

**Minutes of the Buxton with Lamas Parish Council Meeting
held in Buxton Village Hall on Monday 24th November at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Mr Breeze
Mrs Powell

Mrs Barnes
Mrs Charmley

Mrs Warren
Mrs Kammoun

Mr Shaw

Also in attendance:

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

25/82 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were given and accepted by full council for Rev Goodman, Mr Goodman and Mr Riley.

25/83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – Cllr Breeze regarding Buxton village hall. Cllr Warren regarding the defibrillator situated at the school.

25/84 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes from the previous meeting held on 13 October and previously circulated were agreed by full Council and signed off by the Chair.

25/85 MATTERS ARISING – None

25/86 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Representatives from a company based on the Bure valley business park were in attendance. They informed council that they are a local business, employ 5 people and support community events. They said they have been finding it hard to trade.

A member of the public informed council that they have never had any problems with the business park in Lamas and wanted to ensure a balanced view of the site was given.

Chair informed everyone that the PC cannot get involved with civil matters.

A member of the public reported that the trods in Lamas are overgrown with vegetation. Clerk was asked to write to the landowners to request they trim it back.

[Mrs Kammoun arrived]

25/87 REPORTS - None

25/88 PLANNING

Jaguar Building – Nothing to report

Aylsham Road Housing Development – It was noted that the application is stating that the 30mph signs would be moved north towards Aylsham and that the surrounding footpaths would be improved.

Councillors could see that a number of the roads shown on the site plan are not going to be adopted roads. This raised the question of maintenance of those roads and who the responsibility would fall to. The PC feels that all the roads on the new development need to be adopted. The roads in front of the social housing must be adopted. All shared road surfaces and private road surfaces need to be adopted.

All AGREED to writing back to planning to state the PC feels that all roads on the new development must be adopted roads, especially where there is social housing.

Bure Valley Business Centre – A recent enforcement visit raised no issues.

25/89 FINANCE

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

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

Method	Name	Description	Amount £
BACS	Buxton village hall	Meeting room hire	216
BACS	Saxon Digital Services	Round x 2 editions	640
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning	Cleaning Balay	134.4
BACS	Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreaths	40
BACS	Norse	Grass cutting	317.51
BACS	Buxton village hall	Grounds maintenance contribution	584.16
BACS	Amazon	Keyboard & Mouse	19.99
BACS	Anglia Water	Water bill	39.61
BACS	Laura Apps-Green, Norfolk Pension fund, HMRC	Nov Pay, Pension, Tax, Phone, Miles	1414.46
Total			3406.13

Draft PC budget for 2026/2027 – Clerk presented council with a draft budget for 2026/2027. Clerk asked councillors to have a good look at the figures and notes and it will be back on the PC agenda for January for ratification and agreement.

Defib replacement pads – The school requested £144 towards the cost of maintaining the community defib situated at the school entrance and maintained by the school office. This asset is open for the whole community to use and has been used several times. The gates to the school where the unit is situated are not locked, so there is open access to the unit. All AGREED to the request for £144.

Any other financial matters - None

25/90 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Road Layout at Lion Road junction – Update from site meeting – Clerk informed council that she met with the Highways Engineer and Cllr Shaw on site to look at the issues again. It seems that not all the accidents happening at the site are being reported to the police, as the Highway Engineer believed that there had only been 1 accident so far this year, but the PC believes that in July alone there were 3 accidents at the site. Clerk was asked to put something in the Round, urging people, where possible, to report any accidents they are aware of at the site to the police. Highways Engineer agreed to look at ways to improve the junction's safety, including new road paint, and realigned signs. He is also looking at the possibility of a flashing warning sign that could be part funded with the County Councillor's funding pot.

Parish Partnership Scheme – Clerk had talked to the Highways Engineer about applying for funding to resurface the village hall park through this scheme. There is around £6,400 that could be used from reserves and the current budget towards the scheme, which would cost around £20,000. The remaining funds could be placed on next year's precept. Council voted to move forward with an application for this scheme and understood that they could pull the application if match funding were a problem. 6 AGREED and 1 abstained from the vote.

Footpaths, Maintenance and Closures – Nothing new to report

To receive reports on highway matters – Nothing new to report

25/91 BALAY PARK

Tree survey at Balay park – Clerk reported that she contacted three arborists regarding the trees at Balay park. All three came back saying that it would be best to first conduct a tree condition report of the whole site, which would determine if any work is needed on any of the trees. All AGREED to this and to asking Rory Hobbs to carry out this report. Clerk to action.

To consider creating a Byelaw to prohibit golf being played on the pitches at Balay park – Clerk reported that the football club have raised the issue of marks being left on the pitches from what they think are golf club swings. Clerk reported that there are signs at the entrance to the park and on the pavilion stating that golf is prohibited on the site. It is up to the football club to make a site inspection of the pitches before playing to ensure it is safe to play on. Clerk to place some words in the Round reminding everyone that golf is not permitted on Balay park and that doing so is a danger to the public.

Overhead power cables – Clerk reported that the football club informed her that a football had hit the power cables running over one corner of Balay park. Clerk immediately reported this to UK Power Networks who went out to check the cables. The cables are high voltage power cables and the reason for not allowing kite flying on the site. There is currently a football pitch that partly lies under these power cables. After a whole council discussion, it was agreed to remove the pitch under the power cables and to ask the football club to remove their goal posts from that pitch.

[Standing Orders were extended by 15 minutes in order to finish the items on the agenda]

25/92 BUXTON VILLAGE HALL

Carpark and play area update – Cllr Breeze reported that the play area safety surfacing under 1 swing has a large dip and therefore the swing is out of action. The quotes to fix the wet pour are very high. There was a discussion around that the fact that the play area has only been in place for 3 years and should not be experiencing these issues so soon. Wickstead are no longer speaking to Cllr Breeze about this situation. Putting a complaint on Wickstead social media was discussed.

Clerk to circulate a new play area inspection rota.

25/93 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MATTERS – None

25/94 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED – None

25/95 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS (For Information Only) – None

25/96 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:40pm.