

**Minutes of the Buxton with Lamas Parish Council Meeting
held in Buxton Village Hall on Monday 10th March at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Mrs Charmley	Mr Breeze	Mr Shaw	Mr Riley
Rev Goodman	Mrs Warren	Mr Goodman	Mrs Kammoun

Also in attendance:

Clerk to the Council: Laura Apps-Green
1 MOP's

24/128 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were given and accepted by full council for Mrs Barnes, Mrs Powell and Mrs Nichols.

24/129 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Mr Breeze for Buxton village hall.

24/130 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes from the previous meetings held on February 10th and previously circulated were agreed and signed off by full council.

24/131 MATTERS ARISING – None

24/132 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

24/133 REPORTS –

County Councillor Riley reported the following:

Work on the Local Government Review has been taking place. There are two main proposals. NCC are pushing for 1 unitary authority for Norfolk, which would swallow up all the districts. There are concerns with this proposal that services may get cut and the finances would not be solved. NCC are 750 million in debt. Many of the district councils have surplus funds which could get lost in NCC's deficit.

Many of the district councils are working together and making proposals for a 3 unitary authority proposal, which would see a West, East and Central unitary for Norfolk.

County elections have been postponed until 2027 while a way forward is agreed.

In 2026 there will be a mayoral election to appoint a mayor to preside over Norfolk and Suffolk. There will be 2 representatives from Norfolk and 2 from Suffolk.

Broadland District Council have not increased their portion of the council tax and been able to keep and even enhance its service provision.

24/134 PLANNING

The following planning applications were looked at and discussed:

Freerholm

59 Levishaw Close

Quastina Sandy Lane

Dudwick Farmhouse

The PC had no objections for any of the planning applications looked at.

Aylsham Road Housing Development – This application could be delegated to the planning officer and not go to full planning committee. The NP has to be considered. It was felt best to write to the developer ahead of the planning application being submitted in order to make the PC requests for improved infrastructure. This correspondence should be copied to the planning officer.

The list of infrastructure requests to offset the impact of the development are as follows:

1. 30mph moved north towards Aylsham
2. Pavement from the new development down to the village centre
3. Pathway from the new development over to Balay park
4. New MUGA & Youth Shelter on Balay park

5. Carpark area in Balay park resurfaced
6. New pavilion

Scottow Enterprise Park

Clerk raised with council the fact that the Scottow Enterprise park website directs people through Great and Little Hautbois to get to the site, rather than using the main Norwich to North Walsham Road then Scottow road. Sending large lorries and trucks on these small roads and over a narrow bridge is not suitable. The bridge has been badly damaged in the past and there are signs that new damage has happened. Clerk to write to Site Manager and copy in Highways and the County Councillor.

24/134 FINANCE

Bank reconciliation – February bank rec was prepared for Scrutineers approval.

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

Method	Name	Description	Amount £
BACS	Norfolk ALC	Membership fees	377.86
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning Co	Cleaning Balay park	129.6
BACS	National Allotment Society	PC membership	84
BACS	National Allotment Society	Balay Allotment Membership	70
BACS	National Allotment Society	Balay Allotments additional member	3.5
BACS	Wave	Water bill	30.13
BACS	Laura Apps-Green, Norfolk	Pay, pension, Tax, Phone, Phone,	
	Pension fund, HMRC	Miles	1325.64
		Total	2020.73

Financial Report from Clerk – Clerk presented the flexed budget for the council showing money spent and received by the council and explained any variances.

Round Publication – Clerk had previously circulated a letter from the contact at the printers, Micro press, detailing the company going into liquidation. The Clerk has not received an invoice for the March edition of the Round. Clerk also informed council that a letter from the liquidator for Barnwells had been received with false information and all invoices relating to Barnwells have been fulfilled. A new supplier is being trialled for the April edition.

Publication of a hard copy of the NP – Clerk requested permission to get 2 copies of the NP printed as a reference manual for the PC. All AGREED to the clerk seeking best value for money on this via her delegated powers.

24/135 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Footpaths, maintenance and closures –

- Clerk had circulated a response from NCC regarding the diversion of footpath 2 and chair read this to council
- Steps up to the railway line are still in a bad state of repair – BDC are currently appointing a contractor for the work

To receive reports on Highway matters

- Church Close sign has been damaged – Cllr Breeze to send the clerk some photos of the damage
- Footpath finger post on Little Hautbois Road has been knocked over
- Area of road by Little Hautbois Road is very worn and needs repairing
- Weeds in the Bure to the north of the mill are very overgrown – These should be cut in June/July.

24/136 BALAY PARK

Clerks February report – This report was previously circulated. Clerk thanked Cllr Shaw for fixing the door hook on the pavilion. The issue of the potholes in the carpark and drive were reported and discussed. Filling

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them each year is not working and more permanent solution is needed. Clerk was asked to instruct the contractor to dig down to the substrate to see what is below and therefore be able to work out the best course of action going forwards. Clerk to report back to council on this with the contractors' findings.

Ramp repair work – Clerk has been chasing Raddi ramps regarding the ramp fixes.

Allotments and the National Allotment Associations increase in insurance charges – All tenants need 12 months' notice of any price increases and changes to their contracts. Clerk to inform them all of the insurance increase which will take effect in 1 years' time.

[SO extended by 15 minutes]

24/137 BUXTON VILLAGE HALL

Update from Committee Members –

- AGM held and new Trustees appointed
- They have created a 25-point plan of action
- The window work at the village has been completed

24/138 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MATTERS – None

24/139 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED – None

24/140 NORFOLK ALC – CONFIRMATION OF DISCUSSION AT FEBRUARY MEETING – All AGREED to Norfolk ALC's plans for changes to their management structure and delegated the clerk to sign the voting papers.

24/141 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS (For Information only) – None

24/142 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9:43pm.