**NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of New Buckenham Parish Council held at New Buckenham Village Hall on Tuesday 14th May, 2024.

Present: Karen Hobley (KH Chair), Andrew Bingham (AB Vice-Chair), Don Crossman (DC), Mary Manning (MM), Paul Martin (PM), Steve Highton (SH).

Apologies: Mary Dowson (MD).

Also in attendance: Angela Thornton (AT - Clerk Minutes) and 2 parishioners and Steve Askew

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| **Minute** |  | **Action** |
| 2425/13 | **Election of Chairperson for NBPC**  KH requested nominations for election of the Chairperson to NBPC. DC proposed Andrew Bingham.MM seconded. All approved AB was duly elected. AB took the chair for the rest of the meeting. Acceptance of Office completed. | **AB** |
| 2425/14 | **Apologies for absence**  Mary Dowson (MD) as on holiday, |  |
|  | **Election of Vice Chair.**  MM proposed Paul Martin. DC seconded approved.PM was duly elected. Acceptance of office completed | **PM** |
| 2425/15 | **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th April, 2024.** Approved |  |
| 2425/16 | **To record declarations of interest not already recorded in the current Members Register of Interest:**  AB declared an application for grazing rights on New Buckenham Common. Updating the register of interests is required. | **AB** |
| 2425/17 | **To receive reports of matters arising from April minutes for update and information only.** |  |
|  | a. Village Gateway – NCC have confirmed the award. NBPC have paid their contribution of £512 to NCC. Now awaiting the schedule of works from NCC. |  |
|  | b. County Broadband Wayleave Agreement – with solicitors as issues around easements are yet to be resolved. Pending |  |
|  | c. Establishment of community woodland –Previously identified 4 possible sites are all now unavailable. Request for site to be advertised/requested via Parish News. | **AB** |
|  | d. Electric Charging Point – 2 charging points are now installed awaiting final commissioning. | **AB** |
| 2425/18 | **Public Participation relating to agenda items:**  Villager enquired if any land around the castle could be considered for Community Woodland. |  |
| 2425/19 | **District and County Councillor Report.**  SA reported Breckland Council may soon be offering deliveries rather than have the food bus on site in Old Buckenham. |  |
| 2425/20 | **Chair and Parish Councillors Reports.**  PM reported parking in Grange Road continues, consideration of how to resolve this ongoing.  SH reported a storage area( possibly building materials) on the field behind terraced houses adjacent to the town houses in Marsh Lane. SA informed the meeting that Environmental Health have considered this previously, which resulted in residents planting hedging.  KH has received an email regarding speeding signs for bins and is waiting for more details.  MM reported the visibility issue when turning left from the children’s playground has been resolved by Broadland Trees sympathetic strimming. | **PM** |
| 2425/21 | **Financial Matters:**  a. Bank reconciliation for April was accepted. |  |
|  | b. Community Project Fund: no applications at this meeting |  |
|  | c. Payments for May 2024 (below) were approved for processing. KH propose DC seconded. All agreed. | **AB & DC** |

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| **Payment Approved Date** | **Invoice Date** | **Payment reference** | **Payee** | **Item** | **Gross expenditure** | **VAT** | **Net** |
| 14/05/2024 | 11/04/2024 | Online payment | NBVH | Hall Rental Jan-March 2024 | 31.50 |  | 31.50 |
| 14/05/2024 | 03/05/2024 | Online payment | Npower | Streetlights electricity April | 58.97 | 2.81 | 56.16 |
| 14/05/2024 | May | Online payment | A Thornton | May Salary Clerk RFO | 557.90 |  | 557.90 |
| 14/05/2024 | May | Online payment | NCC | Clerk RFO May Pension | 168.24 |  | 168.24 |
| 14/05/2024 | May | Online payment | Broadland Trees | Broadland Trees | 1230.00 | 205.00 | 1025.00 |
| 09/04/2023 | 06/04/2024 | Online payment | NALC | annual membership (missed off previous months invoice) | 0.94 |  | 0.94 |
| 14/05/24 | 08/05/24 | online payment | Period Pointing | Period Pointing 6 days flint wall pointing | 980.00 |  | 980.00 |
| **Totals** |  |  |  |  | **3027.55** | **207.81** | **2819.74** |
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| 2425/22 | **To consider planning applications and to receive Breckland District Council’s decisions made on any planning applications received before the meeting:**   1. 3PL/2024/0345/LB Kings Cottage King Street.   No objections  Cllr Bingham excused himself from the following 2 items have declared his interest in these items.   1. Transfer of Grazing Rights from Mr James Hamerton to Carolyn Ritchie Hupton.   No Objections.   1. Transfer of Grazing Rights from Mrs Ruth Hamerton to Andrew Bingham – Hall   No Objections   1. County Broadband cable installation.   Much discussion took place. with Cllrs expressed disappointment that the cables are not running underground.AT to reply to Breckland to express concern and disappointment that notification was received after the works had taken place.   1. [nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury](https://server.smartmailer.tractivity.co.uk/link.aspx?q=2022%7cmOs62m5YkIiyhc0JLfXn9d6PNN%2bO%2frXhx8Uwz7K1r3BI3%2bzU3DqdlMets6oN6zgYEzK02i3JQh5K0Kjer%2b5D72yp6d%2fwSvYGw2r6Cwwf5FpdQT3zyDFF1qKRdEgFdO56WVRrZekqAGQPUELRxpLhCGkXSBmJt6XjH5D9DwkBvLZX1%2b4YUkdApU6XKmnM3xgO%2b9YKO%2bv3K8cvoDgKRKKWyPwanM9wfh6aTDLLn0%2fWZ282k6kjFB%2byuY9dF94gthsM5KbL6IJ0Qch32oIrAvnmF4Cl3QupA5%2bmMpe3tSn7frTf5%2fJwUC0sKB79mfuPpIb6SF7R3big7BPyZeyheJlPYRXZMKgYiU2XvnpB%2bQZ%2fJTbWaT%2bRrrOqxpgpVoPM941H8jgdUfgFfIDnHSP10%2bRqbs9kcU9aKDerYZNZAaXcMpgN2Qb540ddVDReA1BNbqD6)   After much discussion Councillors did not feel able to object as little if any visual or construction works will impact on New Buckenham. | **AT** |
| 2425/23 | **To consider any issues raised regarding NBPC amenities as follows:** |  |
|  | a. Grounds Maintenance – Not discussed at this meeting. |  |
|  | b. Closed Churchyard – It was reported that the maintenance contract does not allow for “fine weeding “and removal of Ivy from flint walls. Cllrs suggestion a weeding party to address this issue. KH propose SH seconded all in favour. | **AB** |
|  | c. Cemetery – With the approval of the faculty councillors agreed to lift the hold on exclusive rights applications. Website to be updated to reflect this. | **AT** |
|  | d. Allotments – All now let, with 5 households on the waiting list.  Amanda Hartley is considering the viability of a children’s plot on the cleared area abutting the watercourse with overhanging trees. | **AT** |
|  | e. Play Area/ Cricket Pitch. DC investigating new mushroom table provision in Toddlers` area. Playdale annual report to be commissioned alongside quote to refurbish Mushroom table. Power/Jet washing ongoing. | **DC**  **AT** |
|  | f. Public Footpaths.  MM reported all previous issues in the field to the rear of Marsh Lane resolved all footpaths reinstated. New issues gates at Marsh Lane – spring broken.  High London path, the fence and stile are causing issues for dog walkers. AB to speak to farmer. | **AB** |
|  | g. Community Car Scheme – Nothing to report at this meeting. |  |
|  | h. Street Lights – Nothing to report at this meeting. |  |
|  | i. Defibrillator – Nothing to report at this meeting. |  |
| 2425/24 | **Key Documents for review:**  None |  |
| 2425/25 | **Correspondence received not considered elsewhere on this agenda:**  Boundary Commission Letter was considered. NBPC had no comments to make. |  |

The Meeting closed at 21:00

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 11th June at 7.30pm.**