

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

PRESENT

Councillors:

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

Also in attendance:

2 Members of the public.

Clerk to the Council: Laura Apps-Green

25/113 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Apologies were given and accepted by full council for Cllr Riley.

25/114 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION - Cllr Breeze regarding Buxton village hall.

25/115 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes from the previous meeting held on 12 January and previously circulated were agreed by full Council and signed off by the Chair.

25/116 MATTERS ARISING - None

25/117 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

A member of the public requested to speak on the issue of glyphosate being used on Balay park. They expressed concern around the potential for the substance to be carcinogenic and quoted some study findings and court cases. They requested that the PC move away from its use and to a safer alternative.

[Cllrs Barnes arrived 7:35pm]

Chair brought this item on the agenda forwards for discussion while the member of public was present.

Clerk informed all that the grounds maintenance provider at Balay park has confirmed that they use this product on Balay park, once a year in March, in the carpark area, under hedgerows and at the base of trees. They also confirmed their safety policy when using the substance. Clerk also confirmed that glyphosate is widely used to manage weeds on the Highway and is used by the grounds maintenance contractor to the village hall management committee.

A Cllr confirmed that the EU have permitted the use of glyphosate for a further 10 years.

There was a wider discussion about other potential weed suppressants including a flame gun, other versions of Round Up and hand weeding.

It was AGREED for the Clerk to look into alternative weed management and costs and to ask the grounds maintenance provider for Balay park to cease using glyphosate until the PC have made a decision on how to proceed. Clerk to put this matter on the March PC agenda.

25/118 REPORTS – Cllr Goodman reported that Broadland District Council has frozen its portion of council tax for the next financial year.

Clerk informed council that the Picto Trust require a female trustee, appointed by the PC, in order to comply with their governing documents. The representative does not have to be a parish councillor. Clerk will put this item on the March PC agenda.

Clerk also informed council that the GNLP is being revised and there is a current call for sites for development. Clerk to put this item on the March PC agenda.

25/119 PLANNING

Jaguar Building – This application was resent to the PC. Clerk informed council that this application will be going to planning committee for a decision and this is likely to be in February.

Aylsham Road Housing Development – No further comments at this time

Bure Valley Business Park – No further comments at this time

Lock Cottage – There was a brief discussion about this application, no formal comments will be made on this application from the PC.

Quastina - There was a brief discussion about this application, no formal comments will be made on this application from the PC.

Dudwick Farm – This application was discussed and the comments from residents reviewed. No formal comments will be made on this application from the PC.

25/120 FINANCE

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

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

Method	Name	Description	Amount £
BACS	Saxon Digital	Round	320
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning	Cleaning Balay	134.4
BACS	Laura Apps-Green, Norfolk Pension fund, HMRC	Feb Pay, pension, Tax, miles, phone, office rent	1553.3
Total			2007.7

Finance report from Clerk – Clerk presented council with a report detailing the actual income and expenditure compared to the budget for year.

Agree an upgrade to the Clerk laptop – Clerk informed council that the laptop used is now over 8 years old and runs on Windows 10, which is no longer supported by Microsoft and can't be upgraded. Clerk has requested a new laptop to be compatible with Windows 11. All AGREED and delegated authority to the Clerk with a maximum budget of £500.

Any other financial matters - None

25/121 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Road Layout at Lion Road junction – Update from site meeting – Clerk informed council that Highways have confirmed that in conjunction with County Councillor Steve Riley, they will fund a new flashing sign warning of the junction ahead.

Clerk was asked to write to the residents of a property near to the junction to request they trim the bush which is obscuring the junction sign. Clerk was also asked to request that Highways repaint the "Slow" sign and white markings in and around the junction.

Lime Trees – Clerk informed council that the Land Registry search revealed that there is no known owner of the grass area on the bend of Aylsham Road where there are lime trees near to the Highway. Clerk informed council that there are many green verges in the village that Highways pay the PC to cut on their behalf, these are called urban cuts. Some of these patches have trees and Highways manages and pays for that work. Clerk is asking Highways to get the Highway tree officers to survey these lime trees and determine if any work is needed on them.

SAM2 – Cllr Shaw has been moving the SAM2 camera around the village for many years and logging all the data that is recorded by the unit. The unit is heavy and difficult to move and proving rather dangerous. After

a discussion it was AGREED to rest the SAM2 for the next 6 months, it will be stored in the loft of the village hall.

Footpaths, Maintenance and Closures – Nothing new to report

To receive reports on highway matters – The drain under the bridge on Mill Road is silted up and blocked. Clerk to inform Highways and request that it is cleared.

25/122 BALAY PARK

Oak Tree on Balay park – Clerk presented two quotes for the work required on the oak tree on Balay park. The quotes were discussed by council. Some reassurance was wanted regarding the road traffic management plan for one of the companies quoting for the job. Clerk to ask this question and liaise with Cllr Breeze on the matter. If the road traffic management plans are satisfactory then Clerk to appoint them as the contractor for this job.

Discuss the use of glyphosate on Balay park – Matter was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Flood Lights on Balay park – Clerk to chase the football club on this matter and ask them if they use the main flood lights.

Leak on worksurface of the pavilion – Clerk reported that in the last inspection there was no evidence of a leak or water sitting on the surface. She thinks it is to do with the steam created by the urn. Clerk will continue to monitor the situation.

Working group to tend to the flower beds and small trees – Moved to the March meeting.

25/123 BUXTON VILLAGE HALL

Discuss the overhead cables at Balay park – An e-mail from the village hall committee had been previously circulated to councillors. The village hall committee have the opportunity to rent space and increase their annual income but there would be a clash with the youth football team games on a Sunday. The VH committee therefore wanted to see if anything could be done about the overhead cables on Balay park, which meant that the football team had to move to the village hall space to play, as the FA said they should not be playing under the cables at Balay park. Council felt that this is an issue for the FA. They suggested that the football team finds out what the FA says needs to be done to allow games to be played back at Balay park under the overhead power cables.

[Standing orders extended to 9:50pm]

Village hall committee update – The AGM was held on 26th Jan where trustees were elected. The bowls club have raised enough funds for a new roof. The Aylsham Show have donated £300 to the village hall committee. The committee are planning lots of fundraising events for the 12 months of the year. The committee are considering putting in wifi to the village hall.

25/124 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MATTERS – None

25/125 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED – None

25/126 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS (For Information Only) – None

25/127 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:50pm.