

## **Minutes of the Buxton with Lamas Full Parish Council Meeting held in Buxton Village Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30pm**

### **PRESENT**

#### Councillors:

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

#### Also in attendance:

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

The Chair began the meeting with a dedication to HRH Queen Elizabeth II and a two-minute silence in honour of her passing.

**22/60 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were given for Mrs Charmley.

**22/61 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION** – Mrs Powell and Mrs Nichols reference the village hall and Mrs Warren reference 10.3 on the agenda.

### **22/62 MINUTES**

The minutes from the previous meeting held on July 11<sup>th</sup> were previously circulated via e-mail and were signed as a true and correct record. Cllr Riley had not seen a copy of the minutes and therefore abstained from agreeing to them. The Clerk will ensure that Mr Riley has a hard copy of the council papers at the start of each meeting going forwards.

### **22/63 COOPTION OF COUNCILLOR**

Mrs Barnes was introduced and was invited to address the council. Mrs Barnes explained that she had seen an advert in the Round detailing vacancies on the Parish Council and decided to apply. Mrs Barnes is a Shareholder, Director and Employee at Bure Valley Railway, lives in Buxton and takes a keen interest in what happens in the village. All Councillors agreed that Mrs Barnes would be a great asset to the council and invited her to take a seat at the parish council table. All Councillors introduced themselves to Mrs Barnes. The Clerk gave Mrs Barnes the relevant paperwork which Mrs Barnes took away to complete within the allowed 28 days.

**22/64 MATTERS ARISING** – The Chair stated that the reinstatement of the white lines outside the village hall are much needed and warned that a serious accident could happen if they are not put back.

Cllr Riley wanted it noted that 22/49 of the July 2022 minutes should have detailed that Cllr Lawrence has secured funding for the new and improved north bridge and Cllr Riley has used funds from his budget and a grant from NCC central budget to pay for the new and improved south bridge. Both bridges will be moved slightly along the path.

### **22/65 ADJOURNMENT –**

Cllrs had been e-mailed a copy of a village report written by Mr Wheeler, the footpaths officer, on various village issues. There is a lot of overhanging vegetation on Aylsham Road making it very dangerous for pedestrians to walk along the road. Brambles are overhanging and making walkers go into the road. On the other side of Aylsham Road, opposite the old Crown pub, the lime trees are also hanging very low and need to have their crown raised.

There is a dead silver birch tree on the grass outside 21 Church Close. The tree has overhead telephone wires close to the canopy on 2 sides.

The grass area beside the bus shelter has a dead tree on it and it is felt that the area looks untidy. Cllr Lawrence pointed out that these trees are noted on the NP and that they were planted by the Scout group 1983.

There is damage to the river bank under Pile bridge and this is causing the loss of part of the path. Cllr Lawrence was asked if this could be repaired when the bridge work takes place. It was stated that any work to the river bank would need approval by the Environment Agency and would need to be looked at separately.

from the bridge work which has been approved. Cllr Riley proposed that the PC contacts BDC to ask them to repair the river bank and for Cllr Lawrence to make the same request of BDC.

It was AGREED that the clerk would write to Highways to ask them to:

- Trim the overhanging vegetation on Aylsham Road
- Raise the crown of the 4 lime trees on the other side of Aylsham Road
- Write to BDC to request the repair of the riverbank under Pile bridge
- Cllr Lawrence to check the TPO plan to see if the self-seeded walnut tree can be removed from near the bus stop
- Ask the Scouts group if they could run a session with the Scouts to lift the crown of the hawthorn trees near the bus stop and generally clean up the area and the scrub around the base of the trees. This may also help to earn the Scouts a badge

## 22/66 REPORTS

Cllr Lawrence reported:

- That there have been no meetings since August.
- The Environmental Excellence panel is pushing through a recommendation on a new dog poo policy to treat it was an act of anti-social behaviour.
- The flood strategy for the area will be placed in the Round.
- The Bure Valley Railway trip has been postponed – Mrs Nichols and Mrs Powell will be attending.
- Oxnead bridge parking issues are being looked at by the local landowners following a recent accident.

Cllr Riley reported:

- NCC are starting work on levelling up and some additional powers are coming back to the county. There are still discussions taking place on whether to elect a mayor and/or leader.
- Issues in Social Services continue and the casework is high.
- At the district council there has been 3 different portfolio holders for planning in a very short space of time. There is talk of splitting planning between 2 people, as has been reported in the EDP.
- The O & S meeting has reverted back to its original time for meeting in the day. Cllr Riley has needed to follow relevant legal proceedings in order to get this matter discussed and resolved.
- A review of the collaboration of councils has been very challenging. An officer's report was misattributed to the councillors which may result in a complaint.

## 22/67 PLANNING

**Greater Norwich Local Plan** – Waiting for inspector's full report and the incorporation of the nutrient neutrality information.

**Neighbourhood plan Steering group** – Acon have produced a draft design which is being looked at.

**Planning Applications – None received**

## 22/68 FINANCE

**Bank reconciliation** – Bank statements for June, July and August were signed off by the Scrutineer.

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

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
BACS	Smart Survey	NP Survey	84
BACS	Anglia Water	Water bill	85.54
BACS	Vonage	Phone	29.55
SO	EDF Energy	Heating	87
BACS	Norse	Verge cutting	249.26
BACS	Barnwells	Round	285
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning Co	Cleaning Balay	100.8
BACS	Laura Apps-Green,		

	Norfolk Pension Fund, HMRC	Pension, Pay, Tax, phone	1101.41
<b>September payments below</b>			
BACS	Buxton Church	Grant for new bell	1000
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning Co	Cleaning Balay	151.2
SO	EDF Energy	Heating	87
BACS	Norse	Verge cutting	249.26
BACS	Lamas Village hall	Insurance	760.85
BACS	Laura Apps-Green, Norfolk Pension Fund, HMRC	Pay, pension, office rent, tax	1227.86
Total			5,498.73

**Any other finance matters - None**

## **22/69 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS**

**10.1 Bus Stop vandalism** – Clerk reported that the bus stop has been vandalised. Clerk has cleared up the broken perspex and taken it to the recycling centre and put emergency tape around the side panels to make it as safe as possible. Clerk is getting quotes for the perspex to be replaced. The metal frame is rusted and if the cost to repair the perspex is too high it may be best to look at the possibility of putting in a new bus stop. Once the quotes have been received the Cllrs can make a decision on this. Rev Goodman suggested that the cost involved with repairing/replacing the bus stop should be reported in the Round.

**10.2 Village gate options** - The 2 options were discussed at the PC meeting and there was a long discussion about the use of “m” or “mm” in Lamas. It was proposed by Rev Goodman and seconded by Mrs Kammoun, that the PC should opt for the larger sign for the gates and that the wording should be blocked, so that the word “Buxton” sits above the words “with Lamas” otherwise the line of words would be too long. All AGREED.

**10.3 Parking in village at school pick up and drop off in Buxton** – Mrs Warren is on the school governing board and has talked to the Chair about this issue. There have not been any complaints about this issue made to the school directly. Mrs Warren has walked up to the area during a busy pick-up time and not seen any issues or dangerous or disrespectful parking herself. She will continue to monitor the situation and report back. There is a Governors meeting later this week and Mrs Warren will raise it for discussion. It was noted that there is more of a problem with parking on a football day, as the parking time is longer than the 15 min drop off and pick up time.

**10.4 Badersfield Jaguar Building** – Cllr Lawrence informed council that there has been some unauthorised occupation of Jaguar Building and that the occupants’ behaviour was, at times, disruptive for nearby residents. It has been reported that a hate crime was committed on-line, which the police are dealing with. The District Council have issued the relevant notices to the owners of Jaguar Building regarding its usage.

**10.5 Long term plans for traffic management** – The PC is waiting to hear about a grant that is being administered based on location, to see if any of the proposals for traffic management can be paid for with it.

**10.6 Buxton Village hall and play area** – Update given by Chair of Village hall management committee

- Tables and benches have been placed in play area at a cost of £720. They needed some repair work once fitted which has been carried out
- The drain cover in the carpark has been repaired
- The trees on the recreation ground are being trimmed later in the week
- There is a new fence around the bowls club
- The foliage covering the 30mph sign near the recreation ground is being cut back
- Rev Goodman has handed in the paperwork following her inspection of the play area

[Chair extended SO’s for 15 mins]

**10.7 Footpaths, Maintenance and Closures –**

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- Mrs Powell showed photos of the bridge over Mill Road where there are a number of pieces of loose wood that are a hazard to walkers.
- FP8 is very overgrown and 2 of the bridges along this footpath have no wire over them making them slippery.
- The foliage on the bend by the Wier in Lamas is overgrown into the road. Clerk was asked to add this to the letter to highways.
- The river foliage from the Mill into Lamas is very overgrown and almost meeting in the middle. Clerk to inform the Environment Agency.
- White lines outside the village hall are needed urgently

#### **22/70 BALAY PARK**

- **Ramp quote** – Waiting to hear from contractor for work to begin
- **Storage of goals request** – No further update at this time
- **Jubilee bench/plaques/signs** – Clerk to arrange for Garden Guardian to fit the bench at Balay when it arrives
- **Allotment** – Clerk reported that a new tenant has taken over plot 6

#### **22/71 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MATTERS – None**

**22/72 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED** – Mrs Nichols and Mrs Powell attended the Scout AGM.

#### **22/73 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS – None**

**22/74 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING** – There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9:41pm.