

STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors: Phil Childs (Chairman), Paul Howe, Dawn Jessett, John Morfoot, Lee Pilkington.
Julian Gibson (Clerk)

- 1 Apologies for absence. None.
- 2 Declarations of interest. None.
- 3 Dispensations. None.
- 4 Public participation session.
 - 4.1 Mrs Warren, speaking on behalf of Stow Bedon Parochial Church Council, advised the Council of the PCCs plans and hopes to remove the pews from the nave of the church, construct a kitchen and toilet facilities, and turn it into more of a community centre for the benefit of the whole village. A grant application had been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund for this project and also the necessary repairs to the roof. The Council members expressed their wholehearted support.
 - 4.2 Members of the public expressed their concerns about mud deposited on Church Road and Low Road. Councillor Pilkington apologised, saying that one of the contractors he was employing to bring in the harvest appeared to be responsible, but he was now using somebody else who was making every effort to clear up.
 - 4.3 District Councillor Phil Cowen explained the next steps following Breckland Planning Committee having refused retrospective planning permission for the TNP development at Breckles Heath. The Enforcement Team now believes that the time limit on the Order runs out on 24 January, and that if the site had not been cleared by then enforcement action would commence. However, Councillor Cowen explained that the applicant might yet appeal against the planning decision, so the matter is not yet over. With regard to the other unauthorised development at Watering Farm, the scoping study and initial assessment had revealed that a more in-depth environmental assessment was required. Councillor Cowen also spoke of the continued reduction in the Government's Revenue Support Grant and the possible impact on services provided by his council.
 - 4.4 It was pointed out that some time ago Norfolk County Council Highways indicated they intended to improve the access to the Pingo Trail car park, but nothing had happened. The Clerk agreed to write to find out the current position, and the matter will be added to the next agenda.
- 5 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 14 October 2013 were **confirmed** and **signed**.
- 6 Matters arising. None.
- 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 Norfolk Constabulary: *Crime Statistics* - 1-30 September 2013.
 - 7.3 Breckland Council: *Precept Requirement 2014-15*.
 - 7.4 Norse: *Landscape Development*.
 - 7.5 Norfolk County Council: *Highway and Community Ranger Visit* - 6 December 2013.

- 7.6 *Clerks & Councils Direct* - November 2013.
- 7.7 War Memorials Trust: *Call to remember*. The Clerk reported that at a recent conference he had heard about *In Memoriam 2014*, and the need to maintain and protect War Memorials. He said that Smart Water was available free of charge to protect any metal parts of memorials.
- 7.8 Barclays Bank Plc: *Community Account Statement - 1-31 October 2013*.
- 7.9 Barclays Bank Plc: *Active Saver Account Statement - 1-31 October 2013*.
- 7.10 Breckland Council: *Parish Precept requirement 2014-2015*.
- 7.11 Elizabeth Truss MP: *Letter re funding*.
- 7.12 Breckland Council: *Breckland Art Trail - 30 November - 8 December 2013*.

8 Planning.

- 8.1 **3PL/2013/0730/F, 0731/F, 0732/F, 0733/F, 0734/F, 0736/F & 0737/F: Breckles Farm Site, Land near Breckles Heath.** Refusal of Planning Permission dated 1 November 2013 was **received**.
- 8.2 **3PL/2013/0951/EU: Oakglen, Caston Road, Stow Bedon.** Application for Occupation of dwelling in breach of condition 1 on Planning Permission W3259 (certificate of lawfulness existing use). The Council received a copy of a letter of objection made by a neighbour. It was **resolved** that the Council had no objection.

9 Casual Vacancies. The Clerk confirmed that the Council has now been permission to fill the two vacancies by co-option as soon as is practicable. He will place a notice to that effect in *The Waylander*, and keep including the item in future agendas.

10 Drainage on Mere Road. The Chairman reported that he had met with Harvey Woodyatt, Norfolk County Council Highways, and that as a result the gullies had now been cleaned. This work would be repeated by the Highway Rangers on their regular visits on request. However, Harvey had said that the drain under the road did not belong to NCC. The Chairman had also obtained the Environment Agency emergency telephone number, which is 0800 807060. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should write again to the residents involved, updating them, and advising them that should they find evidence of raw sewerage in the system then should immediately advise the Agency by ringing this number.

11 Notice Boards. The Clerk reported that he had met with Godfrey Starr from Wayland Prison, who had confirmed that he should be able to arrange for a workforce to carry out the much needed maintenance work on the notice boards, but that the timing would depend on staff availability.

12 Finance.

- 12.1 **Training.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100627 for £50.00 to Caston Village Hall Committee be signed, being the fee for hire of the hall for meetings in 2013. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 133*)
- 12.2 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 October 2013 was **received**.

13 Matters for consideration at next meeting. Pingo Trail Car Park.

14 Next meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council, was **confirmed** as **Monday, 16 December 2013** at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

Confirmed:

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Phil Childs, Chairman

16 December 2013

Scheduled future Meeting dates:

Monday, 20 January 2014* *If needed

Monday, 17 February 2014

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