

**Minutes of the Buxton with Lamas Full Parish Council Meeting
held in public on-line via Zoom on Monday 14th September at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Mr Shaw	Mrs Nichols	Mr Battle	Mrs Kammoun (<i>From 8:30pm</i>)
Mrs Charmley (<i>From 7:35pm</i>)	Rev Goodman	Mrs Warren	Mr Riley

Also in attendance:

Cllr Lawrence

Cllr Harrison

7 members of the public

Clerk to the Council: Laura Apps-Green

20/43 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – There were apologies for absence given for Mrs Powell and Mrs Dimsey. Mrs Kammoun would be joining the meeting from 8:30pm.

20/44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – Mrs Nichols reference Buxton Village Hall.

20/45 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th July 2020 were previously circulated. With one typo correction of the spelling of Mrs Nichols, the Chair agreed to sign them and scan a copy to the Clerk due to the current health crisis and no contact being allowed.

20/46 MATTERS ARISING – None

20/47 ADJOURNMENT –

Speed and volume of traffic through Lamas: Members of the public raised their concerns about the speed and volume of traffic coming through Lamas on The Street. Members of the public said that the noise of the vehicles is loud and walking and cycling along this road is dangerous.

Canoe man: Members of the public raised concerns about the way the canoe man pulls up on the bend to unload. The PC was told that this causes blockages in the road, queues of cars and buses backed up and causes difficulties for other road users. Questions were raised about the business operating from the land by the river Bure. The issue of all the parking spaces at the village hall being taken up all day by those visiting the canoe man was raised.

It was suggested that there should be a meeting with the village residents and the canoe man to talk about and try to resolve the issues. Clerk to put this back on the agenda for the March meeting.

Football at Balay park: Members of the public requested that the PC opens the pavilion for the football club to use again.

20/48 REPORTS

Cllr Lawrence reported on the following:

- Cllr Lawrence has been talking with the canoe man and the police about the issues raised. He has had to adapt his business very quickly in order to survive in the current climate. He has permission from the land owner to operate from there and there are plans to extend the area so that he can pull in off the road. Cllr Lawrence has suggested that mirrors could be placed in the bend so that traffic can see ahead on the road. She has also suggested the use of lights to indicate that he is unloading.
- Cllr Lawrence has been looking at what measures could be implemented in Lamas to slow down traffic
- Cllr Harrison is meeting with highways and will raise the requirement of The Street in Lamas being a 20mph zone and the other traffic issues raised in the meeting. Cllr Harrison stressed that if pavements are introduced in villages, they then acquire an urban status and are open to more development.
- Cllr Lawrence has forms for the BDC Keep it Going grant – to help groups through the pandemic crisis. A number of groups in the parish have received this grant already.

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Cllr Harrison reported on the following:

- County Council are still operating on Zoom
- Social Services department is under extreme pressure with lack of investment and help from central government
- The planters in the various towns in the county have not all been well received
- NCC is 40 million in the red and there are plans formulating looking at the viability of becoming a unitary authority

Cllr Riley reported that he is meeting with Aylsham residents to discuss the plant boxes in the town

[Kandi entered meeting 8:30]

20/49 PLANNING

Greater Norwich Local Plan – Cllr Riley raised the point that there is a white paper in formulation that could radically change planning policy and bring in a new set of rules that may be controversial, this could really affect all communities. Clerk to keep an eye out for this white paper and circulate.

Land off Lion Road – Current plans are out of date. Planning on site is still a real possibility

Neighbourhood plan Steering group – Nothing to report

Planning Applications –

- 25 Church Close – 1 abstain and 7 agreed with planning application
- Adam & Eve planning application – Mrs Charmley left the meeting due to having an interest in this item – 1 abstain and 6 agree with the planning application

20/50 FINANCE

Bank reconciliation – for July had been sent to the Scrutineer prior to the meeting and will be scanned and sent to the Clerk once approved. Clerk has completed the reconciliation for August but is yet to give this to scrutineer.

Receipts and payments schedule – payments made or pending were presented:

Cheque	Name	Description	Amount
BACS	Buxton village hall	Reimburse for the grass cutting	£408.20
BACS	Martin Hanner	Locksmith	£50
BACS	Norse	Verge cutting	£221.87
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning Company	Cleaning Balay park	£144
BACS	Mr Battle	Wood deposit Mayton	£3
BACS	Clerks Mileage for July, Aug & Sept Clerks Pay, Pension, Working from home allowance		£1,272

Any other Finance Matters – None

20/51 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Dangers of swimming at the Mill pond and Anti-social behaviour: Clerk reported that the local beat police had the parish of Buxton as a focus at the time being.

Canoe Man Issues – Clerk was asked to put this on the March/April agenda in order to arrange a meeting (either on Zoom or face to face) with residents and the canoe man to try to resolve the issues raised earlier in the meeting.

SAM 2 and Traffic Calming – Mr Shaw gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on all the ideas he has had regarding traffic management in the whole parish. (Power point presentation is available upon request). The SAM2 highlighted the drastic reduction in traffic during lockdown and that it was back to normal now and matches with the figures the police have recorded.

Parking on the pavements and trods in the village has been an issue – it was thought that this action would carry a fine in urban areas, but in rural areas it is only a “should not”.

Clerk was asked to place this item on the October agenda – Road Traffic Order – No cost to PC and it is enforceable.

Residents have also raised the dangerous parking on Mill road by the church and the village hall. This is particularly bad on the school drop off and when matches are played at the recreation ground. A resident reported that the road gets blocked so that cattle trailers cannot get through. It was noted that while these cars are not parking illegally, they are causing issues to residents and road users.

Buxton village hall play area – It was reported to the PC that the village hall carpark is being used extensively by cars using the canoe man service. 22 cars were recorded in the carpark on one day and this meant that the bowls club users had difficulties accessing their club. No permission has been sought to park at the village hall by the canoe man. The question of what toilet arrangements the canoe man has in place for his customers was raised.

The play area has been opened again to the public and thanks were given to Derek and Alan who volunteered to fix key areas in line with the RoSPA inspection.

The village hall has been opened to the play group only for the time being, as they are a priority group that needs to operate again.

Clerk reported that a local company requested to quote for the play area refurbishment. The other companies that had submitted quotes before the applied for grant was rejected, will be contacted to ask for a scaled down plan in line with the planned funds that the PC hopes to secure through a grant from Mike George. Before applying to Mike George, all other funds and planning permission must be secured and a preferred supplier must be chosen. Deadline for the next application is in Jan/Feb 2021.

Little Hautbois Postcode - BDC need to consult with the residents before making changed to the way they log address. All AGREED for clerk to write to BDC to state that consultation is required and that the postcode for Little Hautbois should remain unchanged.

Re-planting of tree on Crown Road – Replacing the tree on Crown Rd was discussed by council. If a tree is replaced in this area, which is owned by Highways, then all future maintenance of it would be the responsibility of the PC. Chairperson asked that all Cllrs walk to the site (opposite the chip shop) and take a look so that a decision can be made at the next PC meeting in October. Cllr Lawrence will look into if there was a TPO on the tree that has been cut down and therefore a legal obligation to replace.

[Standing orders extended]

To receive reports on highway matters – The overgrown foliage covering signs needs cutting back. Damage to Little Hautbois bridge is still not fixed. Very large vehicles are using this small bridge and often causing blockages.

20/52 BALAY PARK

Risk Assessment of the pavilion – The pavilion has been closed to all users during the Covid crisis. The PC discussed how the facility can be opened safely again. It was AGREED by full council that the priority users are the youth football teams. Clerk was asked to complete the risk assessment and control measures for the opening of the facility to the youth football club. Councillors shall AGREE the risk assessment before issuing it to the football club. All responsibility for the safety of the young people using the facility lays with the football club. Clerk to update those from the allotment on the situation and to explain that the facility is not yet open to anyone else. This situation is to be reviewed on a regular basis.

Small Storage Unit and lighting request - Clerk reported that this unit has now been taken off site. There was no cost to the PC.

Ongoing vandalism on site – This continues to be a problem. There is an increased police presence in the village looking at this issue.

20/53 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED – None

20/54 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS – None

20/55 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

20/56 STAFF – CONFIDENTIAL

Office – National increase of the Clerks office allowance was agreed by full council

NALC Scale – Full Council agreed to the change in the NALC pay scale for Clerks increase in hourly wage.

20/57 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10:08pm.

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