

**Minutes of the Buxton with Lamas Parish Council Meeting
held in Buxton Village Hall on Monday 14th July at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Mr Breeze	Mrs Warren	Mr Riley	Mrs Barnes
Mrs Powell	Mrs Kammoun	Mrs Charmley	

Also in attendance:

Clerk to the Council: Laura Apps-Green
8 Members of the public

25/34 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were given and accepted by full council for Mr Shaw, Mr Goodman and Rev Goodman.

25/35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – Cllr Breeze regarding Buxton village hall.

25/36 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes from the previous meeting held on June 9th and previously circulated were agreed by full council and signed off by the Chair.

25/37 MATTERS ARISING – None

25/38 GIFT PRESENTATION

The Parish Council thanked retired councillor, Valerie Nichols, for over 40 years of service to the community. The Village Hall Management Committee also thanked Valerie Nichols and Yvonne Powell for many years of voluntary work at the village hall and recreation ground.

25/39 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 2 representatives from Buxton Health Care in attendance. They have purchased 39 Stracey Road, which will be operating as supported accommodation. They wanted to introduce themselves to the community.

A member of the village hall management committee informed council that the village hall has a new website and Facebook page and asked the council to direct any enquiries there.

25/40 REPORTS –

Cllr Riley said that the Local Government Review was still being discussed and there are currently no further updates. The District Council has been focusing on communities, housing and temporary accommodation provision.

25/41 PLANNING

Aylsham Road Housing Development – The Clerk informed council that she had seen at least 25 objections from local residents to this development on the planning portal. Clerk also pointed out the response from Highways on the planning portal, which was read out by the chair. It was AGREED to write to the planning team to state the following, *“The Parish Council do not believe this application should be granted, unless all the concerns raised in the Highway response letter, sent on 11 June 2025, have been addressed. Some of these issues have been flagged by the Parish Council in previous correspondence.”*

6 Aylsham Road – The Council had a detailed look at the plans. The Neighbourhood Plan policy, BUX4 was raised in terms of consistent building lines. The PC supports the rear extension and would want to ensure that any extension to the front of the property is in line with the policies set out in the NP.

Bure Valley Business Park – Chair read out an e-mail response the PC received from the MD of BDC to the PC letter sent following the June PC meeting. Cllr Riley stated that a number of questions from the original letter have not been answered and the use of the site is way beyond what should be permitted. The following questions were raised:

- If a new business went in that was beyond B1 what would the DC do?

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- The PC's concerns about the protected water meadow have not been addressed
- It has not been confirmed why the chimneys have been installed?
- The PC is aware that "Run off" from the site does occur
- Why are vendors allowed to operate beyond B1 usage?

Clerk and Cllr Riley to write a response back to the DC based on the points made above. Chair to try to obtain a photo showing "Run-off" from the site.

Scottow Enterprise Park – Cllr Warren had seen that planning permission is being sought for a battery storage unit. North Norfolk District Council should be consulting the PC on this as it is very close to the parish boundary. The PC all AGREED to being against the development of a battery storage unit at Scottow Enterprise park.

25/42 FINANCE

Bank reconciliation – June bank rec was prepared for Scrutineer's approval.

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

Method	Name	Description	Amount £
BACS	RoSPA	Play area inspection	211.20
BACS	NALC	Website Fees	84
BACS	Norse	Verge cutting	317.51
BACS	Saxon Digital	Round printing	320 Waiting for invoice
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning Co	Cleaning Balay	201.60
BACS	Broadland Group Ltd	Clock - Gift+bag	57.29
BACS	Laura Apps-Green, Norfolk Pension fund, HMRC	July Pay, pension, Tax, Phone, Miles, Toilet rolls	1356.58
Total			2738.18

Change of E-mail provider - Clerk explained that the current provider is no longer able to offer the service and has recommended moving over to another supplier. This is separate from getting a .Gov e-mail address which the Clerk thinks will be necessary soon. This change in supplier will not affect the e-mail address currently used.

25/43 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Bridge over Camping Beck in poor state – The railings are in a poor state of repair. Clerk has reported this to Highways.

Request for the PC to request a Police Speed Check on Lion Road – Clerk has requested a speed check on Lion Road.

Asset Audit report – Clerk has conducted a full audit of the council's assets and compiled a report. The Clerk would like a second opinion on a couple of the assets and a few items need some minor repairs. Both the Lamas signs are wooden and placed in the soil, so need to be checked to see if any stabilisation work is required. Cllr Breeze has expertise in this area. Clerk and Cllr Breeze to arrange a suitable time to meet on site to look at these and make an assessment on any work that may be required.

Parish Partnership Scheme – The scheme is now open again for this year. Clerk to put on the September agenda.

Resident request to place wording in Round asking residents to cut back overgrowth on pathways – All agreed. Clerk to arrange. Clerk to also talk to Norse about the trod cuts.

To receive reports on highway matters – It was reported that the path from Church Close to Levishaw Close has been fixed. Clerk was asked to place a piece in the Round encouraging people to report issues directly on the NCC “report an issue” page.

Footpaths, maintenance and closures –

- Sandy Lane sign is still broken – Clerk to contact BDC
- Footpath 2 – It was suggested that the Clerk and Chair should meet with Mick George about this footpath and report back to council in the July meeting

To receive reports on Highway matters

- The trees along Aylsham Road are low hanging and need trimming to allow the pathway to be used properly. Clerk to report this to Clarion Housing who are believed to own the land.

25/44 BALAY PARK

Scout request to hire hall to an external group – Clerk trying to arrange a meeting.

Condition of site update – Clerk reported that the contractor will be filling in the potholes soon. The wooden fencing by the pavilion is in a poor state of repair. Clerks feels that it needs removing. Clerk to look with Cllr Breeze.

25/45 BUXTON VILLAGE HALL

Parish Council representative required on the village hall committee – A PC representative is needed on the committee. Clerk to put on September agenda.

Update – The VH management committee are getting quotes for new blinds/curtains. They also are obtaining quotes to improve and redress the carpark. There will be a fundraising effort to help pay for this. They may have to consider installing a gate so that only village hall users have access to the carpark. The cost will be in the region of £15,000 - £20,000. Cllr Riley thought that a new BDC grant scheme may be able to help with the costs.

25/46 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MATTERS – None

25/47 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED – None

25/48 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS (For Information Only) – Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Thea and Mick George. Cllr Shaw’s road layout idea to be discussed at the September meeting.

25/49 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:18pm.