

**Minutes of the Buxton with Lamas Parish Council Meeting
held in Buxton Village Hall on Monday 8th January at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Mrs Nichols
Mr Shaw

Mrs Kammoun
Mrs Charmley

Mrs Warren

Also in attendance:

2 members of the public

Clerk to the Council: Laura Apps-Green

23/93 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were given for and accepted by full council for Mrs Powell, Mrs Barnes, Mr Goodman, Rev Goodman and Mr Riley.

23/94 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Mrs Nichols reference Buxton village hall. Mrs Kammoun reference item 8.5 and the PCC.

23/95 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes from the previous meeting held on November 20th were previously circulated and agreed and signed off by full council.

23/96 MATTERS ARISING – None

23/97 ADJOURNMENT

A member of the public attended regarding item 8.5 on the agenda (church clock).

23/98 REPORTS – None available

23/99 PLANNING

Greater Norwich Local Plan – Nothing to report

Neighbourhood plan Steering group – Cllr Shaw gave a brief update and informed council that the NP should be completed in early spring.

Planning Applications - None

23/100 FINANCE

Bank reconciliation – Both November's and December's bank recs have been completed. Clerk to give to scrutineer at the next PC meeting.

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

Method	Name	Description	Amount £
BACS	Cooks Electrical	PAT testing & electrical work at pavilion	204
BACS	Garden Guardian	Balay Grounds Maintenance	4573.20
BACS	Amazon	Anti-Slip strips for pavilion step	47.98
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning Co	Cleaning Balay	120
BACS	Laura Apps-Green, Norfolk Pension Fund, HMRC	Pay, pension, tax, mileage	1255.88

The above items were paid in December 2023

BACS	Amazon	Sign for pavilion	3.99
BACS	Modicom	Neighbourhood plan consultant	425
BACS	Barnwells	Round	300
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning Co	Cleaning Balay	180
BACS	JBA Consulting	Flood risk plan	1941.60
BACS	ICO	Annual subscription	40

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BACS	Westcotec	SAM2 bracket	71.40
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning Co	Cleaning Balay	60
BACS	Laura Apps-Green, Norfolk Pension Fund, HMRC	Pay, pension, Phone, tax	1245.73
Total			10468.78

Agreed budget for 2024-2025 – Clerk presented the draft budget from the November meeting. All AGREED to this budget.

Confirm Precept request 2024-2025 – Full Council AGREED to make a precept request of £33,660. All AGREED.

Santander Savings Account – Clerk asked permission from Full Council to move the total amount of savings in Santander to the Unity Trust savings account and to close the Santander account. All AGREED.

Any other finance matters – None

23/101 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Lion Road Junction – Highways have cut the verge back and will monitor the situation

Long term plans for traffic calming – Highways will install the SAM2 post on Lion Road heading south. The PC must purchase a bracket to hold the SAM2 camera. Full Council AGREED to this purchase. Long term plans are to be discussed after the NP has been adopted.

Proposal for improvements to Highway land with the village sign opposite the Mill – Moved to February meeting.

Buxton village hall and play area – Nothing to report. Clerk to recirculate the rota for the play area inspection.

Footpaths, maintenance and closures –

- Vegetation in cracks in road on Church Close has been reported
- Drain near pig farm is blocked and needs flushing
- Drain on Lion road is blocked and needs flushing
- Drain on Little Hautbois road is blocked and needs flushing

Bure Valley water quality volunteers – Clerk to talk to Bure Navigation Conservation Trust to get more detail and put a piece in the Round asking for volunteers.

[Cllr Charmley arrived]

Church Clockwork quote for a decision by full council – Clerk issued councillors with the answers to the questions they asked at the November meeting. Clerk had tried to obtain another quote for the work but Smiths of Derby wanted £350 to give a quote and this was not seen as good value for money. There was a discussion about the possibility of installing a new clock with GPS, which would mean that our volunteer would not need to climb the church tower each month to set the time and cleaning work would only be required around every 3 years. The cost of this would be considerably higher than the deep clean proposed and a faculty would be required. The volunteer confirmed that they were very happy to continue to look after the clock for a number of years to come. Full Council AGREED to have the clock removed and cleaned as per the quote from S Michlmayr & Co Ltd, with 4 agreeing and 1 abstaining.

23/102 BALAY PARK

Pride in Place Clean up and Bloom Grant – Clerk asked Full Council for permission to apply for funding to pay for the plants, shrubs and bulbs for the flower beds being created at the entrance to Balay park via The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) Norfolk. Full Council AGREED.

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Biodiversity – A number of biodiversity aims are covered in the NP. Bring back to the February meeting for a more detailed action plan.

23/103 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MATTERS - None

23/104 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED – None

23/105 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS (For Information only) – None

23/106 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8:20pm.

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