

STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Monday, 19 October 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

Present: Councillors: Phil Childs (Chairman), Paul Howe, Lee Pilkington (Vice-Chairman), Andrew Hayward, Dawn Jessett, John Morfoot, Jonathan White. Julian Gibson (Clerk)

The Chairman's arrival at the meeting was delayed, and so in his absence, the Vice-Chairman took the Chair.

1 Apologies for absence. None.

2 Declarations of interest. None.

3 Dispensations. None.

4 Public participation session.

4.1 It was reported that there was a car in the ditch of the B1111 at Spinney Corner and a second one a bit further south in the field having come off the road. They had been there for at least a month.

4.2 An attempted theft from outbuildings and, in a separate incident, a theft of a partridge pen had taken place from a farm in the parish. Members warned parishioners to be vigilant.

5 Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 14 September 2015 were **confirmed** and **signed**.

6 Matters arising. None.

7 Correspondence. The following correspondence was **received**:

7.1 Norfolk Association of Local Councils: *Autumn Conference* - 12 November 2015.

7.2 Breckland Council: *Precept & Grant remittance advice*.

7.3 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Community Account Statement* - 29 August - 30 September 2015.

7.4 Barclays Bank Plc: *Your Active Saver Account Statement* - 1 August - 30 September 2015.

At this point the Chairman arrived and took over the Chair.

8 Planning.

8.1 **3PN/2015/0051/PV: Bernard Matthews Brookside Farm, Breckles Gate, Hockham.** Application to Install solar PV panels on roof of poultry units (permitted development). It was **resolved** that the Council had no objection.

8.2 **3PL/2015/1134/F: Brookside Farm, Breckles Gate, Watton Road, Great Hockham.** Application for Installation of solar PV, to generate renewable electricity for the use on site, with any additional exported to the national grid. It was **resolved** that the Council had no objection.

8.3 **3PL/2015/0950/O: Chapel Farm, Mere Road, Stow Bedon.** Erection of dwelling. Planning Permission dated 5 October 2015 was **received**.

9 Pingo Trail lay-by and Car Park. Several members had been able to attend a site meeting with David Jacklin, NCC Highway Engineer, and agreed this had been most unsatisfactory. Mr Jacklin had made it clear that he had no intention of overturning the decision of his predecessor not to make any changes to the layout of the lay-by or car park, even if that decision was proved to be wrong. County Councillor Ian Monson had also been present, and

all questioned Mr Jacklin's assertion that his predecessor had discussed the matter with NCC's design team, and eventually he agreed to go away and check this. Breckland Councillor Phil Cowen offered to speak to Mr Monson on behalf of the Council, to see what the next steps should be. This was **agreed**.

10 Transparency Fund. The information about how to apply for a grant to alleviate the burden of complying with the Transparency Code was **received**, and the Council **approved** an application prepared by the Clerk for a grant of £853.98. The Clerk will submit this by the tranche date of 13 November 2015, which should mean the funds should be released on 8 January 2016. The Council must then buy the equipment and carry out the work to be fully compliant with the code within three months.

11 Potholes. A letter from Norfolk County Council concerning *Delivering local highway improvements in partnership with Town and Parish Councils 2016/17 - Addition of Pothole Repairs* was **received**. The Clerk was asked to respond saying that the Council was surprised to learn that repair of potholes was seen as a 'highway improvement', and that it believed that maintaining the highway was the responsibility of the highway authority, i.e., the County Council. It was **agreed** that the Council would not consider offering to help fund work which was the responsibility of NCC.

12 Finance.

12.1 **Training.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100679 for £10.00 Norfolk Association of Local Councils be signed, being this parish's share of the cost of the Clerk attending the Autumn Conference on 12 November. (Local Government Act 1972 s. 111)

12.2 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 30 September 2015 was **received**.

13 Matters for consideration at next meeting.

13.1 Vire funds between budget lines.

13.2 Update on Pingo Trail lay-by issue.

14 Next meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council, was **confirmed** as **Monday, 16 November 2015** at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

Confirmed:

..... P.S. Childs

Phil Childs, Chairman

16 November 2015

Scheduled future Meeting dates:

Monday, 16 November 2015 Monday, 15 February 2016

Monday, 14 December 2015 Monday, 14 March 2016

Monday, 18 January 2016*

*If needed