

STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 14 March 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: John Morfoot, Lee Pilkington, Jonathan White.
Julian Gibson (Clerk).

Absent: Councillors: Phil Childs, Dawn Jessett, Hannah Reed.

In the absence of the Council Chairman, Cllr. White was chosen to preside. (Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, para 11)

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was **resolved** to accept the reasons for absence offered by Cllr. Childs, Cllr. Jessett, and Cllr. Reed.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.** The applicant and owner relating to the application under Agenda item 8.1 spoke in favour of their application. County Cllr. Fabian Eagle said that his Council was making changes to the Fostering service so that those who care for children with greater needs would receive more funding.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 14 February 2022 were **confirmed**, and **signed** by the meeting Chairman.
- 6 **Matters arising.** None.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
 - 7.1 Norfolk Constabulary: *Community Update* - February 2022.
 - 7.2 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *2021/22 Pay Agreement*.
 - 7.3 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *National Salary Award 2021/22- New pay scales*.
 - 7.4 *Clerks & Councils Direct* - March 2022.
 - 7.5 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance* - Your balances as at 28 February 2022.
 - 7.6 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account* - 1-28 February 2022.
 - 7.7 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account* - 1-28 February 2022.
 - 7.8 SAM 2 Co-ordinator: *Statistics January 2022*.
- 8 **Planning.**
 - 8.1 **3PL/2021/1523/F: Sandwade, Mere Road, Stow Bedon.** Change of use of a natural lake to a Health & Wellbeing Education Centre with Overnight accommodation. Re-consultation on Amended site layout and updated information, and further Re-consultation on Amended Redline Plan and amended details. It was **resolved** that the Council considered that, although the attempts to reduce (but not eliminate) the impact on the Mere which the influx of "guests" would cause was laudable, the outcome would be damage to the business case which would mean it was unsustainable when it came to the maintenance of the Mere, and as a result there would still be an unacceptable impact on the environmental of this important site. Accordingly, the Councils original objections remain unchanged. This response applies to both Re-consultations, and the Council reminded others who had responded to the original application that they should consider whether the proposed amendments changed their view, and either submit new comments or confirm their original ones.
 - 8.2 **3PL/2022/0209/F: Holly Cottage, Mere Road, Stow Bedon.** Conversion of outbuilding to annex, erection of carport with office space and alteration to improve access. It was **resolved** that the Council had no objection on the condition that it is used solely as ancillary to the main dwelling and for family members.
 - 8.3 **3PL/2021/0931/F & 3PL/2021/0932/VAR: Cherry Tree Farm, Cherry Tree Lane, Stow Bedon.** Re-consultation as a result of Additional Information in relation to the Environmental Statement and Odour. It was **resolved** that this Council has constantly

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objected to applications to expand the capacity of this site, and gains no satisfaction from being proved right. Almost on a daily basis our residents are sending complaints to the Environment Agency about breaches to the Permit they have issued with regard to odours and noise, and the Council believe it is time that the Agency now required the applicants to install the necessary systems to eliminate these nuisances and to comply with the terms of the Permit. The previous objections still stand.

- 8.4 **3PL/2021/1430/F: Leys Cottage, Mere Road, Stow Bedon.** Demolition of 2 No. semi-detached cottages and Erection of 1 No. one and a half storey dwelling. Planning Permission dated 4 March 2022 was **received**.
- 8.5 **3PL/2022/0086/HOU & 3PL/2022/0087/LB: Breckles Gate, Breckles.** Proposed conversion of gym/store to self-contained annexe, to be used as ancillary accommodation to the existing dwelling. Planning permission dated 4 March 2022 for the main application was **received**, and it was **noted** that the Listed Building application had been withdrawn as the Historic Buildings officer had ruled that it was not necessary.
- 9 **HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.** As Cllr. Jessett was unable to attend the meeting, she had sent a report saying that, in addition to holding a Street Party, her Group was looking to present each under-18-year-old with a Jubilee Mug, to give each resident a booklet with pictures to commemorate the event, and to bury a time capsule, to total cost of which was likely to be in the region of £1,300. Breckland Council was making a grant of up to £500 available, which they would be applying for, but this pot is limited to a total of £10,000. The Council suggested that the Group should apply for the maximum grant, and then seek additional funding from the Parish Council when the result is known.
- 10 **Lingo Trail lay-by and Car Park.** Cllr. White gave an update following the site meeting with Martin Wilby, NCC Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Transport, and David Jacklin, Area Manager. After some persuasion Mr Jacklin seemed to acknowledge that there was a risk of injury with the layout of the lay-by as it is, but with no certainty what the solution was. He was also concerned that an introduced change might make the risk greater. However, he did agree to ask the NCC Trails team to get the proposed work on the car park done quickly so as to make this usable, and so reduce the number of vehicles which park in the lay-by. To help with this he agreed to use a design to be submitted by the clerk to have signs erected to direct vehicles to the car park. He will also write to NCC Trails to saying that the lack of maintenance is causing a health and safety issue, and urge them to get the Car Park cut back and enlarged. Cllr. White will also contact Trails offering to try to get the work done more quickly.
- 11 **Finance.**
- 11.1 **Training.** It was **resolved** that cheque numbered 100865 for £9.75 to SLCC Norfolk Branch be signed, being this parish's share of the cost of the Clerk attending the Conference on 25 March 2022. (*Local Government Act 1972 s.111*)
- 11.2 **Training.** It was **resolved** that cheque numbered 100866 for £11.25 to Norfolk Association of Local Councils be signed, being this parish's share of the cost of the Clerk attending the Summer Conference and AGM on 6 July 2022. (*Local Government Act 1972 s.111*)
- 11.3 **Clerk's salary.** It was **resolved** that cheques numbered 100867 & 100868 totalling £132.74 (Back Pay for the whole year following agreement of the National Salary Aware 2021/22: £71.64; Mileage Allowance for 6 February 2022 - 5 March 2022: £61.10) to the Clerk and HM Revenue & Customs be signed.
- 11.4 The report for the month ending 28 February 2022 was **received**.
- 12 **Matters for consideration at next meeting.** Frosts Common and Pingo Trail.

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13 Next meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday, 11 April 2022, at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

Confirmed:

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Phil Childs, Chairman

11 April 2022

Scheduled future Meeting dates:

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

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