

# STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 13 December 2021 at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.**

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

**Absent:** Councillors: John Morfoot, Lee Pilkington.

**1 Apologies for absence.** It was resolved to accept the reasons for absence given by Cllr. Morfoot and Cllr. Pilkington.

**2 Declarations of interest.** None.

**3 Dispensations.** None.

**4 Public participation session.**

4.1 A member of the public outlined his objections to the planning application which was the subject of agenda item 8.2, and Cllr. Reed also quoted from a number of messages she had received from other residents on the same subject. District Cllr. Phil Cowen said that he had spoken with Simon Wood about the application, and been told that, despite the advertised deadlines for responses, it would not be determined quickly, and therefore comments received soon after Christmas would be considered acceptable. He, and the whole Council, urged residents to submit their views (whether in favour or objecting) to Breckland Council.

4.2 Cllr. Cowen provided an update on Cherry Tree Farm, saying that the current applications already lodged were not going to be determined any time soon, partly because a resident had lodged a complaint with the Environment Agency. Simon Wood had also met with the Agency, and Breckland Officers had conducted a site visit, saying that there were a lot of matters which needed rectifying. A meeting with the Agency is planned in the new year.

**5 Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 15 <sup>November</sup> ~~September~~ 2021 were **confirmed**, and **signed** by the Chairman.

**6 Matters arising.**

6.1 [12, Minutes of 18 October 2021] **Pingo Trail layby/Car Park.** Cllr. White said that he had continued to chase the NCC officer who was dealing with this, but had heard nothing in response to his suggestion that rather than wait for years for the perfect solution, the Council should arrange for a quick fix at no cost to NCC.

6.2 [10, Minutes of 15 March 2021] **Covid.** The Prime Minister has now announced some reversion to Covid restriction measures, but the Government has still not done anything about making virtual meetings possible. The Clerk was asked to write to Liz Truss, MP, and also to Kemi Badenoch, Minister for Levelling Up Communities, urging them to implement emergency measures again to allow Councils to meet virtually for the safety of Councillors, staff and public.

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

7.1 Breckland Council: *Local Plan letter to all Parish and Town Councils.*

7.2 Norfolk County Council: *Budget Consultation for 2022/23.*

7.3 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance - Your balances on 30 November 2021.*

7.4 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account - 30 October - 30 November 2021.*

**8 Planning.**

8.1 **3PL/2020/0802/HOU: Breckles Gate, Wretham Road, Breckles.** One Bedroom Annexe. It was **noted** that the Appeal was dismissed on 9 July 2021.

8.2 **3PL/2021/1523/F: Sandwade, Mere Road, Stow Bedon.** Change of use of a natural lake to a Health & Wellbeing Environment Education Centre with Overnight accommodation. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should ask for an extension to the response deadline to allow

the Council to agree its comments at the next meeting, but also submit a holding comment refuting the false claim that the Parish Council had "but refused any presentation of this proposal", when the truth was that it had not been approached. It was also **agreed** that Cllr. Cowen should be asked to request that the application be called in for determination by the Breckland Planning Committee should the officers be minded to grant permission.

- 9 **Volunteer Emergency Telephone System (V.E.T.S.).** At the recent Defibrillator familiarisation session mention was made of this system, under which trained volunteers can be contacted to fetch and deploy the defibrillator in emergencies. The Clerk was asked to put a piece into *The Waylander* to see if enough volunteers would come forward to take this on.
- 10 **Platinum Jubilee event.** As Breckland Council has not yet announced their plans for grants to celebrate this event, it was **agreed** to hold this item over.

*Unfortunately, the Council Members had not had the opportunity to see the papers on the following two items, so it was **agreed** to hold both over to the next meeting.*

11 **Budget for 2022/23.**

12 **Precept for 2022/23.**

13 **Finance.**

13.1 **Clerk's salary.** It was **resolved** that cheques numbered 100857 & 100858 totalling £1,199.94 (salary for 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021: £1,031.91; Back-pay following appraisal: £2.43; payment for use of home as office: £13.50; Mileage Allowance Payment for 6 September 2021 - 28 November 2021: £152.10) to the Clerk and HM Revenue & Customs be signed.

13.2 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 30 November 2021 was **received**.

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

14.1 Budget 2022/23.

14.2 Precept 2022/23.

14.3 Pingo Trail Car Park update.

14.4 Fuel Allotment Trust update.

15 **Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday, 17 January 2022, at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

**Confirmed:**

..... P.S. Childs

**Phil Childs, Chairman**

17 January 2022

**Scheduled future Meeting dates:**

Monday, 17 January 2022\*

Monday, 14 February 2022

Monday, 14 March 2022

\*If needed