

**Minutes of the Buxton with Lamas Full Parish Council Meeting
held in public on-line via Zoom on Monday 8th February at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Mrs Nichols	Mr Battle	Mrs Kammoun (from 8:30)	Mrs Warren
Mrs Charmley	Rev Goodman	Mr Riley	

Also in attendance:

Cllr Lawrence

1 member of the public

Clerk to the Council: Laura Apps-Green

20/98 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – There were apologies for absence given for Mrs Dimsey, Mrs Powell and Cllr Harrison. Mrs Kammoun would be arriving late to the meeting.

20/99 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – Mrs Nichols reference Buxton Village Hall.

20/100 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th January 2021 were previously circulated, agreed and signed by the Chair.

20/101 MATTERS ARISING – None

20/102 ADJOURNMENT – None

20/103 REPORTS

Cllr Lawrence reported on the following:

- The Environmental Panel are implementing their strategy. There is a lot of tree planting going ahead mixing old and new species. Landscape and Ecology teams are working together and there is also a focus on recycling levels
- The emergency housing provision at Badersfield has now closed and all residents will be relocated to more urban areas by the end of February
- Cllr Lawrence has looked at Hautbois bridge and brought it to the attention of Gary Howard as it was recently bashed by a large vehicle. Reflector posts have been suggested
- The drain beside the bridge off Mill Street needs jetting out and clearing
- There is concern over the vegetation removal along the railway line. The lease holder is allowed to remove up to 5m³ worth of vegetation and it was felt that what was currently being done is within the felling laws. A survey of the vegetation along this route is being conducted
- Mrs Nichols requested information on where people recovering from Covid19 are being placed locally. She had read that there was to be a facility for 35 beds locally. Cllr Lawrence was not aware of this and said she would look into it

20/104 PLANNING

Greater Norwich Local Plan – Mr Riley reported that O & S have highlighted a potential issue with the GNLP consultation process and Regulation 19. It is understood that other sites for development have been added without going through the due consultation process, for example, a further 250-unit housing development in Aylsham. There is concern that the infrastructure in Aylsham can hardly cope as is and the situation would be much worse with more development before the infrastructure can be expanded. Mr Battle proposed that the PC should make a comment on the current consultation platform that the PC does not believe that these extra sites should have been added without full consultation and that if they were to get permission the infrastructure would not cope. Schools are full, doctors' surgeries are full, the parking is totally inadequate etc. This proposal was seconded by Mrs Nichols.

Neighbourhood plan Steering group – Nothing to report

Planning Applications – None

Clerk was asked to look into the planning permissions granted for the house on Coltishall Road called the Beeches.

20/105 FINANCE

Bank reconciliation – January bank reconciliation has been given to the Scrutineer for approval.

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

Cheque	Name	Description	Amount
SO	EDF	Electricity at Balay	56.00
BACS	Michlmayr	Church clock service	135.00
BACS	National Allotment Society	Annual PC membership	66.00
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning Co	Cleaning Balay park	96.00
BACS	Cooks Electrical	New Lights at Balay park	468.00
BACS	Laura Apps-Green, Norfolk Pension Fund, HMRC	Phone, Travel, Office rent, Feb pay, Pension, Tax payment	1,229.98
		Total	2,050.98

Citizens Advice request – Citizens Advice organisation has written to the PC asking for financial support towards their organisation. Based on previous financial support the PC agreed to award them £100 in financial support. All AGREED

Norfolk Cleaning Company – Clerk informed Council that there is going to be a slight increase of £1 per hour for the cleaning service going forwards.

20/106 PLAY GROUND QUOTES AND AGREE SUPPLIER

The Clerk shared the screen so that the play ground quotes could be seen by everyone. A sub-group had been through the quotes in detail prior to the meeting, but there was not a clear front runner, they all had positive and negative points to them. All agreed that whoever was chosen would need to ensure disabled access to the site. Mr Riley has a background in play area provision and a wealth of knowledge in this area and felt strongly that the chosen provider must conform to the BSEN safety standards. All agreed. Once all quotes and plans were looked at the council had a vote. ALL voted for Wickstead. It was agreed that the play area supplier for the new Buxton village hall play area would be Wickstead.

[Mr Riley had to leave the meeting temporarily]

The Clerk asked for agreement on the financial side of funding this project. It was AGREED that the PC would apply for £35,000 from the Mick George grant pot, the Village hall have £5,000 in hand to contribute and the PC can contribute at least £10,000. Clerk to find out if the PC can reclaim VAT on the equipment as it is the PC that will be purchasing it and gifting it to the village hall. Cllr Lawrence suggested talking to a neighbouring Clerk on this as they have recently completed a similar project.

20/107 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Dangers of swimming at the Mill pond and Anti-social behaviour – Nothing to report

Drain at the water meadows – The quote from Dyno-Rod was much more than was anticipated. It is not clear who is responsible for this pipe. Cllr Lawrence informed council that there are some drains that the drainage board are responsible for and she was asked to look into this matter and see if this pipe comes under their management. Clerk was asked to forward details of the timeline of information on this matter to Cllr Lawrence to help in determining who is responsible for this drain pipe. Mrs Kammoun raised concerns with setting a precedent for drain clearance. The matter is to be discussed again once more information has been sought.

Flood risk areas update – Clerk informed council that earlier in the month there was a great flood risk to 10 properties in Lamas and that she managed to get 60 sand bags delivered to the area and thanked the resident who allowed them to be placed in her garden for residents to collect.

The Chair raised concerns about river management and asked if these high waters could be something to do with that? Cllr Lawrence feels that it is a combination of heavy rainfall, sluice gates not working as they should, tree trunks in certain areas etc. Cllr Lawrence said that there is a consortium managing the water ways and she would look in to that and find out more details.

Traffic issues in the parish and ideas for traffic Calming measures – Moved to March meeting in the absence of Mr Shaw.

Buxton village hall play area – Mrs Nichols told Council that the next grounds maintenance bill had been received and that she would therefore like to request reimbursement for that in the next month. Mrs Nichols would try to put whatever monies possible towards the new play area.

Highway matters - On Bulwer Road there are areas of eroded tarmac which need resurfacing. Clerk to look into this with Highways, but it was understood that this road was still under the management of Hackets builders.

[Standing Orders Extended at 9:30]

20/108 BALAY PARK

Football Club goal requirements – The PC has been given a quote for the football club's new goal requirements. The quote is from the supplier of the current goals. The quote does include the nets which would only be used by the football club and must not be left up when the football club is not using the pitch. The Council was given a verbal quote for the work to remove the current smaller pitch goals, erect the new ones and dispose of the old ones. It is for £150 and would be carried out by KJM Gardening Services. The Clerk has received up to date insurance and public liability details for this company.

The Council AGREED to spending around £765 on new goals and installation at Balay park for the smaller pitch. The PC would look into a grant for the larger pitch goal replacement later on.

Cllr Lawrence told the football club that they could apply to her Councillor Award grant of £500 before the end of the month to pay for the mobile goals they require for the younger players.

[Mr Riley back in meeting]

20/109 OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY LETTER – Standing Item – Nothing to report

20/110 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED – None

20/111 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS – Scout lease change request for March meeting.

20/112 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:56pm.