



## BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Buckland Parish Council meeting held on 8th September 2025 at 6.30pm in Buckland Village Hall.

### Minutes

**PRESENT:** Cllr Jon Sainsbury(Chair), Cllr Carole Paternoster (Vice-Chair), Cllr Fiona Livingston, Cllr Heather McKenna, Cllr Huseyin Caglayan, Cllr Rachel Critchell, Mrs Jane Lewis (Clerk) Buckinghamshire Cllr Mike Collins and Buckinghamshire Cllr Steve Bowles.

#### 25.143 Apologies

There were no apologies.

#### 25.144 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 25.145 Open Forum

There were no members of the public present.

#### 25.146 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025 were agreed and signed by the Vice Chair Cllr Carole Paternoster who chaired the August meeting.

#### 25.147 Clerks Report

- Currently in process of sorting out data with SSE to show that we have three soon to be four LED bulbs in place
- Have followed up on legal advice companies – Replies from two just waiting for confirmation of charges; Wellers & Horwood and James (£270 per hour)
- Chiltern Society has approved yellow rattle grant
- Email this morning to say that Metro Bank will be introducing monthly charge of £3 per month for community accounts from 1st December
- Grass Cutting contract – we will need to start reviewing the contract and tender process shortly for next year.
- Attending ICCM Cemeteries course Weds & Thurs
- AGAR course – changes to AGAR Next year (Assertion 10) – Friday
- The clerk will be attending 2025 Buckinghamshire Highways and Transport Stakeholder Conference on Monday 29th September at 1pm.

#### 25.148 Finance

- The Clerk presented a five-month review of finances for the parish council. Current status is looking healthy, there have been some increased costs, but careful management is ensuring that the council is staying within budget at present.
- Repair of Noticeboards – The clerk has received two quotes for repair of the Parish Council noticeboards. The council agreed to accept the quote from Aylesbury Town Council for £135 per board plus £40 for cutting back the trees around Buckland Wharf noticeboard. **Clerk to Action.**
- Grants – Gib Lane Community Fund application – The closing date for applications is 8<sup>th</sup> October. Clerk has received costings of £200 for hose pipes for Community Orchard. It was agreed that the Clerk would continue to pursue quotes also for Bug Houses. These would be agreed by email and ratified at the October meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to find quotes for bug houses.**
- All Saints Church Buckland had requested a grant of £3000 for repairs to the boundary wall at the August meeting. Council agreed to a one-off goodwill gesture payment of £1000 once work on wall had started. All councillors agreed.
- Grant request from Linda Oatley re banners – Cllr Sainsbury had contacted Ms Oatley to inform her this was not something the council would be able to support.

### 25.149 Planning Applications/Matters

Cllr Paternoster and Cllr Critchell had attended the Aston Clinton Parish Council planning meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> August. They reported that Aston Clinton Parish Council would support Buckland Parish Council with planning matters such as possible development of land at crossroads with Lower Icknield Way, but there would be no financial support. If any applications and approvals are made that Buckland Parish Council wish to fight Buckland Parish Council will need the support of a planning barrister and the council should make provision for this in the future. This was noted.

- 25/02250/AOP - Outline planning application with all matters reserved (aside from means of access), for the demolition of existing structures, and erection of up to 66 dwellings, new vehicular access, car parking, pedestrian routes, sustainable urban drainage, landscaping and accessible onsite open space.- It was reported that Aston Clinton Parish Council have no funds to fight this as they had done on a previous application.
- Buckinghamshire Cllr Mike Collins reported that Buckinghamshire Council have been advised that they will need to make provision for 95,000 extra houses, compared to the originally estimated 88,000 houses. At present Buckinghamshire Council falls below the 5year housing supply requirements set by government. There are no proposed sites at present for the extra houses. Buckinghamshire Council will be publishing the proposed local plan shortly for residents to review, a response to government must be made by mid-December.
- Buckinghamshire Cllr Collins also reported that the government is looking to bring forward proposals to cut council budgets in the south and re direct to the North of the country. This will have a significant impact on spending and funds within Buckinghamshire.
- Occupation of Canal Plot in Lower Buckland – Cllrs reported that there seems to still be someone residing in a caravan on the plot, however the previous weekend the plot seemed to be vacant. Council agreed to keep an eye over the next few weeks and review in October.
- Moat Farm – Summerhouse – The resident at Moat Farm had contacted the clerk regarding the I wish to replace the swing chair on the lawn to the rear of Moat Farm with a timber octagonal frame measuring 3m square x 3m tall. It will be freestanding with no foundations and suited to moving elsewhere on the lawn if required. **ACTION: Clerk to advise that BPC can not offer advice on planning matters and resident should contact Buckinghamshire Council.**
- One Uniform Update (New planning portal) – The portal is available to use, however Clerk reported issues trying to register and will report back at October meeting.
- Planning forum – 25<sup>th</sup> September – Cllr Paternoster and Cllr Critchell to attend.

### 25.150 Consultations

None.

### **25.151 Roads and Transportation**

Updates on:

- Buckland Road – The Clerk has emailed Tom Broom Director for transport regarding increased speeds and traffic on Buckland Road.
- Tring Hill / Buckland Wharf – There has been no feedback from MP regarding this matter. Clerk has chased.

### **25.152 Maintenance of Land Holdings**

To receive reports and agree any actions relating to the Parish Council's Land Holdings:

- a. Burial Ground and Churchyard maintenance – The wildflower area has been cut and yellow rattle purchased for the area. Clerk has managed to obtain some netting so next year area can be identified more clearly.
- b. Lower Buckland – The grass has been cut in the Community Orchard. A number of trees have died due to the heat this summer.
- c. Primrose Copse and Allotments – The overhanging branches have been cut back as requested by residents.

### **25.153 Footpaths and Environment**

To receive reports and agree any actions

- Footpaths & Bridleways – The bridge has been repaired behind the glebe land after four years wait.
- Devolved Services update – Clerk is still trying to resolve the grass cutting issue on Lower Icknield way within 40MPH zone.

### **25.154 Business Continuity Plan**

Cllr Paternoster and Clerk will review this for October meeting.

### **25.155 Arla/Olleco**

- a. Cllr Sainsbury has emailed ARLA regarding cutting the grass verges.
- b. There have been increased smells again from ARLA and Olleco sites.
- c. ARLA Liaison Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October 5pm

### **25.156 Matters of Report**

There were no matters of report.

### **25.157 Correspondence and circulars**

**25.158 Date of next Parish Council Meeting** on 13<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm in Parish Office, Buckland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Buckinghamshire Cllr Steve Bowles gave his apologies for the October meeting.

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