

**Minutes of the Buxton with Lamas Parish Council Meeting
held in Buxton Village Hall on Monday 13th October at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Mr Breeze	Mrs Barnes	Rev Goodman	Mrs Warren
Mrs Powell	Mr Goodman	Mrs Charmley	

Also in attendance:

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

25/65 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were given and accepted by full council for Mrs Kammoun, Mr Shaw and Mr Riley. Clerk informed Council that Mr Goodman could not attend for the whole meeting.

25/66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – Cllr Breeze regarding Buxton village hall.

25/67 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PASSING OF FORMER COUNCILLOR MR EDWARD (TED) NICHOLS
Chair informed Council Mr Nichols served on the parish council for over 4 decades and was chair 4 times in that time. The funeral will be held on 18 November at 11am in Buxton church. Thoughts are with the Nichols family.

25/68 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes from the previous meeting held on 8 September and previously circulated were agreed by full Council and signed off by the Chair.

25/69 MATTERS ARISING – None

25/70 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chair invited member of the public to raise any issues and due to the numbers in attendance asked them to limit their comments to approximately 2 minutes each.

Members of the public raised their concerns about the current planning application for Jaguar Buildings, which proposes to house 200 Afghanistan refugees for 12 months.

The concerns raised included:

- Nothing at Jaguar Buildings has changed since the last application was put forward and then withdrawn
- The planning application is not clear with many elements being unknown
- The carpark facilities are unusable
- There doesn't seem to be any police input in the application. Would they help if needed?
- Scottow Parish Council have not been consulted on this application
- Some residents have been consulted but not others
- Concerns around what the residents will do all day
- Concerns around the infrastructure not coping with the demands, for example the sewerage system
- Concerns raised regarding the many issues that arose with the last occupants of the building
- No religious facilities for the residents
- There should have been a public meeting with key stakeholders
- Rural location with limited public transport
- This application could lead to many more going forwards
- Concern around the safety of others in the area

25/71 REPORTS

Cllr Goodman – Broadland District Council

Cllr Goodman informed council that the Jaguar Buildings application has come from central government and pushed on to the District Council. The police have said that the location is not fit for purpose. The infrastructure has not changed and is not adequate. Cllr Goodman stated that he stands with the community and is unable to support this application. Cllr Goodman stated that Cllr Riley is of the same opinion.

Local Government Review – Elections of County Council will go ahead as planned. The review will be finished by 2027. BDC opted for 3 unitary councils over 1 for Norfolk. This would mean around .5 million people per authority.

25/72 PLANNING

[Cllr Goodman left the meeting]

Jaguar Buildings – 2025/2658

Council discussed and debated at each point in the application carefully and concluded as follows:

- Jaguar Building have been left to deteriorate and are not fit for purpose or adequate and cannot accommodate the proposed residents
- The infrastructure is not sufficient to accommodate such numbers of people – for example the sewerage system
- There is no evidence in the application of how the buildings would be maintained. With such numbers living there and no maintenance plan the buildings would fall further into disrepair
- Parking options are insufficient and extra vehicles to and from the site will negatively impact private residents
- The rural setting makes transportation and mobility difficult

Concerns were also raised about the possibility of protests in the area if this planning application were to be approved. This would have a negative impact on the area. The borders of the facility are very close to private residents' fences.

The Parish Council noted that these people should be supported by the British government, but that Jaguar Building is the wrong location. The PC would like to see the facility used but not for this reason.

Cllr Charmley proposed to reject this application on the grounds discussed and detailed above. Cllr Rev Goodman seconded the proposal. All AGREED.

Aylsham Road Housing Development – No further updates to report at this time

Bure Valley Business Park – No further updates to report at this time

25/73 FINANCE

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

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

Method	Name	Description	Amount £
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning	Cleaning Balay	268.80
BACS	Norse	Grass cutting	317.51
BACS	Saxon Digital Services	Round printing	320
BACS	Laura Apps-Green,	Oct Pay, pension,	
	Norfolk Pension fund, HMRC Tax, Phone, Miles		1404.29
		Total	2310.60

Qrt Budget Review – Clerk presented Council with a detailed cost centre breakdown of income and expenditure for the year to date.

Remembrance Day Poppy Wreath – Clerk requested that the Council purchase two poppy wreaths, one for each of the churches in the village, to be placed at the Remembrance services. Cllr Breeze will lay the wreath in Buxton church. Clerk to get the Lamas wreath to church warden.

Round advertisers price increase – Clerk informed Council that the Round supplier, Saxon Digital, have said that they are not planning to raise their prices for the next 12 months. Cllr Barnes proposed that the prices should be left as they are at the moment and put the item back on the agenda for discussion in February. All AGREED.

Any other financial matters - None

25/74 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Road Layout at Lion Road junction – Clerk informed council that she has spoken to the area manager and the Highways contact for the parish and both are prepared to attend a site meeting to look at the issues. Cllr Breeze and Cllr Shaw would both like to attend this meeting. Clerk to arrange.

Parish Partnership Scheme – Clerk to follow up on Cllrs Breeze's e-mail to Highways on this matter, regarding the splay at the entrance to the village hall carpark. Clerk has verbally been informed that this project would not be eligible for this grant scheme.

Council discussed various ideas for Highway projects in the parish, that could be part of this scheme, including, another set of village gates. Cllr Barnes suggested some permanently placed flashing speed signs. Clerk to look into the costs ready for the November meeting and discuss with Cllr Shaw the speed data from the SAM2 unit.

Footpaths, Maintenance and Closures – There is a temporary closure of the river path between Little Hautbois and Coltishall, just outside of the parish boundary.

To receive reports on highway matters –

- Foliage covering the flashing sign near the pig farm in Lamas
- River to North of the Mill is very overgrown. Natural England are the regulator and the Environment Agency carry out the work. The Environment Agency can only do what Natural England allows

25/75 BALAY PARK

Tree survey report – Clerk reported that her and Cllr Breeze had carried out a visual tree survey on Balay park. There are 2 trees that it would be best to get professionals in to survey and to see if any work is needed. It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact some professional providers to get quotes for further in-depth surveys on these 2 trees and bring the quotes to the November PC meeting.

There are some small trees in the copse area that could do with some tidying and it was felt that this could be carried out by a small PC working party to save on costs.

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

25/76 BUXTON VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Barnes attended the village hall meeting as the PC representative. There is some concern about the drainage of the football pitch and the potential of the drain under the bridge on Mill Road to be blocked.

The village hall grounds have suffered some vandalism and the committee would like to talk to the police or the antisocial behaviour officer on how best to deal with this. Clerk to pass over possible contact details.

The erosion by the drain in the carpark has been filled with crushed granite.

New blinds have been ordered for the village hall windows.

Dog fouling has been an issue on the pitch. If the Clerk has any useful signage they should be passed to Cllr Breeze.

The carpark is in desperate need of redressing. Clerk suggested that PC reserve funds to help pay for this.

[Standing Orders were extended by 10 minutes in order to finish the items on the agenda]

25/77 POLICIES

Clerk presented a draft IT policy for the PC to adopt which is line with new Assertion 10 requirements which will be in the year end AGAR. All AGREED to adopt the policy.

Clerk updated the PC's Publication Policy for review by councillors. All AGREED to the updated version.

25/78 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MATTERS – None

25/79 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED – None

25/80 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS (For Information Only) – Cllr Reverend Goodman gave her apologies for the November meeting.

25/81 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:54pm.