

**Minutes of the Buxton with Lamas Parish Council Meeting
held in Buxton Village Hall on Monday 12th February at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Mrs Nichols	Mrs Barnes	Rev Goodman
Mr Shaw	Mrs Powell	

Also in attendance:

Clerk to the Council: Laura Apps-Green

23/107 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were given and accepted by full council for, Mr Goodman, Mr Riley, Mrs Kammoun, Mrs Charmley and Mrs Warren.

23/108 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

23/109 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes from the previous meeting held on January 8th were previously circulated, agreed and signed off by full council.

23/110 MATTERS ARISING – Clerk raised concern about the potential for cars and vans to be parked on the land around Balay park on the day the work to improve the area starts later on this month. Clerk informed council that in line with her daily responsibilities, she would write a polite letter to the residents in the area asking them not to park on this area. The letters would also be placed on the windscreens of any cars seen parking there. If any cars are there when the work starts they will have to be towed away.

23/111 ADJOURNMENT – None

23/112 REPORTS – None available

23/113 PLANNING

Greater Norwich Local Plan – Nothing to report

Neighbourhood Plan Steering group – Cllr Shaw would like to see the draft flood risk plan produced by the consultants.

Planning Applications - None

23/114 FINANCE

Bank reconciliation – January's bank rec was given to Scrutineer for her approval.

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

Method	Name	Description	Amount £
BACS	NCC	SAFE Membership	30
BACS	National Allotment Society	Membership	66
BACS	JBA Consulting	Flood consultants	832.80
BACS	Barnwells	Round	300
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning Co	Cleaning Balay	180
BACS	Laura Apps-Green, Norfolk Pension Fund, HMRC	Pay, pension, tax, office rent, phone	1399.57
Total			2808.37

Revised Standing Orders – Clerk had previously circulated an update to the Council's Standing Orders, there was a minor change in the wording around procurement levels as advised by NALC. Full Council AGREED to these amendments.

Revised Financial Regulations – Clerk had previously circulated an update to the Council's Financial Regulations, there were no major changes in the wording. Full Council AGREED to these minor amendments.

Santander Savings Account – Clerk has sent off the paperwork to get the Santander funds transferred to the Unity Trust savings account.

Any other finance matters – None

23/115 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Residents' E-mail ref 20mph along Mill Steet and the impact of nearby road closures – Clerk informed council that other residents had also written into the council with the same concerns. Clerk has written back to each person explaining what the council is doing to try to ease the issues. In summary the action the PC is taking is as follows:

- Cllr Riley has funded from his county council budget the installation of a traffic count system. This system will count the volume, speed and types of vehicles passing through The Street and Mill Street. The request from Highways has gone in, but there is a large queue for this equipment and it could take 6 months for it to be installed. The equipment will be in place for 1 week.
- Highways have confirmed that they divert traffic away from minor roads when a road is closed and these diversions are clearly signposted for the whole route.
- The SAM2 camera managed by Cllr Shaw is placed in 5 locations including Mill Street. Cllr Shaw reports regularly on the speeds into the village from all 5 entry points. Cllr Shaw reported that in the last 3 years (approximately), 3 cars have driven at 70mph on Mill Street, 7 cars at 65mph and 10 at 60 mph. Some of these could have been emergency service vehicles. 85% of vehicles travelling along this stretch of road are within or below the speed limit according to the SAM2 data collected.
- Highways have suggested that we could install another post for the SAM2 on Mill Street facing in the other direction

Long term plans for traffic calming – SAM2 camera is now placed on Lion Road in its new position.

Proposal for improvements to Highways land with the village sign opposite the Mill – The position on this is stuck, of the few responses received there was no clear way forward to satisfy all.

Buxton village hall and play area – Nothing to report.

Footpaths, maintenance and closures – Car accident on Coltishall Road was reported.

23/116 BALAY PARK

Re Quote for grounds maintenance at Balay park – Clerk informed council that it is best practice to obtain other quotes for this work every few years. Council AGREED and the clerk will obtain quotes for the annual maintenance of Balay park.

Biodiversity – This matter was discussed by full council and it was AGREED that the Clerk would draft an action plan and bring back to the PC in the March meeting. Clerk to include the policies set out in the NP on this matter. Part of the plan will include the types of flowers and plants to place in the community garden at Balay park being developed later this month.

23/117 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MATTERS - None

23/118 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED – None

23/119 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS (For Information only) – None

23/120 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8:09pm.

Chairman, March 2024