

## New Buckenham Parish Council

**MINUTES** OF THE MEETING OF New Buckenham Parish Council held on Tuesday 08 February 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Councillors Karen Hobley (Chair), Bella Chirodian (Vice-Chair), Andrew Bingham, Fran Doe, Darren Rush and Mark Stevens.

In Attendance: Marion Cook (Clerk to the Council) and 4 members of the public.  
District Councillor Joel joined the meeting part way through.

282. To consider apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Tony Lister

283. Minutes of the meeting of New Buckenham Parish Council held on 11 January 2011:  
**RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.**

284. Matters arising:

1. (Min ref 270/1) An item on speeding issues will be sent to the Parish News for inclusion.

Action: Vice-Chair

2. (Min ref 270/2) An item on dog fouling will be sent to the Parish News for inclusion

Action: Vice-Chair

285. To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda:

There were no declarations.

286. Public Participation:

**RESOLVED to suspend the meeting to allow members of the public, the District Councillor and the Parish Councillors opportunity to inform the meeting.**

**a) Attleborough Fire Station personnel** were unable to attend due to operational duties and had sent apologies. The Vice Chairman gave a report on Station Manager's behalf saying that the Fire Service was very concerned about the lack of yellow lines on Marsh Lane / King Street and the amount of parking in those roads which had delayed the Fire engine from attending a fire in Marsh Lane the previous month in what was considered a permissible amount of time.

Council Members gave their support to consultation with Highways to find a solution.

**b) Parishioner's comments and questions**

Parishioners commented on the parking issues, citing other instances.

David Seville spoke to a letter he had written to the Chairman asking for the Poplar trees beside his property, The Town's End, to be removed. Mr Seville made the generous offer of having them removed and replaced with more suitable trees, at his expense. Gilbert Addison (Breckland Council) will be consulted, and the item placed on the next agenda.

**c) Parish Councillor reports**

- repair of potholes on the Common, when the works in King Street were finished. Chairman to arrange a site meeting with herself, Cllr Bingham and Highways Dept.
- Illuminated sign at the entrance to the village has been hit
- Lime trees on Market Green / Booseys Walk are losing dead branches. Clerk to contact the High Bailiffs Trust.

**d) District Councillor report**

- On 24 February Full Council will receive a recommendation for a zero increase in the District Council share of the Council Tax. A band D property will remain at £64.05, still the cheapest Council Tax in England.
- Mr Keith Eccles replaces Mr Phil Daines as Chief Planning Officer who is retiring after 31 years with Breckland.
- National Census forms will be posted out on 07 March 2011

287. Planning Applications:

3PL/2010/1310F – Pooh Cottage, Marsh Lane, New Buckenham  
Erection of two storey extension to side & rear, single storey extension to rear and demolition of bathroom/porch

**RESOLVED** to raise no objection to the above application

3PL/2011/0055F – Home Cottage, Marsh Lane, New Buckenham

Single storey extension to rear

**RESOLVED** to raise no objection to the above application

288. Financial summary and payments:

The financial summary was noted and it was **RESOLVED to approve the payments listed**

<i>Payment by cheque</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Gross amount payable £</i>
Royal British Legion <i>Cheque no: 101531</i>	Donation for wreath S137	0	15.00
TT Jones Electrical <i>Cheque no: 101532</i>	VAT Omitted from Inv 7639	9.56	9.56
<i>Broadland Tree Services</i> <i>Cheque no: 101533</i>	Village Christmas Tree	32.00	192.00

289. Registration of Council property: The Clerk was authorised to apply for the necessary paperwork to Register Council property with the Land Registry. Action: Clerk

290. Cemetery: The quote from Perfitt's had not been received. Action: Chair

291. Contracts for 2011: Confirmation from CGM that they have the equipment to do the work was still awaited. Clerk to chase. Action: Clerk

292. Emergency Plan: The Plan prepared by Councillor Mark Stevens was discussed and it was decided that he would liaise with Breckland Council over the amount of information that was required to be published as it was felt that only the fact that a Plan was in existence need be advertised, to safeguard those who were prepared to offer services, as well as those who might require help in an Emergency.

293. Town Houses: The Clerk having contacted Millbanks and WH Brown with regard to taking on the Management of the Town Houses, had received a response from W H Brown, but nothing from Millbanks. After discussion, and W H Brown having responded with favourable costs and a concise plan for emergency procedures in the event of breakdowns etc at the properties it was **RESOLVED** to ask them to take over the Management of the Town Houses, and to ask them as one of their first duties to deal with the Inspection report from Donna Kissinger for No 2, which showed concerns over a damp patch which might be due to a leak in the Shower room.  
It had been ascertained that the insulation at both properties was up to minimum standard requirement.  
Information regarding the progress of the Possessory title was still awaited from Carolyn Bunn at Greenland Houchen Pomeroy. Action: Vice Chair

294. Information Received to be circulated:

The information received for circulation was noted.

266. To receive items for the next agenda:  
Poplar trees at Town's End

267. Date and time of next meeting

**Resolved to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 08 March 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed.....

Date:.....