

STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 17 December 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Peter Mills (Chairman), Phil Childs, and Paul Howe.
Julian Gibson (Clerk)

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was **resolved** to accept the reasons for absence provided by Mrs Garrod, Mr Morfoot, Mr Pilkington and Mrs Tanner.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 3 **Dispensations.** Councillors Phil Childs, Rachael Garrod, Paul Howe, Peter Mills, Lee Pilkington and Sue Tanner had applied in writing to the Council, asking it to grant a dispensation to allow them all to participate in the discussion and any vote taken relating to the Council's budget and setting the Precept despite their having previously declared Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in this business. The Council **agreed** (under the Localism Act 2011, s. 33) to grant a dispensation for a period of four years from the date of this meeting, on the grounds that without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited by s. 31(4) of the Act from participating in this particular business would be so great a proportion of the Council as to impede the transaction of the business.
- 4 **Public participation session.**
 - 4.1 **Breckland Council.** District Councillor Phil Cowen said that, like parish councils, Breckland Council was preparing its budget, and mentioned the significant tailing off of Rate Support Grant, but also the New Homes Bonus and the Non-domestic rate changes, both of which will produce some (as yet un-quantified) income for the district. He also said that his council was looking to recruit a new Chief Executive, possibly one already working for another council, with a view to expanding the existing sharing of resources.
 - 4.2 **Watering Farm.** Mr Cowen also provided an update on the issue concerning Woodcock Road (see item 9). Regarding Watering Farm, he advised the Council that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) which was being produced by the applicant would take some time, as some essential counts of wildlife could only be carried out at an appropriate time of year. He did, though, say that the applicant had been required to remove the material he had used to repair Peddars Way, and to carry out these repairs properly. Mr Cowen also said that Norfolk County Council Highways was concerned with the number of large vehicle movements between the applicant's various businesses, and was considering instigating a weight restriction through Hockham. Regarding the Traditional Norfolk Poultry (TNP) development, he said that a meeting with the developer had taken place, at which it was acknowledged that a planning application should have been submitted (although TNP are objecting to some parts of the Enforcement Notice). TNP had been told that it was likely that an EIA would be required as part of their application. Finally, Mr Cowen said he had heard that there had been a report of pollution in Thompson Water, although as yet the source has not been identified.
 - 4.3 **Energy Club.** Mr Cowen said that Breckland Council was looking into starting a group energy buying scheme, and in particular including oil in this, as well as gas and electricity. It was estimated that this could save users approximately £125 per household. In response to a question he said he would ask about LPG too.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 19 November 2012 were **confirmed** and **signed**.

6 Matters arising.

- 6.1 [3, Meeting of 15 October 2012] **B1111 at Spinney Farm.** The Norfolk County Council Highways Technician has confirmed that a scheme has been put forward to “haunch” the east side of the carriageway.
- 6.2 [5.1] **Land adjacent to Gay-Dene, Lower Stow Bedon.** The Clerk reported that he had noticed that an old sofa and a large stuffed toy had been left on the site of the regular bonfires on this land, and had contacted Breckland Council. He had been advised that if trade waste was burned this should be reported to the Environment Agency. However, there were no laws against burning of domestic rubbish, unless it caused neighbours a nuisance, in which case a complaint should be made to Breckland’s Environmental Protection officers.
- 6.3 [9] **Closing CAF Gold Account.** The Clerk reported that CAF Bank was unable to recognise one of the authorised signatures because the first name was not included in it, and had therefore returned the Council’s letter asking for the account to be closed. The letter was resigned and will be resubmitted.

7 Correspondence. The following correspondence was received:

- 7.1 Breckland Council: *Parish Council Precept - Dispensation.*
- 7.2 Norfolk Constabulary: *Minutes of the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) Meeting - 24 October 2012.*
- 7.3 Norfolk Constabulary: *Parish/Ward Crime Statistics - October 2012.*
- 7.4 Norfolk Age UK: *Campaign for Later Life in Norfolk.*
- 7.5 Barclays Bank Plc: *You have been pre-selected for a Barclaycard Business credit card.*
- 7.6 Norfolk County Council: *Norfolk Gritting Routes Leaflet.*
- 7.7 Barclays Bank Plc: *Community Account Statement - 1-30 November 2012.*
- 7.8 Barclays Bank Plc: *Active Saver Account Statement - 1-30 November 2012.*
- 7.9 Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk: *Re: Date for your diary - Consultation by Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Norfolk on his 2013/14 Precept (Council Tax) proposal.*
- 7.10 Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk: *Introducing the new Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk.*
- 7.11 Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk: *Independent Custody Visiting Scheme.*

8 Planning.

- 8.1 **3PL/2012/0975/F and 3PL/2012/0974/LB: Breckles Gate, Wretham Road, Breckles.** Reinstatement of a listed building following fire damage, side extension to rear porch & internal alterations. Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent dated 21 November 2012 were **received**.
- 8.2 **3PL/2012/1099/F and 3PL/2012/1100/LB: Breckles Gate, Wretham Road, Breckles.** Reinstatement of dwelling following fire damage, internal alterations and two-storey rear extension (Resubmission). Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent dated 23 November 2012 were **received**.
- 8.3 **3PL/2012/1272/O: Chapel Farm, Mere Road, Stow Bedon, NR17 1HP.** Outline planning for Erection of two storey detached dwelling & access, change of use of land to garden. It was **resolved** that the Council had no objection.

- 9 **Unauthorised Developments at north end of Woodcock Road.** The Clerk had nothing to add to what Mr Cowen had already reported.

- 10 Portaloo.** It was **agreed** that the Clerk should write to interested parties in the village to gain their support for this possible project. The Clerk will also look into the possibility of obtaining a trailer-type facility as an alternative.
- 11 Future meeting dates.** A schedule of future meeting dates was **agreed**.
- 12 Budget.** The Clerk presented a draft budget for 2013/14, in which he pointed out that he had included the first stage of a reserve to cover the charge which would be levied on the Council for the elections in 2015. The Budget was **agreed**.
- 13 Precept.** Falling out of the budget, it was **agreed** to set the Precept for 2013/14 at £3,650, which should mean an increase of approximately £12 p.a. for a Band D property.
- 14 Finance.**
- 14.1 **Clerk's salary.** It was **resolved** that cheques numbered 100601 & 100602 totalling £593.57 (salary for 1 October 2012 to 31 December 2012: £473.67; Mileage Allowance Payment for 7 September 2012 to 6 December 2012: £119.90 of which £3.85 is the VAT element) to the Clerk and HM Revenue & Customs be signed. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 112(2)*)
- 14.2 **Clerk's reimbursement.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100603 for £58.20 (postage & telephones £56.20, other £2.00) to the Clerk be signed as reimbursement for items paid on behalf of the Council for 9 September 2012 to 7 December 2012. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 111*)
- 14.3 **Subscriptions.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100604 for £12.00 (£10.00 + £2.00 VAT) to Getmapping PLC be signed, in payment of invoice no. POL-2012-33sub095, being the Parish Online Subscription Renewal for the period 12 December 2012 to 12 December 2013. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 111*)
- 14.4 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 30 November 2012 was **received**.
- 15 Matters for consideration at next meeting.** Village Sign for Breckles.
- 16 Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Council was **confirmed** as **Monday, 21 January 2013**, or, if there is no urgent business to discuss on that date, as **Monday 18 February**, at 7.30 p.m. in **Caston Village Hall**.

Confirmed:

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Peter Mills, Chairman

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Scheduled future Meeting dates:

Monday, 18 March 2013	Monday, 19 August 2013*	Monday, 16 December 2013
Monday, 15 April 2013	Monday, 16 September 2013	Monday, 20 January 2014*
Monday, 20 May 2013	Monday, 14 October 2013	Monday, 17 February 2014
Monday, 17 June 2013	Monday, 18 November 2013	Monday, 17 March 2014
Monday, 15 July 2013		

*If needed