



BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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A very wet Autumn is well and truly here! We have all seen the pictures on the news of flooding locally. Luckily Buckland seems to have escaped any serious flooding. It is vital that land and home owners keep hedges well trimmed and ditches cleared to prevent any blockages in the drainage system. If you have any hedging on your property that over hangs a ditch, please ensure that when you cut it back the cuttings are not left in the ditches.

Footpath Audit

Councillors have recently been carrying out a footpath audit throughout the parish. Sadly, many footpaths have become overgrown with all the wet weather. We have also found a number of stiles that are damaged. These are all reported to Buckinghamshire Council for repair, however sadly they are very low down on the priority list. All we can do is keep up the pressure. If you find a stile is damaged or footpath overgrown, you can report them on Fix My Street. The more people who report these issues the greater pressure we can exert. <https://fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk>

Chapel Drive Planning Appeal

Kler Group applied to build 93 dwellings on land to the rear of Chapel Drive, Aston Clinton, beyond the settlement boundary of Aston Clinton and next to the Buckland Parish boundary and the Moat. The application was refused, and the developers appealed the decision. A planning appeal was held in August and the Inspector has dismissed the appeal. His reasons for refusal were that the proposal conflicted with the development plan, it would harm the intrinsic character and appearance of the area, habitat sites would be affected, and it would have an adverse effect on the Beechwood Special Area of Conservation in the Chilterns.

Bloor Homes

Representatives of Bloor Homes met with Buckland Parish Councillors in July of this year, where Bloor shared their proposals for development of land between Dean Way and Buckland Road off the Lower Icknield Way. Two councillors from Aston Clinton Parish council also attended the meeting. Bloor Homes stated their wish to develop this field resulting from the call for sites from Buckinghamshire Council in late 2022 to fill the gap in the housing requirement for Buckinghamshire. The current proposal would be for approximately 190 homes. At this meeting members of Buckland Parish Council and Aston Clinton Parish Council made clear that they would oppose these plans as this site is outside the Buckland settlement boundary as set out in the Buckland Neighbourhood Plan. The increased pressure on local services such as schools and health services was also discussed. To date Buckland Parish Council has not heard anything further from the developers. We will keep you informed of any future application.

Thames Water Pumping Station

Cllr Jon Sainsbury and the Clerk met with the newly appointed Labour MP for Aylesbury, Laura Kyrke-Smith to discuss the plans by Thames Water to build a pumping station next to Hope Cottages. The purpose of the meeting was to ask Laura to continue the work that Rob Butler had done in trying to persuade TW to relocate the pumping station. Laura has said she will take this on for residents of Buckland. We received information that Thames Water will be updating Buckland Parish Council later this month. Once this update has been received we will notify residents.

Bridleway, Lower Buckland

We recently informed residents of the issues faced at Lower Buckland with the bridleway being used as a cut through from Puttenham. Bollards and improved signage have now been installed on the Puttenham side and a concrete bollard has been installed by Buckinghamshire Council on the Buckland end.

Tring Hill Junction/Buckland Wharf

Road traffic accidents continue to occur at the junction on Tring Hill. Buckland Parish Council is keeping a list of any accidents in this location. This information has been passed to Buckinghamshire Council and we are currently awaiting their response. Please continue to pass any relevant information of accidents at Tring Hill junction or Buckland Wharf to the Clerk.

Book an on-demand minibus journey (Village Connect, Aylesbury)

Have you heard about Buckinghamshire Councils On Demand Bus Service? You can book an on-demand, ride-sharing minibus service (called Village Connect, Aylesbury) for travel between Aylesbury and these surrounding villages: Aston Clinton (including Buckland), Bishopstone, Halton, Hartwell, Hulcott, Stoke Mandeville, Weedon, Weston Turville

The service is specifically to improve travel options to and from these areas. There are no fixed routes, so you can choose to travel from the surrounding villages to anywhere within Aylesbury (or vice-versa).

Journeys must start or end in the one of the villages (specifically the village areas highlighted on the [Village Connect map](#)). Journeys are between the hours of 6am and 7pm (excluding public holidays).

Journeys can be booked in advance on either the village connect app, the online portal or by calling 01296 794607. Fares are from £2.50 to £4.50 and depend on the distance travelled.

New Road

New Road is for residents and hall users **ONLY**.

This road is an unadopted highway meaning it doesn't belong to

Buckinghamshire Council or Buckland Parish Council and the cost of any maintenance falls to the residents. Many years ago this road belonged to the Rothschilds Family, who sold it on, but despite many searches we have been unable to identify who to. Buckland Parish Council have recently installed new signs to remind drivers not to drive along New Road.



Buckland Village Hall (BOST)

Buckland Village Hall now has broadband throughout the building, so hall hirers can use the internet more easily. This was installed by Gigaclear as part of their community broadband initiative. Bost has also recently appointed some new trustees – Richard Peel as Chair, Linda Oatley as All Saints representative and Jane Lewis is now responsible for hall bookings. These can be made by calling 07749041434.

Community Speed Watch Group

Our community speed watch group continues to monitor speeding vehicles throughout the Parish. If you are interested in joining this group please contact the clerk.

Parish Office From week commencing 21st October until the beginning of December the Parish office will be manned from 12 – 2pm on Mondays and 10-12pm on Thursdays. If you are unable to attend during these times please feel free to phone and leave a message or email the Clerk.

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The Parish Office is located upstairs in Buckland Village Hall. The clerk is generally in the office on a Monday and Thursday between 9am and 2pm