



BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Buckland Parish Council meeting held on 12th January 2026 in Buckland Village Hall.

Minutes

PRESENT: Cllr Jon Sainsbury, Cllr Carole Paternoster, Cllr Heather McKenna, Mrs Jane Lewis (Clerk).

Buckinghamshire Cllr Mike Collins and Cllr Steve Bowles.

There was one member of the public in attendance.

26.01 Apologies

Fiona Livingston, Huseyin Caglayan and Rachel Critchell.

26.02 Declarations of Interest

Buckinghamshire Cllr Mike Colins declared a personal interest in Thorne Way item.

26.03 Open Forum

A member of the public, and member of the Thorne Way residents association attended the meeting to highlight the issues Thorne Way residents are experiencing with poor parking by non-residents. Cars are regularly parked on double yellow lines in the area blocking access on pavement and roads. There have been regular instances of non-residents parking cars and then being picked up by commercial vehicles for work. Residents asked if any signage could be installed and if the yellow lines could be extended and enforced.

The resident also asked about improvements to road safety along London Road as speeding has increased since introduction of traffic calming measure in Aston Clinton.

26.04 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th December 2025 were agreed and signed by Cllr Carole Paternoster who chaired the meeting.

26.05 Clerks Report

- Buckland Bones- BOST wish to remove the bones from the hall to the county museum. There is an agreement between County Musuem, BOST and BPC relating to the bones. The Archaeologist should inspect bones on annual basis; this does not seem to have happened since 2023. **ACTION: Clerk to contact BOST relaying councils view that bones could go to museum for one further analysis and then should be buried in the unconsecrated section of Buckland burial ground. Also suggest a new Memorandum of understanding be created.**
- Review of the workings of defibrillator due to cold temperatures last week as this may lead to battery failure and gel solidification.
- Salt bins – not been filled at end of village over canal, residents still waiting for Bucks to fill. Salt Bin on corner of Buckland Road by Buckland Wharf is not being used. Clerk to investigate

possibility of a new Salt bin at New Road junction. Also, the possibility of local farmers helping spread grit during extreme cold weather. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up.**

- Clerk suggested plans for forthcoming year: - Annual Meeting – how to use the defibrillator, Litter pick day **ACTION: Clerk to look at possible litter pick day**

26.06 Finance

- The accounts for December 2025 were approved by Council.

Opening Balance: £60091.03

Income: £0

Expenditure: £3128.55

Closing Balance: £57262.48

1/12/2025	BOST	£300
1/12/2025	Empire Landscapes Burial Ground	£360
1/12/2025	Empire Landscapes Churchyard	£210
3/12/2025	Chiltern Society Membership	£30
4/12/2025	Cloudy IT	£99.74
8/12/2025	Hugo Fox	£23.99
8/12/2025	Amersham Town Council Verges	£340.80
22/12/2025	SSE	£308.21
30/12/2025	BOST	£300
31/12/2025	One Com	£47.02

- The Council reviewed the Annual Budget and Precept for 2026/2027 presented by the Clerk. After careful management of reserves and budgets the council reserves were now back in a healthy state with 9-12months precept in reserve as required by guidance. Council agreed a 4% increase in precept of £42285 in line with inflation.
- AGAR/Assertion 10 – Clerk requested extra 12 hours maximum to complete work required by new Assertion 10 rules for upcoming AGAR. Requirement to write new policies for IT, ICO GDPR rules, risk assessment, data mapping. Council approved this.
- The grant application to Gib Lane Grant for bug house, hoses for community orchard and bench for Green Lane by the Burial ground have been approved. Clerk will organise over coming months. Clerk had received correspondence from local resident requesting that BPC approve their application to Gib Lane Community fund. **ACTION: Clerk to reply explaining that grant is open to anyone within parish and BPC have no oversight on applications or approvals.**

26.07 Policies for review

Lone Working Policy was presented to Council. Discussion with BOST is required due to possible installation of CCTV by BOST; BPC to ask for latest inspection by Fire Safety officials on building along with a fire escape ladder. **ACTION: Clerk to action and Cllr Jon Sainsbury to liaise.**

Burial Ground regulations Update - Minor alterations to document were approved by council.

26.07 Planning Applications/Matters

- Occupation of Canal Plot in Lower Buckland – The plot continues to be occupied by someone living in a caravan. **ACTION: Report to Planning enforcement officers.**
- Over the Christmas period there has been a considerable increase in activity by dog walking firms and people transporting horses into fields using horse boxes. Concern of overuse of the bridleway by vehicles which is not allowed resulting in damage to the bridleway. **ACTION: Report to**

Bridleways officer along with planning enforcement relating to improper/change of use of land.

- PL/25/4746/OA Land North Of Brandon Close Aston Clinton
Outline application for up to 93 dwellings, creation of a bespoke on-site Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG), and associated works (matter to be considered at this stage: access)

Buckland Parish Council objects to this development for the following reasons:

- 1) It is outside the settlement boundary for Aston Clinton as defined in the Aston Clinton Neighbourhood Plan
- 2) Social infrastructure in Aston Clinton already overloaded - this is shared by residents of Buckland Parish and Drayton Beauchamp.
- 3) Concern that the SANG allows dogs to be off lead and could then disturb wildlife in the conservation area. Therefore, if consent is granted BPC would like to see as a condition of planning consent a requirement that the SANG is well fenced to keep dogs within the allocated area and that the fence is always kept in good condition.

26.08 Thames Water Pumping Station Update

There has been no further information received on this matter; outline plans are expected to be sent to Buckinghamshire Council for in January.

26.09 Consultations

None

26.10 Roads and Transportation

Updates on:

- Buckland Road – Clerk is still waiting for signage on Buckland Road.
- Tring Hill / Buckland Wharf Traffic calming – **ACTION: Cllr Carole Paternoster will prepare a letter to Buckinghamshire Council.**
- Thorne Way Residents parking issues – **ACTION: Clerk to write to Cllr Steve Bowles regarding this issue.**

26.11 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 – Discussions on new contract for 2026/27 to be held in coming weeks.
- b. Lower Buckland /Community Orchard – Council agreed to £480 cost for planting of 15 trees that have been donated to the orchard.
- c. Primrose Copse and Allotments – Nothing further
- d. Grasskeep Tree – Clerk is arranging to quotes for removal of tree.

26.12 Footpaths and Environment

To receive reports and agree any actions

- Devolved Services- Clerk has discussed with Devolved Services areas for grass cutting that were incorrectly included in last year's agreement. Funds may be reduced in coming year.
- Footpaths & Bridleways – Lower Buckland Bridleway usage has increased due to improper use. Report to bridleways officer and council to investigate reinstallation of bollard.
- Buckland Wharf streetlight failure issue – lights were repaired by Buckinghamshire Council but failed within two hours. Awaiting response from Bucks on this issue.

26.13 Business Continuity Plan

- IT Back up – work has begun on back ups of data externally.

26.14 Arla/Olleco

a. Olleco Aston Clinton residents meeting 09/12/25 Cllr Rachel Critchell and Clerk Jane Lewis attended this meeting that had been arranged as a result of ARLA cancelling liaison meetings. The meeting was a good introduction by Olleco and enabled plenty of discussion between attending parties. It was agreed that six monthly meetings would be appropriate going forward. Olleco stressed the importance of including time and date of smells as it allows them more information to track possible leaks.

26.15 Councillor Civility & Respect Pledge

Carry forward to February meeting.

26.16 Matters of Report

Cllr Heather McKenna reported that BOST have had enquiries on possibility of a small playground within village hall grounds. BOST wondered whether this would be suitable in community orchard. Due to location of Orchard this would probably not be suitable site.

26.17 Correspondence and circulars

None

26.18 Date of next Parish Council Meeting on Monday 9th February 2026 6.30pm in Parish Office, Buckland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.