

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

PRESENT

Councillors:

Mr Breeze	Mr Shaw	Mr Riley
Mrs Powell	Mr Goodman	Rev Goodman

Also in attendance:

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

25/19 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were given and accepted by full council for Mrs Kammoun, Mrs Charmley, Mrs Barnes and Mrs Warren.

25/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – Cllr Breeze regarding Buxton village hall

25/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes from the previous meeting held on May 12th and previously circulated required a small amendment to a name and were then agreed by full council and signed off by the Chair.

25/22 MATTERS ARISING – None

25/23 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public raised issues with the Bure Valley business park. They were concerned that any further development of the site would lead to more heavy goods vehicles coming through the village. They stated that there has already been extensive damage caused to people's houses and property due to large vehicles even though there is a 7.5-ton limit in the area.

A resident raised the issue of the site not getting the required planning permission to operate.

A resident raised concerns about the sale of the site and the documentation stating that "no planning permission is required".

Residents raised the issue of excessive noise coming from the site at all hours of the day and night.

A resident pointed out that there is a larger and much more suitable enterprise unit very nearby at Scottow.

A resident raised the environmental significance of the water meadows opposite the site and the concern over run-off from the industrial site going into the river.

There was also concern raised about the potential for a large-scale housing development that could be proposed for the site.

All members of the public present at the meeting expressed great concern over the Bure Valley business centre.

The chair, Cllr Riley, stated that the PC has drafted a letter expressing all these concerns and issues, the text of which is to be agreed upon later on in the agenda. The chair explained that the PC does not have any authority over planning matters but we can raise concerns. The chair acknowledged that the district council has let the community down over this issue and the PC agrees with the concerns raised by the residents.

25/24 REPORTS –

County Councillor Riley reported the following:

NCC are formally putting in a request for 1 unitary authority to cover the whole of Norfolk. Broadland District Council have made a request for 3 unitary authorities across Norfolk. Any dept carried by NCC would be inherited by the new set-up as central government will not write off any dept. The government is set to make their decision in the autumn of this year.

Chairman, July 2025

25/25 PLANNING

Bure Valley Business Park – Clerk read out the draft letter to be sent to BDC. With a couple of small additions to the letter, it was proposed by Cllr Riley to agree the letter and send, seconded by Cllr Goodman, all AGREED. The PC expressed that it feels the DC has let the community down over this matter.

Sunnymead – Planning application to install a wooden shed in the garden was looked at and noted.

25/26 FINANCE

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

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

Method	Name	Description	Amount £
DD	Electricity	EDF	Varies
BACS	Radii Skate repairs	Skate ramp repair	1150
BACS	Internal Auditor	Jim Graves	250
BACS	Norse	Verge cutting	317.51
BACS	Saxon Digital Services	Round printing	320
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning Co	Cleaning Balay	67.2
BACS	Laura Apps-Green,	June Pay, pension,	1367.02
	Norfolk Pension fund, HMRC	Tax, Phone, miles	
Total			3471.73

Decide on appropriate long service gift for retired councillor – Using the General Power of Competence the PC would like to purchase a “thank you” gift for a retiring councillor who has served the community for over 40 years. The Clerk proposed a few options including a clock, compact mirror and jewellery box. After a short discussion it was AGREED to purchase a clock. Clerk to make arrangements and get the item engraved. If the gift is ready for the July meeting the retiring councillor will be invited to the meeting to be presented with the gift.

To receive Internal Auditors report – Clerk circulated the report to all councillors. Chair thanked Clerk for her work.

Approval and sign off of AGAR and associated documents – AGAR was read out to council and all AGREED and the relevant documents were signed.

New signatory – All AGREED for Cllr Warren to be made a 4th signatory on the account.

25/27 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Scottow Enterprise Park traffic using Little Hautbois entry route and bridge – This matter was discussed by council. BDC have informed the clerk of the limits of their responsibility. The PC has done all it can do to encourage HGV's to use an alternative route.

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.

25/28 BALAY PARK

Scout request to hire hall to an external group – It was reported to council that this is already happening. The amendment to the lease agreement was for alcohol to be consumed on the premises. It was reported to council that the reformed Guide group is having to hire the village hall to meet in, due to the other hirer using the scout hut. Clerk to arrange an informal meeting to talk about this with the scouts, Cllr Rev Goodman and the Clerk.

Ramp repair – Clerk reported that the skate ramp repair has happened and Radii Ramps will be back to paint it when they are next in the area.

Freezer placed in pavilion – Clerk reported that the unit has been PAT tested.

25/29 BUXTON VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Breeze reported that there will be a full trustee meeting on 16 June and full committee meeting on 23 June. New curtains are being sorted and the rubbish from the carpark has gone. Hall management is moving in a positive direction.

25/30 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MATTERS – None

25/31 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED – None

25/32 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS (For Information Only) – None

25/33 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:42pm.