

# STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 11 November 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

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

**Absent:** Councillor: Hannah Reed, Jonathan White.

*In the absence of the Council Chairman Cllr. Phil Childs was elected to take the Chair.*

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was **resolved** to accept the reason for absence offered by Cllr. Jonathan White.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.** None.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 17 October 2022 were **confirmed**, and **signed** by the meeting Chairman.
- 6 **Matters arising.**
  - 6.1 [7.2, Minutes of 13 June 2022] **Frosts Common.** In response to an enquiry from District Cllr. Phil Cowen, Planning Enforcement has said that the owners have been gradually clearing the site, and have been given until the end of November 2022 to fully comply with the terms of the Enforcement Notice, as corrected and varied by the Inspector in his Decision dated 2 July 2021. As one of these variations was to extend the time for full compliance from nine months to twelve (i.e. July 2022), the Clerk has asked why and additional five months were added. It was also reported that the previous night the fire service had attended the site to deal with a caravan which was on fire.
  - 6.2 [6.1] **Footpath Stow Bedon FP1.** The NCC Countryside Access Officer has now confirmed that she did write to the landowner requesting clearance of the path, and has received a response. The path will be inspected again next month when the timeframe for clearance has expired, and further action will be considered if necessary.
  - 6.3 [21.9, Minutes of 21 May 2018] **SAM2.** It was pointed out that, now that the speed limit on the A1075 had been reduced to 40 mph, it might be possible to locate the SAM2 on existing posts in that location. The Clerk said he will seek agreement from NCC Highways.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
  - 7.1 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Business accounts - at a glance* - Your balances on 31 October 2022.
  - 7.2 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account* - 1 31 October 2022.
- 8 **Planning.**
  - 8.1 **3PL/2022/0095/F: Lodge Farm, Breckles.** Construction of new farm house, garage and woodland planting. Refusal of Planning Permission dated 21 October 2022 was **received**.
  - 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. Application Approval dated 26 October 2022 was **received**.
  - 8.3 **3PL/2022/0209/F: Holly Cottage, Mere Road, Stow Bedon.** Conversion of existing outbuilding to annexe, erection of carport with office space and alteration to improve access. Refusal of Planning Permission dated 11 November 2022 was **received**.
- 9 **Casual vacancy.** Members were reminded of their duty to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Cllr. Cuthbert as soon as practicable.
- 10 **Notice boards.** Once again the Clerk asked Cllrs. Morfoot (Pingo Trail) and Childs (Mere Road and Lower Stow Bedon) to check on the state of the boards to see if they thought they needed

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any work doing to help prolong their usage. He also again asked Cllr Morfoot to clear the area round the Pingo-Trail board to make access more possible.

- 11 Pingo Trail lay-by and Car Park.** Cllr. White had previously informed members that the NCC Project Manager had agreed to extend the car park to the size the Council had requested, that all the survey's necessary had been completed, and that the work cutting trees and shrubs was out to tender. Cllr. Morfoot reported that he understood that his Highway Consultant's plan for changes to be made to the layby (including an in/out arrangement, as proposed by this Council) has been accepted by NCC Highways, and would be progressed.
- 12 Clerk's salary.** An advice note from the National Association of Local Councils was **received** which confirms that the 2022-23 National Salary Award has been agreed at a flat rate of an additional £1.00/hour across all grades. This means that the Clerk's salary will rise to £14.21/hour, or £4,518.78 p.a. The Clerk pointed out that the agreement also included award of an additional day's leave, bringing the total to 26 (pro rata). In 2016, when the Council last assessed the number of hours needed to do the Clerk's job, the holiday allowance was only 21 days. It was accepted that the Council therefore needed to increase the hours it paid to ensure that the correct number could be taken as paid leave in accordance with the contract and legislation. The Clerk will make the calculation and bring a proposal to a future meeting.
- 13 Finance.**
  - 13.1 Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 October 2022 was **received**.
- 14 Matters for consideration at next meeting.** Budget & Precept 2023-24.
- 15 Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday, 12 December 2022, at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

### Confirmed:

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**Jonathan White, Chairman**

12 December 2022

### Scheduled future Meeting dates:

Monday, 12 December 2022

\*Monday, 16 January 2023

Monday, 13 February 2023

Monday, 13 March 2023

\*If needed