

**Minutes of the Buxton with Lamas Parish Council Meeting
held in Lammas Village Hall on Monday 10th July at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Mrs Nichols
Mr Shaw
Mrs Warren

Mrs Powell
Rev Goodman

Mr Riley
Mr Baskeyfield

Mrs Barnes
Mrs Charmley

Also in attendance:

6 members of the public

PC Lucas

Clerk to the Council: Laura Apps-Green

23/32 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were given for Mr Goodman and Mrs Kammoun.

23/33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Mrs Powell and Mrs Nichols reference Buxton village hall. Mrs Warren regarding the primary school request 8.5 on the agenda.

23/34 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 12th June were circulated and signed as a true and correct record.

23/35 MATTERS ARISING – None

23/36 ADJOURNMENT – Resident raised item 8.5 of the agenda regarding a request to fund the replacement of pads on the defibrillator positioned at the school. They felt that public funds should not be spent on a service positioned at the school and that the village hall defibrillator was more accessible.

A resident informed council that around 20 school children took part in a village litter pick because they wanted to help improve their community. Clerk was asked to write to the school to thank them for this work. Clerk to also write to the Guides to thank them for the litter pick they did at Balay park.

23/37 REPORTS

County Cllr Riley reported on the following:

- NCC still need to make 60 million in cuts to the budget
- Cllr Riley has been campaigning to keep Mayton recycling centre open. The consultation is now closed and Cabinet will be meeting in August to make a decision
- County deal is currently being debated. The leaders of each district council have met. There has been talk of having a mayor for Norfolk
- BDC had previously cut back on community grant schemes, but Cllr Riley is planning to increase the grant scheme through the use of increases in interest rates, so that the burden is not on the tax payer.

PC Lucas gave council a report as beat manager for the area. He addressed the issues with speeding in the village and said that the police are working on getting in more resources to enable the speed camera to attend the village on Brook Street. He acknowledged that Cllr Shaw is collecting good quality data on speeding in the village via the SAM2 camera and software.

He talked about the terminology around parking near/on junctions. The wording is that cars “should” not park there, therefore there is no enforceable law around it. He suggested white painted “H” bars could be painted on the road to try to deter people.

23/38 PLANNING

Greater Norwich Local Plan – There has been a delay because BDC failed to identify allocated sites for the Gypsy and Traveller communities.

Neighbourhood plan Steering group – Regulation 14 is completed. There has been a fantastic response. All the responses are being collated by the team and will be presented to the PC. Amendments will be made to the NP document based on these responses, then the document will come back the PC for approval. Then Regulation 16 consultation can begin.

Cllr Riley expressed his thanks to the NP team for their hard work on this big project which is all being done on a voluntary basis. The PC is very grateful. All agreed with Cllr Riley's statement.

Planning Development for the land off Lion Road – This was on the agenda in error. The piece of land the PC had had correspondence on is the land opposite Balay park off Aylsham Road.

Planning Applications –

Jaguar Buildings, application no: 2023/1499 – There was a long discussion around this application and many questions raised. Council was told that this is a charity owned building and they bring children from cities to stay at its rural location. There have been issues in the past with there not being anything for the young people to do at the site. The premises were previously operating without planning permission. There was mention of using this facility for weddings and events.

The PC are aware that a number of residents have an issue with this development. The PC felt that there was a lack of information in this application and in order to make a formal judgement more information would be needed.

[Cllr Baskeyfield arrived]

The Council resolved to:

Note this planning application, but feels that due to the lack of detailed information is not in a position to be able to make a judgement on it.

The PC would like to point out that there are a number of residents near this location that have got issues and concerns with this planning application.

The PC feels that if this venue wants to become a licenced premises, then more information, plans and explanations would be needed.

All AGREED to this statement with Cllr Riley abstaining.

Freerholm, application no: 2023/0693 – Application for a new extension and cart shed. Cllr Riley chaired this item as the Chair of the council lives in the neighbouring property.

There was concern about the extent of the planned footprint, which appears to triple the original size of the property. It was proposed that the council OBJECTS to this planning application due to the extent of the increased footprint of the plans and the amenity impact on the neighbouring properties. 7 supported this statement with Cllr Riley and Cllr Nichols abstaining.

Hautbouis Hall, application no: 2023/1865 – This application was discussed. It is to convert barns into wedding accommodation. Council resolved to SUPPORT this application as long as it is using existing buildings to convert. All AGREED with Cllr Riley abstaining.

Clerk will bring the projector and laptop to the next meeting if any planning applications need to be viewed.

23/39 FINANCE

Bank reconciliation – Bank reconciliations for June will be given to scrutineer after the meeting.

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

Cheque	Name	Description	Amount £
	Buxton village hall	Grass cutting	497.14
The above payment was made in June after the June meeting			
	Barnwells	Round June & July	600
	Norse	Verge cutting	270.20
	Norfolk Cleaning Co	Cleaning Balay	120

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Broadland Group Ltd	Key cut for allotment holder	7.10
Laura Apps-Green,	Pay, pension, Phone, Mileage,	1198.78
Norfolk Pension Fund,	tax	
HMRC		
	Total	2,693.22

AGAR 2022/2023 – Clerk informed Council of a minor error on the AGAR due to £4 of misplaced VAT. All AGREED to the amendment.

Santander Savings Account – Clerk hasn't heard back from Santander so will be going to the Ombudsman.

Defib pad replacement cost request from the school – There was a detailed discussion on this matter and a member of the public objected to the request from the school. The item was strongly debated among councillors. There was a vote and the majority of councillors voted to support this request and pay for the maintenance of the defib as requested.

Any other finance matters – None

23/40 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Lion Road Junction – Waiting to hear from Highways as to when they will start the work they have agreed to in order to improve this junction.

Long term plans for traffic calming – Cllr Riley has moved to plan B and approached the Highways area manager to request to use some of his member's grant to fund the feasibility work on the traffic calming plans. The feasibility study will cost around £6,800 and this is a lengthy process.

[Agreement to extend the Standing Orders by 15 mins]

Parish Partnership Scheme – Moved to the September meeting along with a report from Cllr Shaw on traffic calming measures for the parish.

Proposed planters on the land with the Lamas village sign beside Buxton Mill – Moved to September meeting.

TCV Norfolk – Waiting hear if the application has been successful.

Buxton village hall and play area – Nothing to report

Footpaths, maintenance and closures – Fencing at the bottom of the steps under the bridge on Mill Street is falling down where the dog bin is attached. Clerk to report to BDC.

To receive reports on highway matters – Cllr Shaw reported blocked drains on Crown Road with foliage growing out of them and causing flooding. Clerk to report to Highways to get them cleared.

23/41 BALAY PARK

- **Parking on land around Balay park & fencing quote** – Clerk to wait on new signs pending the outcome of the TCV application
- **Allotment inspection, condition of site and vacant plot** – Vacant plot at present, Clerk to contact those on waiting list

23/42 SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY – All AGREED to adopting the new policy

23/43 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MATTERS - None

23/44 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED – None

23/45 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS – None

23/46 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9:35pm.