

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

PRESENT

Councillors:

Mrs Nichols	Mrs Barnes	Mrs Charmley	Mr Goodman	Mr Breeze
Mr Shaw	Mrs Warren	Rev Goodman	Mrs Powell	Mrs Kammoun

Also in attendance:

Clerk to the Council: Laura Apps-Green
5 residents

24/35 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were given and accepted by full council for Mr Riley.

24/36 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Mrs Nichols, Mrs Powell & Mr Breeze for Buxton village hall.

24/37 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes from the previous meeting held on June 10th and previously circulated were agreed and signed off by full council once a few minor spelling errors were corrected.

24/38 MATTERS ARISING – None

24/39 ADJOURNMENT –

A resident raised a previous planning application that is now out of time for the development agreed 5 years ago. It was requested that if and when a new application comes forwards, that a PC requests the track nearby becomes a public right of way.

A resident raised the issue of branches still left blocking the flow of water at Buxton Mill. It is believed that a resident of Buxton Mill may be responsible for cutting down the branches and blocking the river. Another resident informed council that river properties have rights and responsibilities regarding the water ways. The resident will send the clerk a copy of the Environment Agency document. Clerk to place this matter on the September PC agenda.

A resident raised the issue of inconsiderate and dangerous parking at the shop. Chair suggested the resident talks to the shop manager to see if they would put a sign-up asking people to park carefully and not leave their engine running when they are in the shop.

A resident suggested that yellow lines are needed where the school patrol officer stands. Chair explained that Highways are highly unlikely to agree to that request.

24/40 REPORTS –

District Councillor Mark Goodman reported the following:

- Following the general election business will resume at the council from Tuesday 9 July.

24/41 PLANNING

Neighbourhood Plan Steering group – Chair read an update submitted by the chair of the NP Steering group. There was a request to call an extraordinary meeting at the end of July in order to agree the next steps. Full council agreed to calling an extraordinary meeting for this purpose on Monday 29th July at 6:00pm. Clerk was asked about her availability over the summer holiday, she will forward availability to the chair of the NP Steering group. It was noted that the clerk will be taking the majority of her annual leave over the summer holiday.

Steering group requested the PC delegates them authority to lead discussions with Mr Ashcroft on its behalf. No decisions can or will be made during this process, as the Steering group is not set up to allow for this. Cllr Charmley proposed and Cllr P Goodman seconded, to delegate to the Steering group to lead on **discussions only** with Mr Ashcroft. All decisions that are required would need to be agreed by full council.

Planning Applications –

Jaguar Buildings – A number of discrepancies were highlighted within the planning document, including the following:

- 18 suites, holding 4 people each and 20 members of staff is a total of 92 people – These numbers do not match with the capacity of the building
- The site has been used more recently than stated in the planning documents
- The hours for the staff being on reception have not been stated
- How does the applicant propose to have 24 hour staff presence in the building?
- The north of the site faces residential buildings and they could be disrupted by the activities on the site
- The site is outside of the development area
- Concerns that the development could detract from the existing assets
- Coach transportation to and from the site will be difficult on the narrow road network
- There could be an issue with fire regulations
- Concerns around repeat issues from the site's previous users

The PC resolved to object to this planning application on the following grounds:

Noise and transportation/traffic issues and the negative impact on the conservation area. All AGREED.

6 Mill Street – The application was discussed. No comments made.

24/42 FINANCE

Bank reconciliation – June'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	Buxton village hall	Play area inspection, Recreation ground grass cutting, new tools, replacement parts	762.51
BACS	Barnwells	Round	300
BACS	NPTS	Chair Training	75
BACS	Cooks electrical	Replacement light on pavilion	144.00
BACS	Norse	Verge cutting	291.83
BACS	RoSPA	Balay skate park inspection	93.60
BACS	Westcotec	Bus Shelter	5986.80
BACS	National Allotment Society	Insurance for a member	3
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning Co	Cleaning Balay	64.80
BACS	Laura Apps-Green, Norfolk Pension Fund, HMRC	Pay, pension, tax, phone, miles	1261.41
Total			8982.95

N.B. It was noted that the bus stop is being funded externally and that the PC will need to claim the funding back.

Appoint a new internal Auditor – Clerk informed council that a fellow clerk, Jim Greaves, had given a quote for providing internal auditing services to the council for the current financial year for £250. All AGREED to this appointment.

Any other finance matters – None

24/43 ADOPT THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

With the clerk CiLCA qualified and over 2/3's of the councillors elected, in line with the Localism Act 2011, Section 1 to 8, Buxton with Lamas parish council resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence. All were in AGREEMENT.

24/44 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Whole village traffic management – The clerk presented council with the results of the traffic measurement exercise Highways conducted in April/May of 2024 on The Street in Lamas, funded by County Councillor Mr Riley's budget. The results show that in that week the average speed of vehicles

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traveling on this road was 28 mph. Highways have stated that this demonstrates that the speed limit in the area is being adhered to and therefore Highways would not be taking any more action in this area at this time. The clerk does have a few more “20 is plenty” signs that residents are welcome to request for placing on their wheelie bins.

Cllr Shaw has been operating the SAM2 cameras for a number of years and the evidence collected from the data shows that speeding is not the issue in the village. Cllr Shaw feels that the main issue is refuge/safety passes for pedestrians.

Clerk informed council that the new Parish Partnership fund scheme is being launched with an application deadline of December. Perhaps some kind of scheme looking at passing places could be looked at. It was noted that some of the verges and hedges in Lamas are very overgrown.

It was AGREED to place this information in the Round, Clerk to draft a suitable piece.

Footpaths, maintenance and closures –

- Cllr Breeze raised a resident's request to designate Back Lane as a quiet lane. Cllr Shaw said that this is detailed in the NP
- Cllr Shaw informed council that the street sign on Crown Road is still missing
- A car has been left on Crown Road by Feoffee Cottages for over 3 weeks – Clerk to report this to the police
- There is a large pothole on Little Hautbois Road – Chair to send a photo to show its location
- Clerk was asked to find out if the Rangers still visit the parish

Thanks were made to Cllr M Goodman and Cllr Breeze regarding their work to cut back the ivy voluntarily for the church.

24/45 BUXTON VILLAGE HALL CHARITY

Play area - Cllr Nichols shared the recent play area inspection report with full council. There are a couple of areas of low risk that will need looking at going forwards. Clerk to place this item on the September agenda for looking at in more detail and once the park is less busy with the children going back to school. As part of the health and safety of the play area and recreation space the village hall management committee have asked for the PC to help pay for the replace defib pads for the unit on the village hall. Cllr Charmley proposed to agree to this and Cllr P Goodman seconded it.

There will be work on the recreation ground to remove the moles from the area and therefore the recreation ground at the village hall will be closed for 1 week soon.

Village hall Charity – replacements for the positions on the charity have been filled and therefore the set up of the village hall charity will be staying as it is. There are some positions that still need filling and the community are asked to step forward to ensure that the village hall continues to thrive into the future. Volunteers are asked to attend the AGM on the 3rd September to find out more.

An advert needs to go in the Round to inform the community of the changes and the need for more volunteers.

24/46 BALAY PARK

Sign for entrance to Balay park – It was requested that a sign be placed at the entrance of the site near to the sign stating the rules of the site detailing that the park is for everyone to enjoy and to please respect any formal football games that may be being played. Wording for the sign was agreed as follows *“This area is for the use of the whole community to enjoy. Please respect organised football matches while in progress”*. All AGREED.

Wooden posts at entrance to Balay park – Clerk raised the issue of some rotting posts at the entrance to the park. Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for their replacement with a variety of different materials and bring it back to the September meeting. For example, wood, composite and concrete, oak etc.

RoSPA inspection – Clerk had circulated the recent RoSPA inspection of the skate park. It highlighted 1 slightly sinking ramp. Clerk is in the process of getting a quote to have this fixed.

24/47 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MATTERS – Cllr Goodman informed council that he would be attending a meeting on this on Tuesday 9th July.

24/48 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED – Chair informed council that she attending training on being an effective chair person and found the training really helpful.

24/49 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS (For Information only) – Clerk has received a request to put the item regarding the Highway land in Lamas near to Buxton Mill back on the agenda for the September meeting. Clerk was asked to talk to the Round editor to add in the next edition that the PC would welcome any comments from the whole community on their thoughts on this piece of land, which the Lamas village sign sits on. Volunteers from the community/interested parties would be welcome to the next PC meeting to discuss the matter further.

24/50 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9:21pm.

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