - 8.5 SAM2 Co-ordinator: *Monthly report*.
  - 8.6 Norfolk Constabulary: *Community Update - All Saints & Wayland Ward* - November 2020.
  - 8.7 Office for National Statistics: *Census 2021* - Sunday, 21 March 2021.

8.8 Breckland Council: *Casual Vacancy* - Date for receipt of requests to hold an election is 27 November 2020.

## 9 Planning.

9.1 **3PL/2020/0779/PIP: Hall Farmhouse, Lower Stow Bedon.** 2 no. Single Storey Dwelling Farmyard Style Homes. Permission in Principle dated 26 October 2020 was received.

9.2 **3PL/2020/1012/HOU: 3 Hall Cottages, Rockland Road, Lower Stow Bedon.** Two storey extension to side of dwelling. Notice dated 26 October that this application has been withdrawn was received.

9.3 **3PL/2020/1156/F: Land at Mere Farm (West Barn), Stow Bedon Road, Stow Bedon.** Change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage and erection of cart-shed. It was resolved that the Council had no objections.

9.4 **Suspension of Standing Order 7: Previous resolutions.** In view of the additional information received regarding Item 9.5, it was agreed that this was no longer necessary.

9.5 **3PL/2020/0919/F: Harvesters, Mere Road, Stow Bedon.** Proposed change of use from Agricultural field to equestrian and construction of stables in rear garden. The Chairman advised the meeting that The Clerk had been advised by the Breckland Planning Officer that their legal team had ruled that the present application was not legal and could not be determined because the red-line zone is stated to be agricultural, whereas it is a mixture of agricultural and residential. The applicants had been advised to withdraw the application, and either (a) submit two applications, one to convert the rear field from agricultural to equestrian use and the other to construct the stable block in the back garden of the dwelling; or (b) to submit just one application covering just the field to apply for change of use and to construct the stable within that site. In view of this, it was agreed that no additional action was required at this time.

10 **Waylander Magazine.** It was noted that the Clerk has placed a link to The Waylander Magazine site on the Council website.

11 **Norfolk Association of Local Councils (ALC).** Now that Norfolk ALC has become a co-operative organisation, it has requested that each parish council appoint a representative to attend virtual meetings. Cllr. White volunteered to take this on, and this was agreed.

12 **Frost's Common.** The Chairman provided an update on the situation regarding the untidy site on the side of the A1075 in Hockham Parish. Two Enforcement Actions have been started by Breckland Council, but on 28 April this was appealed to the Planning Inspectorate. This Council was not informed about this by Breckland until 9 November, by when the deadline for submitting comments was long past. A site inspection by the Inspector is now scheduled for 11.00 on 27 January 2021. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact the Breckland Planning Technical Support Team to see if it was possible for the Council to make comments at this late stage which would be taken into consideration.

13 **Drains on B1111 outside church.** The Chairman reported that two teams from NCC Highways has visited, one to clear out the gullies and the second to clean the silt catcher. The foremen of each of these teams said that the ditch on the Breckles Hall side was once again full and needed clearing in order to prevent a back-up. It was agreed that the Clerk should once again write to the landowners asking for the ditch to be cleared.

## 14 Finance.

14.1 **Publications.** It was resolved that cheque number 100825 for £30.00 to LexisNexis be signed, being this council's share of order no. AB000053 for purchase of *Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration -12<sup>th</sup> Edition. (Local Government Act 1972, s.111)*

14.2 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 October 2020 was received.

## 15 Matters for consideration at next meeting.

15.1 2021/22 Budget.

15.2 2021/22 Precept.

15.3 If the Council has become able to do so, to consider filling the Casual Vacancy by co-option.

15.4 Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration.

**16 Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday, 16 December 2020**, at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom video link.

**Confirmed:**

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**Dawn Jessett, Vice-Chairman**

16 December 2020

**Scheduled future Meeting dates:**

Wednesday, 16 December 2020

Monday, 18 January 2021\*

Monday, 15 February 2021

Monday, 15 March 2021

\*If needed