

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

PRESENT

Councillors:

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

Also in attendance:

Clerk to the Council: Laura Apps-Green
10 residents

24/51 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were given and accepted by full council for Mrs Kammoun and Mr Goodman.

24/52 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Mrs Nichols, Mrs Powell & Mr Breeze for Buxton village hall. Mrs Warren regarding planning application 2024/2269.

24/53 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes from the previous meetings held on July 8th and August 5th and previously circulated were agreed and signed off by full council once a minor spelling error was corrected.

24/54 MATTERS ARISING – None

24/55 ADJOURNMENT –

A resident raised an issue regarding the low hanging branches hanging over the public footpath on Aylsham Road opposite the bus shelter. Clerk was asked to report this to Highways.

A resident raised the issue of cars parking on the corner of the junction to Bulwer Road and Brook Street making it dangerous to pull out. There is a mirror in place already. The Clerk has previously reported this to the police and highways.

A resident on Norwich Road raised the issue of speeding cars at the entrance to the village. They requested the PC checks with Highways to ensure that the TRO is correct. Some signs are covered by vegetation. They asked if the 30mph signs could be moved back near to the entrance of the village and if the next Parish Partnership funding award could be used to install village gates. They also suggested a flashing sign with an LED picture of a camera could be installed to warn motorists to slow down and obstacles installed to slow traffic. Clerk may have some “20 is plenty” signs that she can issue to those who would like them.

24/56 REPORTS –

County Councillor & District Councillor Steve Riley reported the following:

- The County deal is on hold with the change of government. Central Government may be considering options for a mayor to preside over multiple areas
- Finances for County are not looking good with a very big deficit
- County elections will be taking place in May 2025
- Housing and the homeless situation are big issues and around ¾ of a million has been spent on the issue over the last 3 years. BDC sold off all the housing stock but are looking at developing housing provision with quality accommodation and therefore saving public funds.

24/57 PLANNING

Neighbourhood Plan Steering group – Waiting on the examiners’ feedback

Planning Applications –

30 Levisshaw Close – Could not comment as not enough information. Clerk to request amendments and to bring back to the October PC meeting.

South Barn, Buxton lodge – No comment

Dudwick Farm – There is an online meeting between various stakeholders being held on the 12 September. Cllr Riley will attend online to find out more information.

Chairman, October 2024

24/58 FINANCE

Bank reconciliation – July & August bank recs were given to Scrutineer for her approval.

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

August/September 2024

Below Payments were made in August during the PC recess

Method	Name	Description	Amount £
BACS	Lammas village hall	Insurance contribution	858.11
BACS	Barnwells	Round	300
BACS	Safewater Solutions	Legionella Testing	55.50
BACS	Norse	Verge cutting	291.83
BACS	SLCC Membership	Membership Annual	183
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning Co	Cleaning Balay	194.40
BACS	Laura Apps-Green, Norfolk Pension Fund, HMRC	Pay, pension, tax, phone, miles	1260.97

Below payments are for September

BACS	PKF Little John	External Auditor	252
BACS	Modicum	Neighbourhood Plan Consultant	637.50
BACS	Norse	Verge Cutting	291.83
BACS	Anglia Water	Water bill	17.08
BACS	Laura Apps-Green, Norfolk Pension Fund, HMRC		1260.22
Total			5602.44

Consider PCC Church Yard contribution request – PC was asked by the PCC to consider a financial contribution towards some tree work in the church yard. The PCC has had the tree in question surveyed by a professional and it needs the crown reduced. After some discussion the PC resolved to assist with the cost of the work needed, with Cllr Charmley proposing and Cllr Nichols seconding a £500 contribution.

Any other finance matters – None

24/59 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Branches blocking the sluice gates south of the Buxton Mill – Nothing has changed over the summer. The matter has been looked into. The person who cut the branches is the person who should clear them away. There is nothing more the PC can do on this matter.

Highway land with Lamas village sign opposite Buxton Mill – The Clerk had placed a piece in the Round over the summer again asking for people's views on the matter. The Clerk has received 2 responses, each with opposing views. One wants planters to be placed there, the other wants it left as it is. The PC resolved that it is not in a position to do anything further on this matter.

Whole village traffic management – There was a general discussion around traffic in the parish. Clerk was asked to arrange a site meeting with Highways and Cllr Riley to look at the issues raised about Norwich Road, having priority markings around the Mill bridge and Lion Road management issues.

Footpaths, maintenance and closures –

- The PC would like to know if and when the Highway Rangers will visit the parish. Clerk to ask Highways
- Pile bridge steps are really steep and dangerous

Bench repair work

Clerk informed council that under delegated authority she has managed to obtain a quote for the bench tops around the village to be repaired/replaced. The work should be completed within the

month. It was suggested that residents could choose to sponsor a bench. Clerk to place some wording in the next Round.

To receive reports on Highway matters

- BDC sign has fallen near entrance to the village hall – Clerk to report to District Council

24/60 BUXTON VILLAGE HALL CHARITY

The Wickstead Play Area inspection report has been circulated by the village hall management committee. There are some areas that need the village hall committee's attention, although nothing is high risk.

- Bracket missing at the entrance gate by the carpark – Cllr Goodman looking for a replacement
- Grass worn at entrance by carpark – the area needs building up – Cllr Goodmand and Cllr Breeze looking at what can be done
- All Cllrs to attend play area inspection training on Monday 7th October so that the PC can help and assist the village hall management committee monitor the safety of the village hall play area
- The idea of partnering up on inspections was raised

The application for the replacement of the village hall windows has been submitted. The PC in principle allocated £2,500 towards this project, to be ratified at the October meeting.

[Chair moved to Extend Standing Orders by 15 minutes]

24/61 BALAY PARK

Replacement posts at entrance to Balay park – Clerk presented some quotes for the work but it was felt that Cllrs needed to make a site visit in order to assess what is needed. Agreed to make a whole council site visit at 11:30am on Monday 7th October before the play area inspection training.

Skate Ramp edge sinking – In line with the recent RoSPA inspection the Clerk had obtained a quote from Radian Ramps for this work to be done. The council AGREED to the quote and the work being done.

24/62 POLICIES – Draft policy on Co-option was deferred to the October meeting.

24/63 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MATTERS – None

24/64 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED – None

24/65 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS (For Information only) – None

24/66 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9:54pm.