

STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 16 August 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

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

Absent: Councillor: Hannah Reed.

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was **resolved** to accept the reason for absence offered by Cllr. Reed.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** Cllr. Morfoot declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8.4, as he is the applicant, and took no part in the discussion or vote on the matter.
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.** Cllr. Morfoot exercised his right to speak about his planning application (agenda item 8.4). Breckland Cllr. Phil Cowen was not present, but had provided a note advising that Breckland Council would be initiating a grant scheme to support parishes intending to organise an event related to HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 12 July 2021 were **confirmed**, and **signed** by the Chairman.
- 6 **Matters arising.** None.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
 - 7.1 Norfolk Constabulary: *Community Update - July 2021*
 - 7.2 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *Share Certificate no. C-1269.*
 - 7.3 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance - Balances as at 30 July 2021*
 - 7.4 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account - 1-30 July 2021.*
 - 7.5 Norfolk Association of Local Councils Well-being Initiative: *Details required.*
 - 7.6 SAM 2 Co-ordinator: *Statistics for June 2021.*
- 8 **Planning.**
 - 8.1 **3PL/2021/0058/HOU: Harvesters, Mere Road, Stow Bedon.** Proposed Stables. Planning Permission dated 13 July 2021 was **received**.
 - 8.2 **3PL/2021/0077/F: Harvesters, Mere Road, Stow Bedon.** Proposed change of use from agricultural land to equestrian. Planning Permission dated 13 July 2021 was **received**.
 - 8.3 **3PL/2021/1020/F: Cherry Tree Farm, Cherry Tree Lane, Stow Bedon.** Proposed building for storage of straw bales. It was **noted** that, after consulting with members, the Clerk has responded making the same comments as for applications 3PL/2021/0931/F, 3PL/2021/0932/VAR, on the grounds that this is all part of the same project on the same site. The full response will be available on the Breckland Planning website.
 - 8.4 **3PL/2021/1099/PIP: Parcel of land laid to grass bounded by the A1075 to the north, the NCC access to the Great Eastern Pingo Trail car park to the west and the drive to the Old Station Yard to the south west.** Permission in Principle to provide one custom and self-build dwelling accessed directly from the public highway (via the NCC layby). It was **resolved** that the Council had no objection, but is mindful of the issue concerning access. However, this Council is trying to persuade NCC Highways to cooperate with a program of work to make minor improvements to the layout of the layby which would mitigate this issue, and feels it is slightly hypocritical of NCC Highways to object to the minimal increase of vehicle movements which this application would create, but to be content with proposals from NCC Trails to enlarge the car park, which will create a much larger number of daily movements.

- 9 **Casual Vacancy.** The Clerk reminded the Council that it should be seeking to fill this vacancy by co-option as soon as is practicable. Cllr. White said he had a possible candidate in mind and would approach them.
- 10 **Platinum Anniversary of the Reign of HM The Queen.** It was **agreed** that Cllr. Jessett would approach some residents with the aim of forming a group to consider organisation of a suitable event for *The Big Jubilee Lunch* on Sunday 5 June 2022. The Council would assist with obtaining grant funding if available. The Clerk also mentioned the Queen's Green Canopy scheme (www.queensgreencanopy.org), but as the Council does not own any land, this seems inappropriate.
- 11 **Stow Bedon Fuel Allotment Charity.** It was **agreed** that the Council would be willing to take over as sole Trustee for the charity when the existing trustees have completed the sale of the allotment land and paced the proceeds in a suitable investment plan.
- 12 **Pingo Trail layby/Car Park.** Cllr. White reported that the planned nesting birds and pool frog surveys were still outstanding. Once again, Members regretted the refusal of NCC Highways to take any action to alleviate the admitted danger of vehicles existing from the southern end of the layby just because there have been no fatal accidents as yet. The Clerk suggested that it might be possible to push Highways into this by making an application under the Parish Partnership Scheme, but first it would be necessary to have an idea of the cost involved. Cllrs. Morfoot and White said they would approach approved NCC Highways contractors to ask for an estimate for tarmacking the layby and painting a hatched area with signage so as to create a one-way system. Meanwhile, Cllr White will continue pushing NCC Trails to progress with the enlargement of the car park.
- 13 **Minute Book.** It was **noted** that the Clerk had bound the Council Minutes for 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2021 and will deposit these with the other Council papers at the Norfolk Record Office in due course.
- 14 **Finance**
- 14.1 **Other.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100850 for £198.00 (£165.00 + £33.00 VAT) to The Community Heartbeat Trust (Solutions) Limited be signed, in settlement of invoice no. 9303, being year 2 of the 5-year annual support for the defibrillator. (*Public Health Act 1936, s.234*)
- 14.2 **Budgets.** It was **agreed** to vire £300 from Contingency to Other budget line to partially cover the cost of the insurance excess on the SAM2 claim.
- 14.3 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 July 2021 was **received**.
- 15 **Matters for consideration at next meeting.** None.
- 16 **Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday, 13 September 2021, at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

Confirmed:

Phil Childs, Chairman

13 October
13 September 2021

Scheduled future Meeting dates:

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| Monday, 13 September 2021 | Monday, 13 December 2021 | Monday, 14 February 2022 |
| Monday, 18 October 2021 | Monday, 17 January 2022* | Monday, 14 March 2022 |
| Monday, 15 November 2021 | | |

*If needed