

STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 18 January 2021 at 7.30 p.m. This was a Zoom on-line meeting.

Present: Councillors: Dawn Jessett (Vice-Chairman), Phil Childs, 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. Morfoot and Cllr. White
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.** District Councillor Phil Cowen said that he had been in touch with County Councillor Fabian Eagle with regard to both the damage to Mere Road (and elsewhere) caused by the recent diverted traffic, including the ditches which have been filled in as a result. The Clerk will also contact Cllr. Eagle once again to try to find out what, if anything, Highways is doing about the problem. Cllr. Cowen said that Breckland Council was distributing another tranche of Government money to businesses, which now included the Limited Restrictions Grant which could apply to businesses which operate from within private dwellings and do not pay Business rates. He said that Serco had lost three crews who are self-isolating, and as a result may have to withdraw the garden waste collections for a short period. Finally, he said his council was lobbying to have the scheduled May elections cancelled, although at the moment the Government was insisting that they go ahead regardless.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 16 December 2020 were **confirmed**, and **signed** by the Chairman.
- 6 **Matters arising.**
 - 6.1 [6.2] **Telephone kiosk redecoration.** Redecoration will now clearly have to wait until spring, so both the contractor and Clerk have this in their diaries.
 - 6.2 [9] **Casual Vacancy.** Mrs Cuthbert has now advised the Clerk that, as a result of a change in her personal circumstances, she is unable to take up the seat. The Clerk has advised Breckland Council and received the notice of the Casual Vacancy which he will post on the notice board in due course, because as Mrs Cuthbert was co-opted at the last meeting, she did legally become a Member even though she had not signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and so the Council must go through the full Casual Vacancy process again.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
 - 7.1 SAM2 Co-ordinator: *Monthly report* - November 2020.
 - 7.2 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance* - Your balances on 31 December 2020.
 - 7.3 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account* - 1-31 December 2020.
 - 7.4 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account* - 31 October -31 December 2020.
 - 7.5 *Clerks & Council Direct* - January 2021.
 - 7.6 SAM2 Co-ordinator: *Monthly report* - December 2020.
- 8 **Planning.**
 - 8.1 **3PL/2020/1156/F: Land at Mere Farm, Stow Bedon Road, Stow Bedon.** Change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage and erection of cart-shed. Planning Permission dated 21 December 2020 was **received**.
- 9 **Polling District Name.** It was noted that the Clerk has persuaded Breckland Council to change the Polling District Name from "Stow Bedon" to "Stow Bedon & Breckles". Apparently, when the Council asked Breckland to change the name of the Parish (which they did on 26 March 2015) this was not done at the same time.

- 10 Deer sign.** The Council **approved** a Memorandum of Understanding between this Council and Wretham Parish Council regarding the use of the “Deer” sign and payments in relation to this, and **authorised** the Chairman to sign this on behalf of the Council.
- 11 Damage to roads and verges.** See item 3 above.
- 12 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.** It was **agreed** that the Council would want to ensure that some sort of celebratory event took place in June 2022, and would assist in the setting up of a Working Group to plan for this. The Chairman said she would speak with Cllr. Reed about possible volunteers.
- 13 Pingo-Trail Car Park.** The Clerk advised that the Council Chairman had, after much chasing, received a reply from Highways Engineer, David Jacklin, saying that they had refused to do anything about this some years ago and he saw no reason to change this decision. Furthermore, he claimed to that the changes the Council was asking for would be “dangerous” but offered no explanation or evidence of this, and seemed unaware of the existing dangers at the moment. The Chairman would take this up again with Cllr. Eagle.
- 14 Frost’s Common.** The Clerk reported that Planning Inspector who is hearing the Appeal against Breckland Council’s Enforcement action had arranged a date for a site visit, but we have now been informed that, as a result of the Covid situation, this has been cancelled, and so we wait for a new date.
- 15 Schedule of Meetings.** A schedule of meetings of the Council for 2021-22 was **agreed**.
- 16 Finance**
- 16.1 **Other.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100831 £494.38 to Wretham Parish Council be signed, being this parish’s share of the cost of supply and installation of a battery powered “Wild animals likely to be in road” (aka “Deer”) sign. (*Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 s. 72*)
- 16.2 **Credits.** Receipt of the following credit was noted: Barclays Bank Plc - £5.15 - Active Saver Account Interest - 31 December 2020.
- 16.3 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 December 2020 was **received**.
- 17 Matters for consideration at next meeting.** None.
- 18 Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday, 15 February 2021, at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom video link.**

Confirmed:



Jonathan White, Chairman

15 February 2021

Scheduled future Meeting dates:

Monday, 15 February 2021	Monday, 12 July 2021	Monday, 13 December 2021
Monday, 15 March 2021	Monday, 16 August 2021*	Monday, 17 January 2022*
Monday, 12 April 2021	Monday, 13 September 2021	Monday, 14 February 2022
Monday, 17 May 2021	Monday, 18 October 2021	Monday, 14 March 2022
Monday, 14 June 2021	Monday, 15 November 2021	

*If needed