

**Minutes of the Buxton with Lamas Full Parish Council Meeting  
held in Buxton with Lamas Village Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT**

Councillors:

Mrs Nichols  
Rev Goodman

Mrs Charmley  
Mr Riley

Mrs Powell  
Mr Shaw

Mrs Warren

Also in attendance:

Cllr Lawrence

8 Members of the public

Clerk to the Council: Laura Apps-Green

**22/16 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON for 2022-2023**

The current Chair stated that the current Vice-Chair will not become the chair of the council due to having a lot of other commitments, but that they are willing to remain as vice-chair if voted for. Mrs Powell nominated Mrs Nichols for the position of Chair, seconded by Mrs Charmley. All AGREED. Mrs Nichols informed council that she would like to be the Chair for 1 year. Mrs Nichols signed the Declaration of Acceptance of office and the new chair took up position as chair for the remainder of the meeting. Mr Riley officially thanked the outgoing Chair, Rev Goodman, for her work on the Parish Council for the last 3 years.

**22/17 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were given for Mrs Kammoun.

**22/18 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2022 – 2023**

Rev Goodman nominated Mr Riley as Vice-Chair, seconded by Mrs Warren and ALL AGREED. Mr Riley signed the Declaration of Acceptance of office.

**22/19 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

None. Clerk was asked to put a notice in the Round informing people of the current vacancies.

**22/20 COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES**

BALAY Park Committee – Chair and Vice-Chair by default. Mr Shaw agreed to be on the committee and the Clerk was asked to request that Mrs Kammoun remain in the group. All AGREED.

HMP Bure Liaison Group – Mrs Warren to remain as the representative. It was noted that the group have not met for some time.

PICTO Charity – Mrs Nichols is the PC's nominated trustee; this will be her 4th year in the position.

Parish Tree Warden – None at present. Clerk to put a request in the Round for a representative.

It was raised that perhaps the Footpath Warden's position should be made official. Clerk to ask Mr Wheeler.

**22/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION** – Mrs Nichols and Mrs Powell reference Buxton Village Hall.

**22/22 MINUTES**

The minutes from the previous meeting held on April 11<sup>th</sup> had been previously circulated and were signed as a true and correct record.

**22/23 MATTERS ARISING** – Mr Riley raised points 22.5 and 22.6 of the April minutes. Mr Riley thanked Cllr Lawrence for her work on the project to repair the footbridges by the Bure. The North bridge repairs look as if they can be carried out soon. The South bridge will need more help to fund the repair work. Mr Riley is hoping to use some of his County Councillor budget to fund this, but costs are going up and the work needed is more extensive than originally thought and the work is not yet fully funded. All the repair options are being looked at, including sausage gabions, which are wire structures filled with stones. All work has to be approved

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by NCC before starting. It is thought that the PC may be asked to add to this project financially once the plans are fully formed.

## 22/24 ADJOURNMENT – None

## 22/25 REPORTS

Cllr Riley

- The casework around adult and children services is indepth and taking up a lot of time
- Cllr Riley requested a debate around the child food voucher scheme but this was refused and there was a walk out of council. The Standards committee are investigating what happened
- The accommodation review for Broadland and South Norfolk DC offices – The Conservatives have placed a 3 line whip to vote to purchase Horizon House and sell Thorpe Lodge. There is a refusal to look at the findings from the investigating group

Cllr Lawrence

- Has been working with the residents living in Station House by the railway, because the BVR have installed a fence very close to their house making it difficult for them to maintain their property. Cllr Lawrence has attended a site meeting about the matter with officers of BDC to discuss a way forward. There is a requirement to have a safe evacuation space from the train, but it is felt that the fence could be moved in order to accommodate everyone
- Took the BDC officers to look at the results of the logging by the water meadow alongside the railway. The machinery has left deep holes in the ground that would break an animal's leg if it was set to graze there, the land is unusable as it is. The Officers apologise on behalf of the contractors for leaving it in such a state and will arrange for some of the logs left there to be removed
- Cllr Lawrence requested that the PC also write to BDC to reinforce the fact that the water meadow is unusable and to ask that work is undertaken to make it right
- Cllr Lawrence also pointed out to the Officers on the site visit the stairs leading to the BVR path and reiterated that they are BDC's responsibility to maintain

[Mr Riley left the meeting 8:11]

- Nutrient Neutrality – has meant a halt on all new planning applications involving an over night stay. The Norfolk Rivers Trust are working on this issue and conducting an impact survey
- Cllr Lawrence has a funding pot for local community groups/projects, please contact her directly for more information

## 22/26 PLANNING

**Greater Norwich Local Plan – None**

**Neighbourhood plan Steering group** – A steering group meeting is planned for the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> May. There are 2 community consultation events planned in Buxton Village Hall and Lamas Village Hall where people can come and express their views. 11 Green spaces are being put forward as areas that should be protected in the future.

**Canoe Man** – The Canoe Man was in attendance, at his request, and was invited to speak by the Chair. The Canoe Man informed council that hiring canoes from Lamas Meadow was no longer in operation. There is a portage point still present on the site, as part of the route along the Bure, which has been in place for around 20 years and is a right of way for all river users. Users of the river exit at this portage point, cross the road, walk down the lane behind Swan Cottage and re-enter the river heading towards Coltishall. This route is also available to the general public. Canoe Man customers can still be seen on this stretch of river, as part of their route from further up the river down to Coltishall. The Canoe Man now has agreement from the land owners of the island by the Mill Pond to store his vessels and to bring customers either by train, on foot or mini bus to the site and from there launch a canoe and paddle back to Coltishall, meaning no increase of cars to the village. The Canoe Man went on to say that they issue all customers with advice on how to behave while on the river, but they can only control this up to a point. He also stated that photos should not be taken of people while on private land without consent.

Members of public made the following comments:

- The operation is a business and planning rules and regulations need to be applied
- Users of the canoe service have been rude to residents
- They were not aware of this established portage point on the meadow and they believe there is no right of way over the river

Rev Goodman stated that the portage points were always at the mills along the route, but over time and with changes in ownership, some portage points have been moved and that this matter is for the planning department to discuss as the PC has no jurisdiction over planning matters. Rev Goodman also confirmed that the Bure, as a non-navigable river for larger vessels, can be used for free by paddle vessels, such as canoes, paddleboards and swimmers. The larger navigable rivers require a paddle licence in order to use them.

The Canoe Man explained the history of the portage point being on the meadow. After the Mill became private property the portage point was made along the public footpath on the side of Mill Reach. A resident living there at the time placed obstructions and signs in the way of the legal portage point and made it very difficult to use it. The land owner on the other side of the river, being a keen canoeist, offered his land as an additional portage point and it has been in place for more than 18 years. There is a lock on the gate and the code can be obtained via a phone number in order to gain access.

**Planning Applications – None**

## 22/27 FINANCE

**Bank reconciliation –** Clerk is waiting for the April bank statement.

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

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
BACS	Ground Works	Neighbourhood Plan grant repayment	2188
BACS	Tree Warden Network	Donation	50
<i>The above payments were made before this meeting as agreed at the April PC meeting</i>			
SO	EDF Energy	Heating	87
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning Co	Cleaning Balay Park	100.8
BACS	Barnwells	Round publication	285
BACS	Auditing Solutions	Internal Audit	192
BACS	Norse	Grass verge cutting	249.26
BACS	Zoom	Online meeting subscription	71.97
BACS	Laura Apps-Green, Norfolk Pension Fund, HMRC	Phone, pension, pay, Tax, office rent	1085.69
<b>Total</b>			<b>4,309.72</b>

**AGAR 2021/2022** Clerk presented the audited accounts for the previous financial year. There were agreed and signed off by the Chair.

**PC Renew Quote** All AGREED to renew with the previous supplier.

**Village Jubilee Celebration –** Mrs Nichols confirmed that the village hall insurance would be able to cover the village jubilee celebration on the grounds of the rec. The PC AGREED to pay for the children's entertainer and will arrange this directly with the provider and request a copy of their public liability insurance. The village group would also like to make badges as a souvenir for the children in attendance at the event. The PC asked the organisers to see if the Scouts could invoice the PC for the materials needed for the badge making.

## 22/28 BALAY PARK

Skate ramp repairs – this item was moved to next meeting as the clerk is waiting for the quote to be sent.

## **22/29 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS**

**Dangers of swimming at the Mill Pond and Anti-social behaviour** – With the hotter weather the area is seeing more swimmers in the mill pond.

**Buxton village hall play area** – Mrs Nichols is looking into window replacement and is waiting for information from the planning department before moving forwards with this.

**Bure Valley Fencing** – A resident has asked for support regarding the erection of fencing very close to their property by BVR. The fencing is a safety requirement and part of the Railways Act requirements, but has been placed so close to the resident's property that they cannot maintain their garden and windows. The land is owned by BDC and leased to BVR. It was proposed by Mrs Powell that the PC write to BDC to request that the fence is moved to allow sufficient space to maintain the resident's house, seconded by Rev Goodman, all AGREED.

### **Highway matters –**

- Fence panel on the Street Lamas
- 30mph sign foliage needs cutting back on Coltishall Road
- The fencing around the Little Hautbios bridge/field and the piers on the bridge need attention
- The White Lines outside the village hall need to be put back
- There is a large dip in the road near the bus stop that needs levelling off.

**22/30 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED** – Nothing to report

**22/31 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS** – June meeting to be held in Lamas Village Hall.

**22/32 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING** – There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:31pm.