

**Minutes of the Buxton with Lamas Parish Council Meeting
held in Buxton Village Hall on Monday 12th January at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Councillors:

Mr Breeze Mrs Charmley Mrs Kammoun Mr Shaw

Also in attendance:

Clerk to the Council: Laura Apps-Green

25/97 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies were given and accepted by full council for Rev Goodman, Mr Goodman and Mr Riley, Mrs Warren, Mrs Barnes and Mrs Powell.

25/98 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – Cllr Breeze regarding Buxton village hall.

25/99 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes from the previous meeting held on 24 November and previously circulated were agreed by full Council and signed off by the Chair with one minor typo corrected.

25/100 MATTERS ARISING – None

25/101 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

25/102 REPORTS - None

25/103 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. The PC looked in detail at the applicant's response to the issues the PC raised with this application. There were no further comments from the PC at this time.

Aylsham Road Housing Development – No further comments at this time

Bure Valley Business Park – Nothing to report

25/104 FINANCE

Bank reconciliation – November and December bank rec was prepared for Scrutineer's approval.

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

Method	Name	Description	Amount £
<i>Payment list December</i>			
BACS	Garden Guardian	Grounds maintenance	5142
BACS	Cooks Electrical	Electrical work	360
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning	Cleaning Balay	134.40
BACS	Norfolk County Council	Safe subscription	35
BACS	Cooks Electrical	Electrical work	186
BACS	Laura Apps-Green	Norfolk Pension fund, HMRC, Dec pay, pension, tax	1370.55
		Total	7227.95
<i>Payment list January</i>			
BACS	ICO	Subscription	52
BACS	Norfolk Cleaning	Cleaning Balay	201.60
BACS	Scribe	Accounts package	414.72
BACS	Laura Apps-Green	Norfolk Pension fund, HMRC, Jan pay, pension, tax, phone, miles	1419.01

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Total 2087.33

Draft PC budget for 2026/2027 – Clerk presented council with a draft budget for 2026/2027 and talked through the rationale for any increases in the budget. All AGREED with the budget presented.

Precept Request for 2026/2027 – A precept of £39,842 for the next financial year was AGREED.

Any other financial matters - None

25/105 HIGHWAYS (and FOOTPATHS) RIVERS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Road Layout at Lion Road junction – Update Clerk reported that Highways are looking at the possibility of providing a flashing warning sign on the approach to the junction. This would involve funding from various sources. Clerk will update the council when more is known.

Parish Partnership Scheme – Clerk updated council on the application to the Parish Partnership Scheme. Highways have confirmed that only the entrance splay could be included in the bid. The Clerk amended the application and submitted it.

Lime Trees on Aylsham Road – Clerk raised her concern with the trees on a piece of green land beside the Highway. They are large and adjacent to the Highway and the owner of the land is unknown. Council AGREED to pay £8 and submit an application to Land Registry to find out who owns the land and is therefore responsible for the trees. In the meantime, the Clerk will contact Highways to ask the Highway Tree Officers to have a look at the trees to assess their safety.

Footpaths, Maintenance and Closures –

- Finger post to a path off Little Hautbois Road has been put in the wrong place, Clerk to inform Highways
- A Christmas tree has been dumped in the layby in Little Hautbois
- Tyres have been dumped along the Bure Valley railway line – Cllr Charmley to inform Cllr Barnes
- Large pot hole near the Lion Road Junction

To receive reports on highway matters – Nothing further to report

25/106 BALAY PARK

Tree survey at Balay park – Clerk reported that the Tree Condition Report has been conducted and the report should be sent through to the PC shortly.

Flood lights at Balay park – Clerk reported that the lights are not working properly, as identified by the electrician during the electrical condition report. Clerk has written to the football club to ask if they use them, as it is understood that mobile floodlights have been purchased by the football club. The quote to fix the standing flood lights is £600. Clerk to wait to hear back from the football club.

Welcome signs, prohibited activities and warning signs – Clerk talked to council about the welcome signs and suggested that a more prominent sign is needed to state that there are overhead high voltage cables. The signs could be changed and updated and added to as and when the e-mail address is changed. It was also AGREED to purchase some more danger signs regarding the high voltage power cables. All AGREED.

Leak on worksurface of the pavilion – Clerk has been monitoring this and believes that it is not a leak and more likely to be condensation from the urn. Clerk to continue to monitor the situation.

Working group to tend the flower beds and small trees in the Spring – Clerk to bring this back to the council at the February meeting.

25/107 BUXTON VILLAGE HALL

General Update from the committee – Cllr Breeze updated councillors on news from the village hall committee. The village hall website is being worked on, new blinds have been fitted, the attic space is out of bounds, Wi-Fi is being looked at and a fire report has been conducted. The committee are making plans to celebrate the centenary of the village hall. The village hall AGM is being held on 26th January.

Clerk to circulate a new play area inspection rota for Cllrs.

25/108 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MATTERS – None

25/109 CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED – Clerk informed council that 2 children from the primary school have written to the PC asking for help in reducing the amount of dog mess left around the village and another asking if there could be a new skate park.

25/110 LATE CORRESPONDENCE & AGENDA ITEMS (For Information Only) – SAM2 - when and how it is moved. Clerk to place this item on the February agenda.

25/112 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING – There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:05pm.