

STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 17 January 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

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

Absent: None.

1 Apologies for absence. None.

2 Declarations of interest. None.

3 Dispensations. None.

4 Public participation session.

4.1 District Cllr. Phil Cowen said that his Council had started to bring staff back into the office, and hoped that this would be able to continue. They had maintained all their services during the pandemic, apart from a few minor issues with bin collections. He said that some changes to collection dates for the future would soon be advised to all residents (whether it affected them or not). The budget for 2022/3 would be approved at the February meeting, and he expected this would be a balanced budget, which would include an increase in Council Tax of £4.95 p.a. for s Band D household. He also gave an update on the situation regarding the outstanding planning applications at Cherry Tree Farm, saying that none of these will be determined until the Environment Agency have finished dealing with many breaches of their permits.

4.2 A Member of the Public raised concerns about the weight restriction on the bridge on Mere Road, where the sign positions were too late for a vehicle in excess of the limit to do anything about it. He also asked about the verges and ditch at the junction of Cherry Tree Lane and Mere Road, which were in a very poor state. The Clerk said he would get on to NCC Highways about both issues.

5 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 13 December 2021 were **confirmed**, and **signed** by the Chairman.

6 Matters arising.

6.1 [6.2] **COVID.** The Clerk wrote to both Liz Truss MP and Kemi Badenoch MP, urging them to implement measures to allow Council to meet virtually once more, but has not even received an acknowledgement of receipt.

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

7.1 Breckland Council: *Future Breckland: Thriving People & Places.*

7.2 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance - Your balances as at 31 December 2021.*

7.3 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account - 1-31 December 2021.*

7.4 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account - 30 October - 31 December 2021.*

7.5 A parish resident (name redacted): *Letter re Casual Vacancy.*

7.6 SAM 2 Co-ordinator: *Statistics December 2021.*

8 Planning.

8.1 **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 **noted** that District Cllr. Cowen has advised that, should the officers recommend approval, this application will be considered by the Chairman's Panel with a view to it being determined by the Planning Committee. The Council then **agreed** a more detailed response to this application, objecting on a number of grounds, including it being contrary to Policies ENV 02, ENV 05, ENV 06, TR 02, EC 07, and COM 03.

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- 9 Pingo Trail car park.** Cllr. White gave an update, saying that he has been completely unable to get any response from the NCC Officers who are meant to be dealing with this matter. His emails to County Cllr. Fabian Eagle asking for assistance had also received no responses. It was **agreed** that the Cllr. White should write to Tom McCabe, Head of Paid Service at NCC in an attempt to get a response.
- 10 Stow Bedon Fuel Allotment.** The Chairman confirmed that the Allotment had now been sold to Norfolk Wildlife Trust, and the Trustees have placed the funds in an investment. As Chairman of the Trustees he has instructed solicitors to prepare the documents for the transfer of Trusteeship to the Parish Council, with the target of getting this completed at the end of the financial year.
- 11 Budget 2022/23.** The Clerk presented a draft budget for 2022/23 which was **approved**.
- 12 Precept 2022/23.** It was **agreed** to fix the Precept for 2022/23 at £6,000, an increase of £850, which will amount to an increase of 11p/week for a Band D property.
- 13 Schedule of Meetings.** A schedule of meetings of the Council for 2022-23 was **agreed**.
- 14 Finance.**
- 14.1 **Credit.** Receipt of the following credit was **noted**: Barclays Bank Plc - Interest - £0.43 - 31 December 2021.
- 14.2 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 December 2021 was **received**.
- 15 Matters for consideration at next meeting.**
- 16 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:

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Phil Childs, Chairman

14 February 2022

Scheduled future Meeting dates:

Monday, 14 February 2022	Monday, 18 July 2022	Monday, 12 December 2022
Monday, 14 March 2022	*Monday, 15 August 2022	*Monday, 16 January 2023
Monday, 11 April 2022	Monday, 12 September 2022	Monday, 13 February 2023
Monday, 16 May 2022	Monday, 17 October 2022	Monday, 13 March 2023
Monday, 13 June 2022	Monday, 14 November 2022	

*If needed