

New Buckenham Parish Council

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

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

In Attendance: Marion Cook (Clerk to the Council) District Councillor and 4 members of the public.

297. To consider apologies for absence:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Fran Doe

298. Minutes of the meeting of New Buckenham Parish Council held on 08 February 2011:

RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

299. Matters arising:

1. (Min ref 284/1) An item on speeding issues will be sent to the Parish News for inclusion air will attend SNAP meeting on 31 March to push for more action.

Action: Vice-Chair

2. (Min ref 284/2) An item on dog fouling will be sent for inclusion in the Parish News and dog litter bags have been placed in Cattermole's for Parishioners to use for their dogs.

Action: Vice-Chair

3. (Min 286/c) Chair reported that

- Marsh Lane potholes had been refilled
- the play area parking at the Common was no too bad
- Cllr Lister had rectified the sign at the entrance to the village

The Clerk reported she had yet to write to the High Bailiff Trust concerning the Lime trees.

Action: Clerk

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

There were no declarations.

301. 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.

- Hedge round Cemetery overhanging into road. Clerk to contact CGM to see if it is possible to get it cut or trimmed now before the birds are nesting.
- Gordon Andrew is now treasurer for PCC, Margaret Wright having stepped down.
- Village Society reminded the Clerk of the exchange of Minutes

The District Councillor spoke about

- the recycling centre visits – which had been attended by Parish Councillors
- Parish & Town Councils meeting in Dereham which will be attended by Parish Councillors
- Cabinet Meeting at which the ACT report about new developments had been discussed and as a result of which it had been agreed to write to the Secretary of State asking for a cessation of developments until the infrastructure had been dealt with and the Chair of the ACT has been put on the task group.
- Rises in Council Tax in Breckland were due to increase in Parish Council precepts, not district. Band D property in New Buckenham will be £1457.03 per annum.

Parish Councillors mentioned

- stream at back of Tanning Lane may possibly be polluted. Cllr Bingham will investigate and if necessary report it to the Environment Agency.

Action: Cllr Bingham

- request for Inspection of Play equipment to be placed on the next agenda

302. Clerk's Report: The Clerk reported that the funeral of Joyce Whetter would take place on Friday 11 March and the interment would be in New Buckenham Cemetery. She also brought to the attention of Councillors a 'Norfolk Link' extra, in the Correspondence folder which mentioned among other things PAYE for Councils, with which this Council complies, and Data transparency, which would be complied with easily, probably before it becomes law.

303. Planning Applications:

There were no planning applications to consider.

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter of objection in respect of 3PL/2011/0055F – Home Cottage, Marsh Lane, New Buckenham, to which Council had raised no objection at the last meeting. The Clerk had replied advising the objector as to the course of action that must be taken.

304. Financial summary and payments:

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

<i>Payment by cheque</i>	Item	VAT	Gross amount payable £
New Buckenham Village Hall Trust <i>Cheque no: 101534</i>	Hire of LMR	0	37.81
CPRE <i>Cheque no: 101535</i>	Membership 2011	0	29.00
TT Jones <i>Cheque no: 101536</i>	S/lighting Maintenance 3 months to 31.02.2011	10.93	54.63
Anglian Water <i>Cheque no: 101537</i>	Allots / Cem water chgs	5.75	34.49
M Cook <i>Cheque no: 101538</i>	Salary 17 wks to 31.03.2011 Expenses		700.40 144.00
<i>For information: payment by contra</i>			
Donna Kissinger <i>For information: payment by DDR</i>	No 2 12.01 – 11.02.11	4.34	26.04
E-on 01.01 – 31.01.2011	Unmetered power supply Jan 11	2.18	45.81

305. Town Houses: The negotiations with WH Brown to take over the management of the Town Houses having broken down, it was decided that the Council would manage the Town Houses for the foreseeable future. After discussion with the tenant of No 1 Town Houses it was decided that the Annual Inspection of the properties would be carried out by the Clerk, with back up from an expert in whatever field should a problem arise. An emergency procedure contract, with both Tenants in agreement, was being sought by the Clerk and Cllr. Bingham.

Information regarding the progress of the Possessory title was still awaited from Carolyn Bunn at Greenland Houchen Pomeroy, but now that she was on maternity leave, Cllr. Bingham would speak to one of the senior Partners in the firm to ensure the work was being completed and to seek advice for Landlords on sitting tenants.

Clerk to write to the Tenants to keep them informed of what was happening and to ask for their help with the administration of the properties. Action: Cllr Bingham / Clerk
Darryl Smith from Breckland Housing to be invited to the May meeting to speak about ownership possibilities of the Town Houses.
A possible leak in No 2 Town Houses had been reported and Cllr Rush was asked to investigate as he had been previously involved with the buildings works carried out there.

306. To consider Village Playing Field Contract for 2011. At a previous meeting the Clerk had been asked to check with CGM that they had the equipment required to carry out the works required and having received the reply in the affirmative, and following further discussion it was decided to award the 2011 contract to CGM. In response to the point made in Public Participation, the Clerk to contact CGM to see if it is possible to get it the roadside hedge round the Cemetery cut or trimmed now before the birds are nesting. Clerk to also ask about the bank on to the wall at Town's End.

307. Poplar Trees at Town's End: After further discussion, and acknowledgement of agreement by Gilbert Addison, Tree and Countryside Officer, Breckland Council, it was
Resolved to accept the offer by Mr David Seville to have the trees removed by Broadland Tree Services, and replaced with either Pyrus Chanticleer or Fastigate, all at his expense.

308. Information Received to be circulated:

The information received for circulation was noted.

309. To receive items for the next agenda:
Play equipment inspection
Headstones

310. Date and time of next meeting

Resolved to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 12 April 2011 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, to be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Signed.....

Date:.....