

**Minutes of the Buxton with Lamas Parish Council Meeting
held in Buxton Village Hall on Monday 9th October at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

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

Also in attendance:

5 members of the public

Clerk to the Council: Laura Apps-Green

23/61 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were given for Mrs Powell

23/62 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Mrs Nichols reference Buxton village hall.

23/63 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes from the previous meeting held on September 11th were circulated and signed as a true and correct record.

23/64 MATTERS ARISING – Cllr Riley sought clarification from the previous minutes on the issue which was raised by the chair in relation to BDC community Fund match funding in relation to the Buxton village hall window upgrade.

23/65 ADJOURNMENT

A member of the public informed council that they witnessed someone cutting down trees on the bridge by Buxton Mill.

A member of the public informed council that of the 3 pot holes reported on Lion Road, 2 have been repaired and the third remains an issue. They also raised the issue of the flashing speed sign at the entrance to Lamas facing the wrong way. Clerk and Cllr Shaw have a site meeting with Highways next week and will raise these issues with them again.

A member of the public asked if there was any news regarding the Mayton Recycling centre consultation. Cllr Riley informed council that 97% of the consultation respondents said that it should remain open. NCC have decided to close the facility.

A member of the public requested a speed reduction around the Mill of 20mph. Cllr Rev Goodman explained that this has been something the PC and Cllr Riley has been working on for around 2 years. She explained that the costs involved are around £20,000 - £25,000 in total and that the process has to go through NCC. Cllr Riley applied to be part of a scheme to improve connectivity but the bid was turned down. The first stage is to conduct a feasibility study.

23/66 REPORTS –

Cllr Riley reported a £46M deficit in the NCC budget, despite making cuts over the last 10 years totalling £150M. By closing Mayton recycling centre £70,000 will be saved.

The county deal is in a state of flux and the details are not being shared, this is undermining the democratic process. The deadline to get it sorted is November or the deal is off.

Cllr Goodman reported that the District Council are working hard to make the books balance. It appears that £36M in capital spend and £5.5M in reserves are all committed, meaning there will be a significant deficit in the District Council funds. They are unable to sell the South Norfolk Council building and Thorpe Lodge is very hard to sell. This could lead to a large deficit. There is an emergency meeting with the leader to discuss matters.

Cllr Goodman has a member's ward grant pot of £1000 and will advertise this in the Buxton Round.

The District Council have a Community Grant Scheme of between £1,000 and £15,000 to be match funded with and this could be used to fund the replacement windows in the village hall.

23/67 PLANNING

Greater Norwich Local Plan – Planning Inspector has given an initial response.

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Neighbourhood plan Steering group – The PC needs to state how it will monitor the delivery of the NP. Clerk suggested a check sheet that each planning application could be scored against in line with the policies of the NP.

Mr Curtis modified the draft document in line with the wishes of the PC during the meeting. This amended document will be sent to the Clerk for circulating to councillors.

It was AGREED that each Councillor would look at planning applications alongside the check sheet that is created in line with the NP.

It was AGREED that the NP document would be available on the PC website, promoted in the Round and a hard copy available at each meeting once finalised. The hard copy can be left in a safe place at the village hall.

Standard Gas – Information about a new processing business at Scottow Enterprise park was circulated for information.

Planning Applications – Beechwood Cottage – This application was looked at by all at the meeting. Full council AGREED to support the application, with 1 councillor abstaining.

23/68 FINANCE

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

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

Cheque	Name	Description	Amount £
BACS	Norse	Verge cutting	270.20
BACS	Barnwells	Round	300
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning Co	Cleaning Balay	120
BACS	Lamas Village hall	Annual maintenance contribution	300
BACS	Buxton PCC	Annual maintenance contribution	2600
BACS	Lamas PCC	Annual maintenance contribution	800
BACS	Buxton Village Hall	Annual maintenance contribution	300
BACS	Lammas Village Hall	Insurance	1031.60
BACS	Groundworks UK	Grant underspend	59
BACS	PKF Little John	Audit	378
BACS	Laura Apps-Green, Norfolk Pension Fund, HMRC	Pay, pension, Phone, Mileage, tax, office rent	1320.44
Total			7479.24

Budget Report – Clerk had circulated a flexed budget report detailing all income and expenditure for the year to date.

Poppy wreath – Using Section 137 powers, the council approved the purchase of 2 poppy wreaths for the forthcoming Remembrance service.

Auditor Appointment – Full council AGREED to the appointment of Auditing Solutions for the coming years internal audit.

Santander Savings Account – Clerk updated council on the situation. Having made lots of phone calls and written lots of letters and e-mails, the Clerk has the form that is required along with the signed minutes and is meeting with the relevant signatories in order to remove one and add a new one. Once that is done, the next stage will be to move the money over to Unity Trust. Santander have sent the PC a cheque for £75 due to the unfair treatment the Clerk has been receiving from the bank.

Any other finance matters – None

23/69 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Lion Road Junction – Cllr Shaw and Clerk have a site meeting planned with Highways next week and will also raise the other highway issues at this meeting including the moving back of the 30mph signs.

Long term plans for traffic calming – Cllr Shaw has drafted a paper on ideas and will circulate to councillors for their consideration. Clerk to place this item on the November agenda.

[Full Council agreed to extend Standing Orders]

Parish Partnership Scheme – Clerk informed council that this scheme will fund bus stops and that she has obtained some quotes from Wescotec for one. Cllr Rev Goodmand proposed the council apply to the scheme for a new bus stop, seconded by Cllr Kammoun, all AGREED. Clerk to bring back quotes for this to the November meeting for agreement.

Proposed planters on the land with the Lamas village sign beside Buxton Mill – Following the Round advert, the Clerk has so far received 3 responses. More time is needed to allow other people to respond to the question.

TCV Norfolk – Clerk is still waiting to hear back on this and will follow up on the outcome.

Buxton village hall and play area – The rota needs to be revised and circulated.

Footpaths, maintenance and closures –

- Path under Pile Bridge is deteriorating
- Steps up to railway line off Mill Street are dangerous and need repair work to make them safe – Clerk has already reported this to BDC

To receive reports on highway matters – Flashing sign in Lamas turned the wrong way.

23/70 BALAY PARK

Football request to hold a tournament at Balay park in 2024

The Clerk read out the e-mail received from the football club with more detail about the planned tournament. Full Council AGREED to this event taking place on Balay park in the same way the Scouts held the St Georges Day event.

23/71 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MATTERS - None

23/72 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED – None

23/73 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS (For Information only) – Chair stated that a member of the football club called her to ask to roller the pitches at Balay park due to rabbit holes. Clerk informed council that this member of the football club had e-mailed her on Thursday asking the same thing and also asking if the PC would pay for the roller. Clerk had already replied with the advice from the Grounds contractor, not to roller community sports pitches and if that if there are any rabbit holes, they are to be filled in with soil from the mound near the entrance.

23/74 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9:53pm.