

STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 14 November 2011 at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Peter Mills (Chairman), Phil Childs, Rachael Garrod, Paul Howe, John Morfoot, Lee Pilkington. Julian Gibson (Clerk)

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was **resolved** to accept apologies from Mrs Tanner.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** Mr Childs declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 8, as he is a Trustee of the Stow Bedon Fuel Allotment, which owns land property adjoining the proposed bridleway. Mr Pilkington also declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 8, as he owns a property adjoining the proposed bridleway.
- 3 **Public participation session.**
 - 3.1 **Crows Lane.** Exercising his right under Standing Order 7.4, Mr Pilkington said he has recently walked the whole route of the proposed bridle path, and showed the Council photographs, which appeared to demonstrate that large sections of the Crows Lane section were completely obstructed by trees and vegetation, and had clearly not been used for many years. Mr. Childs and another Trustee of the Fuel Allotment charity expressed their concerns about the issue of public safety, as shooting rights on the charity land is a major source of income for the charity.
 - 3.2 District Councillor Phil Cowen explained that the Local Development Framework had stalled because the Inspector had decided that a site in Snetterton which the Council had ranked as “unsatisfactory” should be re-examined. This meant that everybody who had commented on any aspect of the LDF had to be advised (with accompanying postage costs) and about a four month delay will be incurred before adoption. He updated the meeting on the expected recovery of the investments with Icelandic banks. Speaking as the agent for the owners of Stow Bedon Hall, Mr Cowen explained his clients thinking behind the planning applications the Council would be considering.
- 4 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 17 October 2011 were **confirmed** and **signed**.
- 5 **Matters arising.**
 - 5.1 [20.1] **Grit bin.** This has now been filled by Norfolk County Council, and the Clerk has received an email of thanks to the Council from the resident who originally asked for this.
- 6 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
 - 6.1 Bruno Peek, Pageantmaster: *The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons.*
 - 6.2 Norfolk County Council: *Year Book 2011/12.*
 - 6.3 Norfolk Rural Community Council: *Signpost* - October 2011.
 - 6.4 Norfolk Constabulary: *Parish/Ward Crime Statistics* - 1 September-30 September 2011.
 - 6.5 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *Norfolk Link* - October 2011.
 - 6.6 Norfolk County Council: *Could you be a Waste Buster for a Week?*
 - 6.7 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *Election of members of the Norfolk Association of Local Councils Executive Committee - Breckland.*
 - 6.8 Vitalise: *Please help Vitalise support your local Disabled People and Carers.*
 - 6.9 Norfolk County Council: *Is your community looking for funding?*

- 6.10 Came & Company: *Parish Matters - Autumn 2011.*
- 6.11 Came & Company: *Building Valuations for Insurance Purposes.*
- 6.12 Came & Company *Independent Annual Inspection Service.*
- 6.13 Norfolk Constabulary: *Watton SNAP Meeting minutes - 12 October 2011.*
- 6.14 Norfolk County Council: *Better Broadband for Norfolk Information Sheet 2.*
- 6.15 CAF Bank: *New Faster Payment service from close of business 31 December 2011.*
- 6.16 CAF Bank: *Tariff of Charges.*
- 6.17 CAF Bank: *Summary of key changes.*
- 6.18 CAF Bank: *terms and conditions - effective from 1 January 2012.*
- 6.19 *Clerks & Councils Direct - November 2011.*
- 6.20 CGM Landscapes: *Introduction to CGM - Country Grounds Maintenance Ltd.*
- 6.21 Barclays Bank Plc: *Community Account Statement - 30 September - 31 October 2011.*
- 6.22 Barclays Bank Plc: *Active Saver Account Statement - 30 September - 31 October 2011.*
- 6.23 CAF Bank: *CAF Gold Account Statement - 31 October 2011.*
- 6.24 Norfolk County Council: *Notice of visit by the Highway Rangers on 23 December 2011.* The Clerk asked members to advise him of any work that the team could undertake while on their visit.

7 **Planning.**

- 7.1 **3PL/2011/1169/LB: Stow Bedon Hall, Lower Stow Bedon.** Application for Listed Building Consent to Remove three first floor windows to south and two to east elevation and replace with purpose made sliding sash windows. It was **resolved** that the Council had no objection.
- 7.2 **3PL/2011/1118/F: Stow Bedon Hall, Lower Stow Bedon.** Application for Planning permission for Conversion of a redundant single storey brick stable building to provide two one-bedroom holiday lets. It was **resolved** that the Council had no objection.
- 7.3 **3PL/2011/1119/LB: Stow Bedon Hall, Lower Stow Bedon.** Application for Listed Building Consent for Conversion of a redundant single storey brick stable building to provide two one-bedroom holiday lets. It was **resolved** that the Council had no objection.
- 7.4 **3PL/2011/1120/F: Stow Bedon Hall, Lower Stow Bedon.** Application for Conversion of redundant agricultural building to residential accommodation. It was **resolved** that the Council had no objection.

In view of their declared interests in the following item Mr Childs and Mr Pilkington left the room.

- 8 **Crows Lane.** The Council had examined all the Users Evidence Forms received relation to considering making an application to Norfolk County Council for an Order under Section 53(2) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 to modify the Definitive Map and Statement by adding a bridleway from Eagles Falgate on the A1075, via Crows Lane, past Heath Cottage through Stow Heath to Peddars Way. After some discussion it was **resolved** not to make an application. The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Rose, who had originally made the request to advise her of the decision.

Mr Childs and Mr Pilkington rejoined the Meeting.

- 9 **Maintenance work to Notice Boards.** The Chairman reported that he had managed to contact Mr Tomson by telephone, and he was still enthusiastic about engraving the header boards, although the Clerk has still been unable to speak to him to arrange a site meeting to discuss. They would both keep trying. Mr Childs said he had tested cleaning a portion of the board in Mere Road, and hoped to be able to finish the job soon. Mr Morfoot agreed to do the

one in the Pingo Trail lay-by, Mr Pilkington the one at Lower Stow Bedon, and the Chairman the one at Breckles Church.

- 10 **Training Grant.** The form to apply to the National Association of Local Councils for a grant towards the cost of the Clerk attending the Norfolk Association of Local Councils and Society of Local Council Clerks Joint Autumn Seminar was **approved** and **signed** by the Chairman.
- 11 **Parish On-line.** The Clerk explained that this mapping software package, which would allow recording of parish assets and other data, was used by a number of Councils. It was **agreed** that a subscription should be taken out.
- 12 **Finance.**
 - 12.1 **Clerk's Training.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100570 for £21.88 to Norfolk Association of Local Councils be signed being a share of the cost of the Clerk attending the Norfolk ALC and Society of Local Council Clerks Autumn Seminar on 17 November 2011. (Total cost £35.00; Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council will pay the lion's share because it has applied for a £17.50 grant.). (*Local Government Act 1972 s 111.*)
 - 12.2 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 October 2011 was **received**.
- 13 **Matters for consideration at next meeting.** Making transfers between budget lines.
- 14 **Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Council was **confirmed** as **Monday, 19 December 2011, at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.**

Confirmed:

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Peter Mills, Chairman

19 December 2011

Scheduled future Meeting dates:

Monday, 16 January 2012*	Monday, 18 June 2012	Monday, 19 November 2012
Monday, 20 February 2012	Monday, 16 July 2012	Monday, 17 December 2012
Monday, 19 March 2012	Monday, 20 August 2012*	Monday, 21 January 2013*
Monday, 23 April 2012	Monday, 17 September 2012	Monday, 18 February 2013
Monday, 21 May 2012	Monday, 15 October 2012	Monday, 18 March 2013

* If needed