

## **BUXHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 11 July 2022 in Buxhall Village Hall

**Councillors Present:** David Steed (DS) (Chairman), Les Basham (LB), Michael Drury (MD), Scott Martin and Chris Hall (CH).

**In Attendance :** Tina Newell (TN) (Clerk), and five members of the public.

110722/01 **Apologies for absence:** Malcolm Manning and Steve Farrell offered apologies prior to the meeting.

110722/02 All Councillors resolved to accept the apologies for absence.

110722/03 County Councillor Penny Otton (PO) offered apologies.

110722/04 **Declarations of Interest:** SM declared an interest in both planning applications on the agenda due to holding grazing licences with both applicants.

110722/05 **Dispensation considerations:** There were no requests for dispensations to consider.

110722/06 **Minutes of previous meeting:** All Councillors confirmed receipt of the draft minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 13 June 2022 prior to the meeting. MD proposed to accept them as a true record of the decisions made seconded by CH; with all Councillors in favour DS signed the minutes (reference 130622/01 to 130622/36).

### **Public Forum:**

110722/07 All Councillors noted PO apologies and confirmed receipt of PO report prior to the meeting and asked TN to submit a to the Highways Investment Fund for funding the cutting of footpaths.

110722/08 A member of public was welcomed to the meeting as a new resident.

110722/09 The Village Hall Committee wished to thank PO for her assistance in securing a clothing bank due to be delivered to the village hall; the village hall will receive income based on the weight of the clothing received.

110722/10 A member of public spoke in detail against planning application DC/22/03346.

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**Planning:**

- 110722/11 SM left the meeting room.  
DC/22/03098 Application under Section 73 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in relation to DC/22/01243 for Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans and documents) to amend bridge design.  
Location: Buxhall Vale, Purple Hill, Buxhall  
All Councillors agreed the alterations look attractive and proposed to SUPPORT the application.
- 110722/12 DC/22/03346 Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a proposed erection, extension or alteration of a building for Forestry or Agricultural Use. Town and County planning (general permitted development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) Schedule 2 Part 6 Class A - Erection of building for storage of machinery and equipment.  
Location: Land South of Mill Road, Buxhall.  
Councillors considered this application at length and resolved to recommend this is REFUSED with the following comments:
- There have been three previous applications on this site all of which were refused: DC/19/05761, DC/19/03352 and DC/18/05321.
  - A planning appeal was dismissed, reference APP/W3520/W/20/3244230 and the reasons for the dismissal remain relevant to the current application including, but not limited to, the planning inspectorates comment that, *"in the absence of any evidence of built development ever having existed on this site I consider that it would intrude into the settings of the listed buildings, resulting in a loss of significance"*.
  - The field on which the application relates is not linked to any farm and is under private ownership owning just 1.8 hectare; there is no evidence to support the proposal will be used for housing agricultural machinery, tools and equipment as there is no evidence the owners are farmers
- 110722/13 SM re-entered the meeting room.
- 110722/14 All Councillors noted there were have been no determinations made by MSDC.

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**Finance:**

110722/15 **Bank Reconciliations:** All Councillors confirmed receipt of the bank reconciliation for the period ended 30 June 2022 as supported by bank statements. CH confirmed the bank reconciliations as presented agreed to the bank statements showing a balance of £107,627.04 at 30 06 2022 confirming £25k of this has been allocated to improvements to the village hall.

110722/16 **Budget to Actual:** All Councillors confirmed receipt of the budget to actual payments and receipts prior to the meeting. With no questions all Councillors accepted the budget to actual report for the period ended 30 June 2022.

110722/17 **Reserves:** All Councillors confirmed receipt of the reserves account prior to the meeting and noted the General Reserve is 72 % of the Precept.

110722/18 Councillors noted there have been no receipts since the last meeting.  
All Councillors approved the following payments to be made by internet banking:

	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>£</b>
110722/19	Tina Newell	Clerks Salary and re-imburements	292.51
110722/20	Trevor Brown	Internal Audit	158.55
110722/21	Buxhall Village Hall	Hall hire	37.5
110722/22	SALC	Subscription 2022/23	191.65
110722/23	ICO	Registration GDPR	40.00

110722/24 All Councillors noted the SALC subscription was below budget.

110722/25 All Councillors noted the external auditors have confirmed receipt of the notification of exempt status for year ended 31 03 2022.

**To receive reports from Working Parties and/or Representatives and take action as appropriate:**

110722/26 **Footpath officer:** A member of the public once again urged land owners to ensure path widths are at the correct width. If a landowner is in dispute with the definitive map they could request the footpath is diverted by contacting the local District Council.

110722/27 **Playing Field:** MD completed a visual check and cleaned the equipment with no faults or issues to report.

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- 110722/28 The faulty bin is still on the playingfield. SM agreed to assist MD in removing this bin and assurance was given this will be removed before the next meeting.
- 110722/29 Advise and pricing is being sought from Kompan, the contractors who installed the new play equipment, for the surface dressing under the benches and tables on the playing field. There was no update available for the meeting.
- 110722/30 Councillors noted a smart meter could not be installed as had previously been arranged due to there being no earth wire. All Councillors agreed this is a safety issue and requires immediate attention; it was resolved to instruct a local contractor to carry out the work with a reasonable charge.
- 110722/31 **Tree Warden:** No update.
- 110722/32 **Road Safety:** LB confirmed the SID is in use along Mill Road; TN will contact the SID manufacturer to ask if data can be downloaded from the device for public display.
- 110722/33 **Support the Crown Committee:** An email has been received from a leading member of the public group advising the pub is now showing on line as under offer and hoping the pub will open again without any further action needing to be taken by the village. The email closed with thanks being given to the Parish Council for engaging with the public group as they sought to find a solution to acquiring the Crown. With this information CH proposed to dissolve the committee. LB seconded the proposal with all Councillors in approval it was agreed to dissolve the committee and for TN to inform the current landlord of the Parish Council decision.
- 110722/34 **Correspondence:** Councillors noted all previous correspondence forwarded and agreed no further action was required.
- 110722/35 **Any other matters for information, to be noted, or for inclusion on a future agenda:** insurance, asset officer report and the future of the VAS.
- 110722/36 **To note the date for the next scheduled meeting:** 12 September 2022.
- 110722/37 The Chairman closed the meeting at 20:34hrs.