

# BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Members of the Council were summoned to attend the **Buckland Parish Council Meeting**

On **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023** @ 7.00pm

## Minutes

### Attending:

Cllr Mrs S Gillingham  
Cllr Mr J Sainsbury  
Cllr Mrs F Livingston  
Cllr Mrs C Paternoster

Also in attendance Bucks Cllr Mike Collins

### 23.001 Apologies

Cllr Mr N Hayward (Chairman)

### 23.002 Declarations of Interest

Cllr S Gillingham declared an interest in the Thames water pipeline which passes through her land. Agenda item 23.011

### 23.003 Open Forum

No Members of the public attended and no issues were raised under this minute..

### 23.004 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of Dec 2022 were agreed by the council and were signed by the vice chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

### 23.005 Clerk's Report

The Clerk provided a review of a year based in the village hall office and requested the option to work from home. It was decided that, since this involved alterations to the Clerk's contract, the matter should be preferred to the Chairman.

Action: Clerk to discuss with the Chairman.

### 23.006 Finance

- a. Payments were approved and balances agreed.

Decision: A 12 month electricity contract provided by Utility Aid for street lighting was reviewed and approved in order to avoid unpredictable rising costs for the next 12 months.

Action:

Further Cost saving review to take place for lighting and investigation of grants available to cover the price increases.

Clerk to sign Unity Aid electricity contract on behalf of Buckland Parish Council and also obtain quote for changing lights to LED, Clerk to apply for grants for lighting

### **23.007 Planning**

Tudor Thatch - a planning application for a rear single storey extension was received after the agenda was issued. The application was discussed and there were no objections. The Clerk to notify Bucks Council of this decision.

Action: Clerk to record the response on the planning portal.

### **23.008 Policies and Procedures**

None

### **23.009 Consultations**

The Bucks settlement consultation relating to the facilities available in Buckland Parish for inclusion in the next Local Plan was reviewed by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the form should be completed by the Clerk in consultation with Cllr Paternoster.

Action: Cllr C Paternoster and the Clerk to complete the consultation form on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **23.010 Roads and Transportation**

It was noted again that the footway on Tring Hill is still very overgrown and extensive work is required to clear it which would involve traffic management whilst the work is completed. The clearance is the responsibility of Bucks Council. The overgrowth was reported to Bucks Council in September 2021 and the Parish Council continued to report it throughout 2022.

Cllr M Collins wrote to Bucks Council, Martin Tett, supporting Buckland Parish Council on the matter on the need for a discussion about traffic calming measures on Tring Hill but has received no response, despite chasing. It was decided that Buckland Parish Council should write a letter of complaint to the Chief Executive of Bucks Council, keeping local residents informed. Local residents should be encouraged to complain to our MP, Rob Butler.

Salt bins throughout the village now have sufficient salt.

Potholes are an issue since the bad weather and many have been reported on fix my street

Actions:

Cllr Paternoster to feedback to residents and ask them to contact Rob Butler directly re road safety issues at Buckland Wharf/Tring Hill.

Clerk, in consultation with Cllr Paternoster, to write to the Chief Executive of Bucks Council

Clerk to put information on social media of how to report potholes.

Cllr S Gillingham to continue to chase Bucks Council on the siding out of overgrowth on Tring Hill.

### **23.011 Maintenance of Land Holdings**

- a. **Burial Ground:** The implications of the proposed Thames Water Pipeline passing through the Glebe were discussed.
- b. The storage of the of the Roman remains was discussed. It appears that Bucks Council want to take them away from the Parish for storage on a shelf in the County Museum.
- c. **Grass keep and allotments:** The search continues for the water meter on the allotment site so that it can be read and water charges adjusted accordingly. The overgrowth needs to be cut back in order to locate the meter.

Decision: The quote received from M Nicholls to clear the overgrowth on Buckland Parish Land was approved. Cllr J Sainsbury to liaise with contractor and neighbouring properties to arrange completion of the works.

The Parish Council receive the updated Land Registry Document for this land which now shows the Clerk and the Parish Council Office as the primary contact/address.

Action: Clerk to create a file with all land registry documents and maps.

### **23.012 Footpaths and Environment**

Cllr F Livingston has logged the overgrown footpaths and awaits a response.

It was noted that construction traffic for the Puttenham housing development – is being sent through Buckland by sat Navs. It was also noted that the bollards on the bridleway may need to be replaced by something more substantial. Cllr S Gillingham to investigate this.

Clerk to investigate if satnav instructions can be amended for traffic being directed to Puttenham.

Clerk to contact developers and also advise them of the situation.

It was decided that the Parish Council's involvement with the Community Wild Belt project be put on hold until the Spring

The Aston Clinton Society kindly repaired and improved the bus shelter in Buckland Wharf. They would like to paint the bus shelter. The Parish Council thanked them for their hard work.

Decision: Buckland Parish Council have agreed that the Aston Clinton Society are officially nominated volunteers of the Parish council.

Decision: The Parish Council will supply the paint and brushes to complete the renovations to the bus shelter and the volunteers will paint the bus shelter.

Gigaclear, the clerk is still awaiting meeting dates to rectify damage which occurred during the Gigaclear works.

#### Actions:

Cllr F Livingston to follow upon overgrown footpaths

Clerk to put information about Gigaclear on noticeboard

Cllr S Gillingham to investigate cost for replacement of bollards on the bridleway.

Clerk to continue to chase Gigaclear for date of works and repairs.

### **23.013 Website & Communications**

The new draft website was viewed and discussed. The design and site map were well received by the councillors. More work is required and the final draft of the website will be brought back to the Parish Council at the next meeting for approval.

Action: The Clerk and Cllr C Paternoster to make small amends to the content.

### **23.014 Arla/Olleco**

Odours have been more noticeable in the evening.

Action: Clerk to continue to log the odour reports and monitor during the coming months.

### **23.015 Grant Applications**

An initial application has been made to the Wendover Community Board for £6,000 for the irrigation of the community orchard. Currently awaiting quotations from third parties for this work.

The Community Board have issued a recommendation that grants applications are received by the 31<sup>st</sup> of January.

Action: Clerk to chase quote for irrigation and submit to the Community Board

Decision: An application for funds to enable us to maintain streetlighting during the evenings, considering rising costs will be placed with the Community Board and TVP, under their community safety scheme..

### **23.016 Events**

A community event to celebrate the Coronation will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2023

Decision: An application for funds to run a Coronation celebration will be placed with the Community Board.

### **23.017 Matters of Report**

Clerk has put a poster at Dancers End noticeboard about opportunities to get involved with Buckland Parish Council.

There have been a several burglaries in Buckland village this month.

Action: Clerk to report light out at Buckland crossroads.

It was noted that two enforcement notices have been issued at Lower Buckland.

### **23.018 Correspondence and circulars**

Circulars were made available at the meeting but were not discussed.

**23.019 Date of next Parish Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> of Feb 2023** at 7.00pm in Buckland Village Hall. The clerk will be unable to attend this meeting. Cllr C Paternoster will act as Clerk.

**23.020 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.*

Meeting concluded at: 20.53

Signed:

Chairman:

Date: