

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

PRESENT

Councillors:

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

Also in attendance:

Cllr Lawrence
Cllr Harrison
3 member of the public
Clerk to the Council: Laura Apps-Green

20/113 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – There were apologies for absence given for Mrs Dimsey and Mrs Powell. Mrs Kammoun would be arriving late to the meeting.

20/114 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – Mrs Nichols reference Buxton Village Hall.

20/115 MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th February 2021 were previously circulated, and with one minor amendment they were agreed and signed by the Chair.

20/116 MATTERS ARISING – Clerk had received information from a resident who wanted it clarified in the minutes that herbicides (not pesticides) are used on the vegetation along the footpath by the railway line.

20/117 ADJOURNMENT – None

20/118 REPORTS

Cllr Lawrence reported on the following:

- Broadland District Council has increased the budget on council tax. The Liberal Democrat councillors wanted a freeze on council tax but were voted down. Cllr Riley informed council that there really was no need to raise people's council tax, especially as BDC has at least 12 million in reserves. Freezing council tax would only have impacted the reserves fund by £300,000. Cllr Riley also added that the member grant had been cut to only £500 per member.
- There are plans for the use of Huntercombe hospital and the person leading on developments would be willing to have a meeting to discuss the plans.
- Cllr Lawrence has met with an officer from the Drainage Board to look at the key areas of concern in the village along with Cllr Shaw. The officer would like to probe the drain coming off the water meadow to locate where the blockage might be. Cllr Lawrence is also seeking permission to do this from the land owner. It was requested that Cllr Harrison is copied into correspondence around this issue.
- Work has been going on for a "20 is plenty" informal sign for outside residents' houses in Lamas to encourage traffic to slow down.

Cllr Harrison:

- There seems to have been some regression with the care in the community provision, cottage hospitals and care homes are being opened again.
- Cllr Harrison will be standing down as a County Councillor in the next election after 14 years. He thanked the PC for working with him during this time. Rev Goodman thanked Cllr Harrison for all his support during that time.

20/119 PLANNING

Greater Norwich Local Plan – Mr Riley informed council that the deadline for comments on the GNLP has been extended to 22nd March. Clerk told council that the website for the consultation is extremely hard to navigate and the on-line comments the council requested the Clerk feed into the system were apparently placed in the wrong section. Cllr Riley agreed with the very complicated consultation system in place and has had the same feedback from other local Clerks. Cllr Riley is going to feed this back to a high level and ask the Clerk to wait until he gets back to her on how and where to make the PC's comments.

Neighbourhood plan Steering group – Mr Curtis gave an update on the neighbourhood plan. The first draft has been circulated with comments received and amendments made. The next steps will be technical surveys and bringing the next draft back to the PC for comment and approval.

Planning Applications – None

20/120 FINANCE

Bank reconciliation – February 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	Norfolk Cleaning Group	Cleaning Balay	48.00
BACS	Citizens Advice	Donation	100.00
BACS	Norse	Verge Cutting	221.87
BACS	Laura Apps-Green, HMRC, Norfolk Pension Fund	Phone, March pay, pension, Tax payment	1,061.48
<i>The following payments were raised verbally in the meeting</i>			
BACS	NALC	Membership	321.74
BACS	Buxton Village Hall	Grounds Maintenance	408.20
<i>Total</i>			2217.29

Finance Update – Clerk issued Cllrs with a breakdown of all the payments and receipts to date for the financial year. The reason for the raised income is due to the Covid grant the PC has been in receipt of.

20/121 SCOUT REQUEST

The scouts have requested an amendment to the lease agreement, in order to allow the consumption of alcohol on the premises but not the sale. All Cllrs were in support of this request and the Clerk was asked to amend the lease agreement wording to reflect this decision.

20/122 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

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

Drainage issues in the parish and flood risk areas update – Most had been covered by Cllr Lawrence in her update. She is in the process of obtaining a drainage plan for the parish from the Drainage Board.

Long term plans for traffic calming measures – Cllr Shaw has written a wish list of all the traffic calming measure that could be taken in the parish over the coming years. It was agreed that each member of the Parish Council should look at this list and give Mr Shaw feedback before the next meeting on an order for the work. Residents should also be given an opportunity to comment.

PC was informed that each County Councillor receives £6000 to be spent in their area and this could be rising to £10,000.

[Mrs Kammoun joined the meeting]

Buxton village hall play area – Mrs Nichols informed council that Norse are changing things and increasing their fee for grounds maintenance. She will send the relevant paperwork to the Clerk.

Issues with dog control and their behaviour – Clerk reported that a resident had been in contact regarding an upsetting incident with dogs not on leads attacking her dog (who was on a lead). The police were called but the perpetrators had left. The resident wanted some support from the PC on how to get some dog owners to be more responsible. It was agreed that an article would go into the Round urging people to get control of their dogs and to walk them on leads. Mrs Nichols would also talk to the farmer who owns the land around one of the footpaths to ask them if he could put up a sign on his land asking for dogs to stay on leads. Mrs Kammoun highlighted a Defra document on dog control which will be forwarded to the Clerk to take a look at and find out more information from.

Highway matters – Mrs Charmley reported that the chevron warning signs on the approach to the Little Hautbois bridge from Coltishall direction have been knocked down and still not replaced. Clerk to report this to Highways. The Little Hautbois bridge is still damaged and there is a large pot hole outside Mrs Charmley's house which needs addressing. Mrs Charmley requested the police traffic cameras to be erected to find out what vehicles are traveling along this section of road and how many large lorries are using this route.

20/123 BALAY PARK

Football Club request to extend the season – All agreed that this would be a good idea given that they have missed so much playing time and it's a good idea to keep this village amenity used as much as possible.

20/124 OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY LETTER – Standing Item – Nothing to report

20/125 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED – Clerk will arrange a meeting with the Huntercombe hospital representative and the Chair to find out more about their plans for the future.

20/126 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS – The Canoe Man's letter was circulated to Cllrs but it could not be discussed at this meeting as it was not on the agenda. It was clarified that the Station Car park is owned and managed by BDC.

The football club request to hold a car cleaning fundraiser event would need to go to the April meeting for discussion/decision.

20/127 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:09pm.