

# STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 18 February 2013 at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

**Present: Councillors Phil Childs (Vice-Chairman), Rachael Garrod, Paul Howe, John Morfoot, Lee Pilkington, Sue Tanner. Julian Gibson (Clerk)**

*In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman took the Chair.*

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** It was **resolved** to accept the reasons for absence provided by Mr Mills.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 3 **Dispensations.** Councillor John Morfoot had applied in writing to the Council, asking it to grant a dispensation to allow him to participate in the discussion and any vote taken relating to the Council's budget and setting the Precept despite his having previously declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest 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 Councillor Phil Cowen gave a details breakdown of the components of Council Tax 2013/14. He said that his Council was submitting its proposals to the Boundary Commission as part of their review, which would probably reduce the number of District Councillors by four. Parish Councils and the public will be consulted as part of this process.
  - 4.2 **Sandy Lane.** A member of the public expressed concerns about flooding on Sandy Lane, and the impact on the road surface. The Clerk offered to write to Norfolk County Council Highways, asking them to investigate, and if they find the cause is a leaking water main to report it to Anglian Water.
  - 4.3 **Flooding.** Similar issues with flooding were reported at the east end of Mere Road and on the B1111 south of Breckles Church, which the Clerk will report to Highways.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 17 December 2012 were **confirmed** and **signed**.
- 6 **Matters arising.**
  - 6.1 [10, Minutes of 17 September 2012] **Storage of Minutes.** The Clerk has now deposited the Minutes of Parish Meetings from 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2011 and Parish Council meetings from 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2012 at Norfolk Record Office for safe keeping under accession number ACC 2012/287. While there he also pointed out that previous items deposited had been incorrectly recorded under the same of "Stow Bedon Parish Council." It was accepted that this was the old name of the Parish, but agreed that this should be amended to the current parish name. This has now been corrected.
  - 6.2 [4.2] **Repairs to Peddars Way.** Contrary to what was said at the last meeting, Norfolk County Council Highways confirm that although they have told the owner of Watering Farm that he is not to work or place materials within the highway under any circumstances, it is not requiring what has already been placed there to be removed.

- 6.3 [6.2] **CAF Gold Account.** This account has now been closed.
- 6.4 [13] **Precept.** After the last meeting the Clerk had been advised by Breckland Council that in fact the central government grant for Council Tax support was to be paid to Parish Councils *in addition* to the Precept they demanded. Accordingly he had, after consultation with the members, reduced the Precept demand by the amount of the grant so as to ensure that the total received by the Council was what it had originally requested.

**7 Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:

- 7.1 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *“Idiot’s Guide” to Council Tax Support changes.*
- 7.2 Norse: *Landscape Development.*
- 7.3 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *Norfolk Link - December 2012*
- 7.4 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *Letter from new Parish Liaison Officer.*
- 7.5 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *FIT Norfolk Roadshow.*
- 7.6 Breckland Council: *Important: Recent changes to your precept calculation.*
- 7.7 Norfolk County Council: *Delivering Local Highway Improvements in partnership with Town and Parish Councils.*
- 7.8 Norfolk Constabulary: *Parish/Ward Crime Statistics - November 2012.*
- 7.9 Norfolk Constabulary: *Watton Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting schedule.*
- 7.10 Norfolk County Council: *Norfolk Minerals Site Specific Allocations Local Development Document (LDD) and Waste Site Specific Allocations LDD: Notification of Submission and availability of documents for inspection.*
- 7.11 Barclays Bank Plc: *Community Account Statement - 1-31 December 2012.*
- 7.12 Barclays Bank Plc: *Active Saver Account Statement - 1-31 December 2012.*
- 7.13 CAF Bank: *CAF Gold Account Statement - 31 December 2012.*
- 7.14 CAF Bank: *CAF Gold Account Closing Statement - 4 January 2013.*
- 7.15 Norfolk County Council: *Better Broadband for Norfolk Information Sheet 9 (11 January 2013)*
- 7.16 Clerks & Councils Direct: *Councils Suppliers Guide & Yearbook - 2013.*
- 7.17 *Clerks & Councils Direct - January 2013.*
- 7.18 Charities Aid Foundation: *Benefit even more by using us for your everyday banking.*
- 7.19 Norfolk Constabulary: *Parish/Ward Crime Statistics - 1-31 December 2012.*
- 7.20 Breckland Council: *Guidance for the installation of litter and dog waste bins in Breckland.*
- 7.21 Barclays Bank Plc: *Important information about the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.*
- 7.22 Philip Cowen: *Update on plans for Local Authority Electrical Buying Group initiative.*
- 7.23 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *Coffee and Chat invitation.*
- 7.24 Barclays Bank Plc: *Community Account Statement - 1-31 January 2013.*
- 7.25 Barclays Bank Plc: *Active Saver Account Statement - 1-31 January 2013.*
- 7.26 Norfolk County Council: *Delivering local highway improvements in partnership with Town and Parish Councils (“Parish Partnerships”).* Another £1m had been earmarked for minor highway improvements, but this year the parishes would only need to find 25% of the cost, rather than 50%. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about the possibility carrying out some improvements to the junction of the A1075 and the B1111.
- 7.27 Norfolk County Council: *Stow Bedon - Highway and community Ranger Visit.* The Clerk said this would be on 15 March and asked for any problems to be reported to him.

- 7.28 Department for Communities and Local Government: *Removing unnecessary red tape: Council Tax setting.*
- 7.29 Active Norfolk: *Best in Breckland.*

## 8 Planning.

- 8.1 **3TL/2012/0014/TL: Sandwade, Mere Road, Stow Bedon, NR17 1HP.** Extension of time on Planning Permission 3PL/2009/0880/F (Erect kitchen/breakfast room to existing dwelling & erect annexe). Planning permission dated 19 December 2012 was **received**.
- 8.2 **3PL/2012/1339/F: Breckles Farm site Land near Breckles Heath.** Application to Retain Spanish-type polytunnel & associated water tank (Retrospective),
- 8.3 **3PL/2012/1340/F: Breckles Farm site Land near Breckles Heath.** Application to Retain Spanish-type polytunnel & associated water tank & grain silo (Retrospective), and
- 8.4 **3PL/2012/1341/F: Breckles Farm site Land near Breckles Heath.** Application to Retain Spanish-type polytunnel, associated water tank & 3 no. grain silos (Retrospective). The Council responded to these applications as if they were one item. It was **resolved** that the Council was very surprised that a company such as Traditional Norfolk Poultry should wilfully try to avoid obtaining planning permission until Breckland Council commenced enforcement action, by when the development had been completed, and all the original environment had been destroyed. It **objected** to the applications on the grounds of impact on the environment (especially SSSIs and birdlife) and access being via Peddars Way.
- 8.5 **3PL/2012/1272/O: Chapel Farm, Mere Road, Stow Bedon, NR17 1HP.** Erection of two storey detached dwelling & access, change of use of land to garden. Notice that the application has been withdrawn dated 25 January 2013 was **received**.

9 **Breckles Heath.** Notice that an appeal has been lodged by Traditional Norfolk Poultry against the Enforcement Notice was **received**.

10 **Portaloo.** The Clerk reported that Breckles PCC supported the idea of the Council purchasing a portaloo for use at various parish events, but he had not heard from Stow Bedon PCC. The Vice-Chairman offered to contact their secretary to find out, and it was **agreed** that this item appear again on the next agenda.

## 11 Finance.

- 11.1 **Insurance.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100605 for £408.16 to Broker Network Limited be signed, being the renewal premium for the Aviva insurance policy with Came & Co for 1 February 2013 to 31 January 2014. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 111 & s. 140(1)*)
- 11.2 **Venue hire.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100606 for £50.00 to Caston Village Hall be signed, in payment of the hire charges for use of the Hall for meetings during 2012. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 133*)
- 11.3 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 January 2013 was **received**.

## 12 Matters for consideration at next meeting.

- 12.1 The Clerk apologised that the matter of a Village Sign for Breckles was not included on this agenda, but said that it would at the next meeting.
- 12.2 Improvements to junction of B1111 and A1075.

**13 Next meeting.** The next meeting of the Council was **confirmed** as **Monday 18 March 2013**, at 7.30 p.m. in **Caston Village Hall**.

**Confirmed:**

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**Peter Mills, Chairman**

18 March 2013

**Scheduled future Meeting dates:**

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

\*If needed