

STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 18 July 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

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

Absent: Councillors: Lee Pilkington, Hannah Reed.

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was **resolved** to accept the reasons for absence offered by Cllr. Pilkington and Cllr. Reed.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.** None.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 16 May 2022 were **confirmed**, and **signed** by the meeting Chairman.
- 6 **Matters arising.**
 - 6.1 [15, Minutes of 16 May 2022] **Pingo Trail lay-by and Car Park.** The Chairman reported that he had at last managed to re-establish contact with the NCC Officers responsible for National Trails, and hopes to get the project moving again.
 - 6.2 [10] **Swift tower.** The Chairman reported that the Churchwarden of Breckles church had said that they would be content to have a tower installed towards the rear of their car park, but would need to get that confirmed by the PCC. Cllr. Jessett said that failing this it could be placed on her land where it would be visible from the road. The Clerk said he would advise NCC Cllr. Fabian Eagle accordingly.
 - 6.3 [11.1] **3PL/2022/0584/F: Small Paddock Adjacent to Gay Deane.** The Clerk reported that District Cllr. Phil Cowen has confirmed that the Chairman's Panel will consider this application being called in for determination by the Planning Committee.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
 - 7.1 Norfolk County Council: *Delivering local highway improvements in partnership with Town and Parish Councils.*
 - 7.2 SAM 2 Co-ordinator: *Statistics June 2022.*
 - 7.3 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance - Your balances on 30 June 2022.*
 - 7.4 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account - 1-30 June 2022.*
- 8 **Planning.**
 - 8.1 **3PL/2021/1020/F: Cherry Tree Farm, Cherry Tree Lane, Stow Bedon.** Proposed building for storage of straw bales. It was **noted** that, according to the Breckland Council weekly list of applications dated 14 June 2022, this application has been withdrawn.
 - 8.2 **3PL/2022/0780/VAR: East Barn, Mere Farm, Stow Bedon.** Variation of Condition Nos 2 and removal of conditions 5, 6 & 7 (Detailed Reports submitted) on 3PL/2020/1237/F. It was **resolved** that the Council had no objections.
- 9 **Cherry Tree Farm.** Various items of correspondence to between a resident objecting to the pollution in various forms from the pig farm and Breckland Council, the Environment Agency and Ms Liz Truss MP were **noted**. It was not an issue that the Council had any powers to resolve, but it was noted that both agencies were now suggesting a meeting be held, and it was **agreed** that the Clerk should suggest to the resident that, with their agreement, the Council seek to send a representative to this meeting, to ensure that it is being kept fully informed of the situation.
- 10 **Speed limit past Rayners Falgate.** It was **agreed** that the Council would support a request from Caston Parish Council in their request to Norfolk County Council to reduce the speed limit

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on Stow Bedon Road from its junction with the A1075 to past Rayners Falgate to 40 mph, to make it match the new limit on the A1075.

- 11 Casual Vacancy.** The Council **noted** that legislation requires that this vacancy be filled by co-option "as soon as is practicable" and members **agreed** to try to approach any suitable candidates.
- 12 Notice boards.** The Clerk reported that he was having some difficulties accessing some of the notice boards, some of which also required some maintenance attention. Cllr. Morfoot agreed to trim/weed-kill round the Pingo Trail board to make safe access possible, Cllr. Childs agreed to cut back his rambling rose from the Mere Road board, Cllr. Jessett will look at the Lower Stow board, which wobbles in the socket, and needs the brambles cutting back again, and Cllr White agreed to cut back the shrubs behind the Breckles Church board. All four Councillors will also assess the state of the woodwork and lettering to see if more work is needed, and report back to the Clerk. The Clerk will obtain duplicate keys to allow members to gain access.
- 13 Finance.**
- 13.1 **Other.** It was **resolved** that cheque numbered 100881 for £113.79 to Cllr. Jessett be signed, in reimbursement for various items bought as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. (*Local Government Act 1972 s.145*)
- 13.2 **Credits.** Receipt of the following credit was **noted**: Breckland Council - Recycling credit - £188.40 - 5 July 2022. The Clerk pointed out that this was a drop of 37% on the previous year, which probably means that more people were using the black bin to dispose of their glass, meaning that the funding provided by the Government was spread over the whole district, whereas what goes in the Council's bin is all used to reduce Council Tax in this parish. The Chairman said he would put a piece in *Waylander* to promote use of the bin.
- 13.3 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 30 June 2022 was **received**.
- 14 Matters for consideration at next meeting.**
- 14.1 Pingo Trail car park update.
- 14.2 Possibly Fuel Allotment charity.
- 15 Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday, 15 August 2022, or, if there is no urgent business then, on 12 September 2022, at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

Confirmed:

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Jonathan White, Chairman

15 August 2022

Scheduled future Meeting dates:

*Monday, 15 August 2022	Monday, 14 November 2022	Monday, 13 February 2023
Monday, 12 September 2022	Monday, 12 December 2022	Monday, 13 March 2023
Monday, 17 October 2022	*Monday, 16 January 2023	

*If needed