

BUXHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting held On 30th October 2017 in the Village Hall

Councillors Present: Cllr David Steed (Chairman), Cllr Chris Hall, Cllr Anne Hicks, Cllr Arthur Hicks Cllr Jacqui Taylor

In Attendance: Tina Newell (Clerk) and two members of the public

To receive and consider apologies for absence:

2017/178 Cllr Hubert Mitson (vice chairman) and Cllr Malcom Manning

2017/179 Council consented to these apologies

2017/180 **To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the councils Code of Conduct for the items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations relating to disclosable pecuniary interest:** None declared

2017/181 **To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meetings of July 31st 2017, August 17th 2017 and September 16th 2017 as a true record.** It was proposed by Cllr Arthur Hicks and seconded by Cllr Taylor that the minutes of the previous Parish Council Meetings were approved, with all in favour. The Parish Council Meeting minutes of July 31st 2017, August 17th 2017 and September 16th 2017 were duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.

2017/182 **Public Forum:** No-one wished to make comment or speak

2017/183 **Planning Applications:** To consider and comment on applications made to the Local Planning Authority: **none received**

2017/184 **Planning Decisions:** To note determinations by the Local Planning Authority (MSDC): **none received**

2017/185 **Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan:** It was considered by all Councillors that Buxhall should be shown within the hierarchy as a Hamlet and not as Hinterland (as the Joint Local Plan defines it currently). The Council looked at the points system for allocation of hierarchy and with the agreed interpretation of this system could not understand how Buxhall was scored 9 points or above (this is the required score to be included as a Hinterland village). As far as the Councillors were aware Buxhall has only a village hall and a playing field which would score two points and mean Buxhall is a Hamlet. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Hall and seconded by Cllr Taylor that the Clerk should submit this as the Parish Councils response to the Joint Local Plan.

Matters to be brought to the attention of the council:

2017/186 Cllr Arthur Hicks requested to see the annual playground inspection report. Clerk to email this to all Cllrs by return.

2017/187 Cllr Arthur Hicks confirmed that the Dutch college students had enjoyed their visit to the village playing field and were grateful for the use of the facilities. A member of the public had later reported the child's motorbike on a spring

had been damaged. Cllr Arthur Hicks has since removed this and will look to have it repaired.

- 2017/188 Cllr Arthur Hicks confirmed that he and Cllr Hall had surveyed the village for alternative sites for the VAS machine and that a site fitting the criteria had been found. Cllr Hicks will submit a report to full council at the next meeting. Cllr Steed thanked both Cllrs for the time given to complete this.
- 2017/189 Cllr Arthur Hicks informed the Council that a pile of grit had been dumped by the village sign. This was despite MSDC confirming they would not replenish grit supplies this year.
- 2017/190 Meeting closed at 8.01pm

The next Full Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday November 13th at 7.30pm
in Buxhall Village Hall