

**Minutes of the Buxton with Lamas Full Parish Council Meeting
held in Lamas Village Hall on Monday 13th June at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Mrs Nichols	Mrs Charmley	Mrs Powell	Mrs Warren
Rev Goodman	Mr Riley	Mr Shaw	Mrs Kammoun

Also in attendance:

Cllr Lawrence
13 Members of the public
Clerk to the Council: Laura Apps-Green

Note: The meeting commenced with Cllr Riley as Chair as Cllrs Nichols, Kammoun, Goodman and Powell were late arriving. Cllr Lawrence was also late arriving.

22/33 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Riley welcomed those in attendance. No apologies for absence were given.

22/34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – Cllr Riley regarding matters of planning, District and County Council. Cllrs Nichols and Powell for Buxton village hall.

22/35 MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting held on May 9th were previously circulated and signed as a true and correct record.

22/36 MATTERS ARISING – None

22/37 ADJOURNMENT – Resident requested to talk to Council under agenda item 9.4 with Cllr Lawrence present. Chair agreed.

22/38 REPORTS

Cllr Riley

- There are issues in County regarding changes to the democratic process, including when and how to speak to council and putting forward motions. The time allowed to speak has been reduced to 3 mins from 10 mins and there are restrictions on what you can do.
- The casework is very high, particularly regarding individual cases
- There are conflicting issues regarding the operation of the ONS committee

[Cllrs Nichols, Goodman, Kammoun and Powell arrived 7:39pm, Cllr Nichols took up the position of Chair]

22/26 PLANNING

Greater Norwich Local Plan – Cllr Riley explained that the enquiry has taken place and evidence given, and waiting for the verdict. To date, no council has in place mitigation plans for nutrient neutrality issues regarding waterways.

Neighbourhood plan Steering group – Mr Curtis reported that an engagement meeting with the PC and the NP team the previous week had been very helpful. He confirmed that footpaths should not change the status of a location but could be used by developers to argue the case for growth.

Planning Applications

Storage of plastic canoes 20220488 – The Chair read out two emails sent to the PC stating objections to the planning application and one in support. There was a general discussion around the historic usage of this land to access the waterway. The question of why planning permission would be needed for this was

asked. Cllr Lawrence believes that land can be used for other purposes for 28 days, but anything beyond those 28 days requires planning permission. The application in this case is for the storage of the canoes.

Residents raised the following concerns:

- Litter and rubbish when the operation was based in Lamas
- Portage seems only for the Canoe man due to lack of access to the code number for the gate
- Dangerous to operate on the road by the bridge, there have been accidents on that part of the road without additional usage
- Concerns about parking on the triangle of grass by the Lamas village sign

The PC resolved to object to this planning application, with 7 agreeing and 1 abstaining, on the grounds of highway concerns, limited visibility on the bridge that would be accentuated with people accessing the area.

The Chair requested that Cllr Lawrence call this application in so that it goes to the planning committee. Residents would need to keep an eye on the District Council website for the date of the committee meeting and book a place to speak if they wish to.

Irrigation reservoir in Lamas 20220766 – Cllrs asked if this would improve the risk of flooding in the winter time as the water would be stored for use in the summer for crops. Cllrs were also concerned about the archaeological significance of the site and how the site would be accessed.

Cllr Lawrence raised the issue of nutrient neutrality in the area and felt that a survey may be required.

The PC resolved to object to this planning application, with Mr Shaw proposing and Mrs Goodman seconding and 1 abstaining on the following grounds:

- Concerns regarding nutrient neutrality
- The need for an archaeological assessment of the area prior to any developments
- If the plans were to be approved, the PC would want the access to the site to be from across the farmer's land and NOT the shared driveway

Weir Cottage 20220914 – (Late application) Similar scheme to that accepted before. Mrs Charmley proposed to approve, seconded by Mrs Warren, all agreed with 1 abstaining.

[Cllr Riley left the meeting]

22/27 FINANCE

Bank reconciliation – Bank reconciliations for April and May were approved by the Scrutineer.

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

Cheque	Name	Description	Amount £
BACS	Came & Company	Insurance	872.13
BACS	E-Badges	Badge blanks for jubilee	48.9
BACS	Go Awesome	Entertainer	230
The above payments were made before this meeting as agreed at the May PC meeting			
SO	EDF Energy	Heating	87
BACS	Buxton village hall	Recreation ground maintenance	458.62
BACS	Barnwells	Round	285
BACS	Barnwells	NP leaflets	110
BACS	Wayne Beauchamp	Domain name	55
BACS	Wave	Water bill Balay	27.26
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning Co	Cleaning Balay	100.8
BACS	Norse	Grass verge cutting	249.26
BACS	Laura Apps-Green, Norfolk Pension Fund, HMRC	Phone, pension, pay, Tax,	1113.36
Total			3,637.33

[Cllr Riley returned to the meeting]

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Any other finance matters - Clerk pointed out the quote for fixing the dip at the end of the ramps on Balay park which would come to the next PC meeting for a decision. Clerk also expressed the need to Council for a new USB splitter and phone for the PC office. These items are within the delegated authority of the Clerk for purchasing but for transparency the Clerk asked for permission from council to go ahead with these purchases, all agreed.

22/28 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Buxton village hall play area – Mrs Nichols informed council that the play area training for the council took place the previous week in the village hall. It was an interesting course and included a practical element with an inspection of the play area. All in attendance were awarded a certificate.

Mrs Nichols thanked Mr Shaw for fixing the rope on the basket swing.

Mrs Nichols informed council that she is asking the football club to remove their goal nets from the goals when not in use.

Mrs Nichols is still waiting for advice from the planning department at the district council regarding replacement windows for the hall. There was a brief discussion about the poor services being received from the district council and there is a special working group investigating.

Long term plans for traffic calming – The PC is still pursuing a 20mph zone in The Street Lamas and village gates for Coltishall road have been paid for and should be installed in the coming months. Cllr Goodman, Cllr Riley and the Clerk met with the Highways officer for this area to discuss the PC's plans. There is a sum of money coming to Norfolk for Highways development, but it's being rolled out location by location starting in the west of the county and moving eastwards. There may be scope to use some of this money to get the 20mph zone agreed. It was highlighted that agreeing a new traffic order is very expensive and would require the pooling of resources. There is however a focus on connectivity of rural areas and making things safer for pedestrians and cyclists and this angle could help to prove the case for a 20mph zone. It was also stated that this process is lengthy and not something that will happen quickly. Chair took a comment from a resident who stated that Lamas is a rural area and that there is a problem with noise and vibration and gutters being knocked off houses. The Chair reiterated that the PC is doing what it can to try to ease traffic issues in the parish.

Request for '20 is Plenty' signs – Clerk had circulated a request from a resident for some '20 is plenty' signs for Brook Street. Cllr Lawrence said that she would be able to source these signs and work with the PC to distribute them. These signs are suitable for putting on wheelie bins in driveways etc.

Request to PC to apply for funding for bridge repair – This request was no longer needed as alternative funding for the repairs had been sourced. It has been agreed to fund the repairs of the North bridge by Broadland District Council funding and the South bridge by a budget held by Cllr Riley and Norfolk Trails. There is a delay on the repair work to the North bridge due to water vole activity.

A resident raised concerns over the idea of asking the PC to assist with the funding of these repairs, because this work is the duty of Highways.

There was a discussion on the history of which bodies are responsible for repairs to the highway, including footpaths. While it was agreed that this should be a Highways responsibility, in these difficult times an alternative way to fund the work has been found and will enable the path to be open to the public as soon as possible.

Footpath, maintenance and closures update – already covered above

Dangers of swimming at the Mill Pond and Anti-social behaviour – After some discussion on this matter, it was agreed to place a piece in the Round asking people to be careful if using the mill pond to swim in. It was agreed to remove this as a standing item on the PC agenda going forwards.

Highway matters –

- White lines outside the village hall still need to be repainted
- BVR are deeply concerned about Little Hautbois bridge and have escalated their concerns to the Road and Rail statutory body. BDC must comply with their statutory duty and make sure the bridge is in a good state of repair and bear the cost of any work needed to make it safe. The plastic barriers

are not good enough and have fallen in parts. This road is not suitable for large vehicles and they should follow a diversion to avoid this bridge.

22/29 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MATTERS –

- Cllr Goodman raised the issue of District Council departments not working as they should, particularly around planning.
- A date is needed for the urgent repair work to Little Hautbois bridge.
- New advice on CIL money and how it should be spent should have been sent to all Parish and Town Councils. Clerk to look into this.
- PC discussed sending a letter to the O&S committee regarding a review of the reorganisation of the planning department because the service is not as it has been in the past. Cc, Cllr Riley into the letter.

22/30 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED – A productive NP meeting was attended and training in how to inspect play areas was held.

22/31 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS – July meeting – Youth goal post request at Balay, Bell ringers funding application and a possible “Go fund me page”, Skate ramp fixing quote at Balay and Community Lottery suggestion.

22/32 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:40pm.