

BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Buckland Parish Council Meeting**

On **Monday 8th August 2022** at Buckland Village Hall @ 7.00pm

Attending:

Cllr Mr N Hayward
Cllr Mrs F Livingston
Cllr Mrs C Paternoster
Cllr Mr J Sainsbury

Clerk: Mrs F Richardson

A representative from Aston Clinton Parish Council

22. 153 Apologies

Cllr Mrs S Gillingham

22. 154 Declarations of Interest

No members declared any interests

22.155 Open Forum

A Cllr from Aston Clinton informed Buckland PC about the possible resubmission of the Ginger's Farm Application for 250 houses to be built with access via Chapel Drive and Brandon Close. This falls outside the boundary for Aston Clinton Neighbourhood Plan. There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday 10th August which Buckland PC are welcome to attend. Buckland PC, along with Aston Clinton PC, opposed the planning application which was eventually withdrawn and would like to work with Aston Clinton PC on a response to any future applications on this site. Both councils also noted that there is a danger of a potential link up between this proposal and the land purchased by Arla. It was also noted that the parishes of Aston Clinton and Buckland both fall within the Chiltern Beechwood Special Area of Conservation which requires all new planning applications to be reviewed by Natural England.

Aston Clinton residents have complained about the strong smell of slurry on the 8th August, there is concern that this smell originates from Olleco slurry processing unit.

22.156 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th July 2022 were agreed and signed.

22.157 Clerk's Report

a. The clerk asked the Council for feedback on the new MS365 set up including teams. The Cllrs all find the new system convenient and efficient and valued the transparency of documentation being in one easily accessible space. The clerk reminded the Cllrs to utilise the notebook to keep on top of current correspondence and to check the Teams calendar for the clerk's availability.

22.158 Finance

- a. The bank statements and transactions were available to view and were approved.
- b. The Lloyds savings bank account was closed by the 15th July and remaining funds transferred across to the MetroBank account
- c. The Council approved the additional monthly maintenance of grass cutting for burial ground by Buckland Landscapes

22.159 Planning Applications/Matters

22/02474/ALB – Yew Tree Cottage. No Objections.

22/01858/APP - Prune Cottage – Object - It is one extra dwelling; would the council please confirm to us that they have carried out the impact of new residential development on the zone of influence - the Chilterns Beechwood Special Area of Conservation as required by Natural England. The additional window on the front elevation first floor is contrary with the fenestration of the other buildings in the area, it is disproportionately large, out of keeping with its immediate neighbours, and fails to conform with local distinctiveness as required by Buckland Neighbourhood Planning policy BP3. The three roof lights have not been dropped as mentioned in the previous application. We asked for a street scene showing Queens Mead which we still have not received, please supply.

Contrary to BP1, BP3, VALP BE1, BE2, BE3.

Action: Clerk to log responses on the planning portal.

22.160 Neighbourhood Plan

The examiner's fact tracking report has been received and the examiner has requested a response to factual errors by 19th August. Councillors agreed to accept in full the Examiner's proposed modifications and recommendations included in this report. The next stage will be for the examiner's report to be published and then the Neighbourhood Plan will pass to its referendum stage before it can finally be made.

Action: Cllr C Paternoster will review and provide further information as necessary. To be returned to the examiner by email by the 19th August.

22.161 Policies and Procedures

- a. Buckinghamshire Council Energy Supply Contract proposal was considered

22.162 Consultations

- a. The Parish Council will respond to the Local Government Boundary Commission's Consultation on revised ward boundaries for Buckinghamshire Council next month.

22.163 Roads and Transportation

To consider any reports and agree any actions

- a. Speeding traffic on Tring Hill/Buckland Wharf
A traffic calming proposal for Aston Clinton which may also include a section of Buckland Wharf, is currently being reviewed by Transport for Bucks and Aston Clinton Parish Council. Buckland PC have never been consulted about this. Residents at Tring Hill and Buckland Wharf are concerned about the speeding traffic in this area. Buckland Parish Council is to seek a meeting with a senior highways officer to discuss what plans Buckinghamshire Council has for traffic management at Tring Hill and Buckland Wharf.

b. Traffic calming Lower Icknield Way

The BPC have withdrawn this application for consultancy work to look at possible traffic calming solutions due to the high cost that Buckinghamshire Council was asking from Buckland Parish Council for this consultancy work which does not have a guaranteed outcome.

c. There is a recurring issue with Buckland Village of large lorries not having sufficient area to turn around. This often results in them turning in the Chiltern Archery entrance. BPC are investigating alternative turning spaces and signage.

d. The Thames Valley Community Speed watch programme was considered.

e. The council reported the Audi that was abandoned on the pavement on Tring hill, blocking pedestrians' access, as a hazard and it has now been removed.

Action:

Clerk to contact Lewis Minney at Bucks Council to discuss alternative turning areas for large vehicles.

Clerk to advertise Thames Valley Community Speed watch to parishioners who may want to take responsibility for setting up a speed watch in the village.

22.164 Maintenance of Land Holdings

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

- a. Burial Ground – The hedging in the burial ground needs to be cut back quite soon.
- b. Grass keep, Allotments - nothing to report
- c. Community Orchard –

The community orchard will now be referred to as the Community Nature Reserve

The thistles are becoming very overgrown and need to be removed.

Watering the Community Nature Reserve in the current set up is unsustainable.

Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp Horticultural Society have offered to purchase a tree for the orchard.

It was agreed that the cost for a 1-metre sapling tree including planting and staking will cost £96 There will be an option to plant a larger tree also, with individuals buying specified trees direct from suppliers. This information to be made available to residents who have already expressed an interest in this project as well as all the information to be added to the website. Orders will need to be placed at least by October/November.

Action:

Clerk to send out information about tree purchasing options via mailing list and social media in late August.

Cllrs to investigate the best way to remove or discourage the thistles growth. Hand spraying was considered the most suitable option. Buckland Landscapes have been consulted.

Cllrs to investigate the installation of a drip hose irrigation system to ensure water is supplied regularly with low maintenance

22.165 Footpaths and Environment

- a. No reports were given
- b. A member of the local community has reported some overgrown areas of footpath in Buckland, which is being followed up.

- c. Fire risks and guidance for extreme weather were discussed – Information will be sent out to the Parish on fire safety.

Action:

Cllr F Livingston to follow up on overgrown footpaths

Clerk to post information about fire safety on social media in advance of our upcoming heatwave.

22.166 Website & Communications

Plans are in place for a website improvement project beginning in Sept.

New posters have been placed on the Parish Noticeboards which advertise how to contact Buckland PC, how to log issues and apply to volunteer.

The Council agreed articles for the next newsletter

22.167 Arla/Olleco

- a. Odours are being logged on the Buckland PC issue list and also reported via the environment agency helpline.

BPC Clerk to contact ACPC Clerk and advise on how odour complaints should be logged

22.168 Grant Applications

- a. Gib Lane – application for fruit trees and additional equipment has been completed in draft and will be submitted by the 14th of August.

22.169 Fire safety in the parish

Following a very serious fire at Buckland Cattery, Bees Cottage and Queensmead on 19th July Cllr Hayward arranged an informal meeting in the village with the Chief Fire Officer for Buckinghamshire. The Fire Brigade, who were praised for their efforts, encountered several problems on that day. They did not have details of the locations of the fire hydrants in the village. One fire hydrant was found to be out of order and has been for many years. A visitor's car had been parked blocking another fire hydrant. One fire tender had difficulty accessing the site due to parked vehicles. The Chief Fire Officer stated that Buckland village is a very high danger zone for fire. He advised that all barbecues and bonfires should be banned; grass verges should be kept as short as possible; hedges and trees should be cut. A compost heap will ignite at temperatures over 32 degrees.

Action:

Clerk to report to Thames Water that the fire hydrant at the end of the village, in front of Mentmore view is out of action. The fire hydrant cover in Model Row requires repainting in yellow.

Clerk to send out fire safety information out over social media and via the Buckland PC mailing list.

All Cllrs require a key to the bollards at the end of the village to allow emergency service vehicles access to the village via Puttenham when entrance if the village road is impassable

22.170 Matters of Report

For Councillors to report any additional issues not included on the agenda. Any decisions will need to be included on the next agenda.

22.171 Correspondence and circulars

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Circulars will be available at the meeting but will not be discussed unless required.

22.172 Date of next Parish Council Meeting 12th Sept 2022 at 7.00pm in Buckland Village Hall,

22.173 Confidential Item: *To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be conducted.*

Grass Keep, Primrose Copse and Allotment

Chairmans Signature:

Date:

Fiona Richardson, Clerk to Buckland Parish Council