



BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Buckland Parish Council meeting Monday 9th June 2025 Buckland Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr Jon Sainsbury (Chair), Cllr Carole Paternoster (Vice Chair), Cllr Heather McKenna, Cllr Huseyin Caglayan, Cllr Rachel Critchell, Jane Lewis (Clerk).

Buckinghamshire Cllr Steve Bowles was also in attendance.

There were 10 members of the public in attendance from the New Road Residents Association.

25.95 Apologies

Cllr Fiona Livingston and Buckinghamshire Cllr Mike Collins.

25.96 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

25.97 Open Forum

The Chair of the New Road Residents Association spoke on behalf of the members of the public in attendance. The residents raised the issue of the new sign that had been erected by Buckland Old School Trust on the entrance to the village hall car park. Cllr Sainsbury thanked the residents for their attendance and raising their concerns. Buckland Parish Council will investigate this issue on the residents behalf.

25.98 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chair Cllr Jon Sainsbury.

25.99 Clerks Report

- At the May meeting the Clerk was asked to look for alternative Solicitors as there is now a possible conflict of interest with the existing firm. Local clerks recommended firms that they used. **ACTION: Clerk to contact two firms for advice.**
- Passwords - An updated spreadsheet was handed to the Chair in a sealed and signed envelope.
- Dog walking business – Clerk has contacted the licensing department regarding the Dog Walking business in Lower Buckland. Licensing will follow up on the matter.
- Currently reviewing gas and electricity contract as Utility Aid suggesting prices are reducing.
- Local council clerk week.
- Clerk is producing the newsletter and requested all councillors send in photos of themselves so that they can be included in the newsletter and on the website. This allows members of the parish to recognise councillors. **ACTION: All Councillors to submit photos to the clerk by end of week.**
- Week commencing 2nd June was National Volunteers week. Publicised all the local groups within Buckland to try an increase help.
- Thames Water Booster Station Update has been shared with all residents and the Council. The latest update from Thames Water states that work is being carried out to assess impact of moving

the location of station. MP for Aylesbury Laura Kyrke Smith has requested further information on this including timelines.

- Truvelo Strips have been placed on Buckland Road by the White House in 30MPH area, along with three locations in Aston Clinton to assess the impact of the traffic calming scheme in Aston Clinton. Buckinghamshire Council have agreed to share the Buckland data. Unfortunately, Buckinghamshire Council do not hold any data prior to the installation of traffic calming for comparison.

25.100 Finance

- The Council reviewed and approved bank balances for April 2025.

Opening Balance	£41781.84
Receipts	£20364.50
Payments	£2127.09
Closing Balance	£60019.25

7/4/2025	Cloudy IT	£84	
8/4/2025	Hugo Fox (Website)	£23.99	
10/4/2025	BAS Associates (Payroll)	£68.40	
11/4/2025	Bucks Council (Precept)		£20329.50
17/4/2025	Receipt for N H Leaving gift		£10.00
17/4/2025	Receipt for N H Leaving gift		£25.00
24/4/2025	SSE	£29.67	
24/4/2025	B Knight (Internal Auditor)	£160.00	
24/4/2025	SLCC Membership	£190.00	
25/4/2025	SSE	£291.09	
30/4/2025	One Com	£37.48	

- Insurance Renewal is £931.78 compared to last year £832 and budget of £1000. Had thorough review and had to increase asset values of some items out of date hence increase.

25.101 Planning Applications/Matters

- Planning Forum 26th June 10am-12pm Cllr Paternoster and Cllr Critchell will attend.
- Cllr Critchell to attend Planning training session.

25.102 Consultations

There were no consultations.

25.103 Roads and Transportation

Updates on:

- Tring Hill/ Buckland Wharf inc. meeting with MP Laura Kyrke-Smith – Cllr Paternoster reported on the meeting held with local residents and MP Laura Kyrke-Smith who has agreed to follow up on the traffic issues with Buckinghamshire Council.
- Speedwatch Update – Clerk has been in contact with Aston Clinton Parish Council regarding Speedwatch group. ACPC are also struggling to get volunteers. Unfortunately, three volunteers from the Buckland Group have had to step back due to personal issues. Clerk for Buckland had recently tried to arrange eight sessions and due to minimum numbers of three people being required, no sessions have been able to take place. **ACTION: Clerk to see if any more volunteers come forward and whether ACPC interested in merging groups.**

25.104 Maintenance of Land Holdings

- a. **Burial Ground and Churchyard maintenance** - Clerk attended a meeting at All Saints Church to discuss maintenance of the Churchyard. All Saints have requested no cuts during July and August.
- b. **Lower Buckland** – Grass is needing a cut in areas near the benches. **ACTION: Cllr Sainsbury, Cllr Paternoster and Cllr Livingston to organise.**
- c. **Annual review of Primrose Copse and Allotments** Cllr Sainsbury had visited the area and photographed relevant areas. All boundaries are in place including gates and locks.

25.105 Footpaths and Environment

- Grass Cutting- Verges – Three cuts have now taken place, and new contractors seem to be working well. Some comments had been made by residents relating to the overgrowth in the ditches. This is not the Parish Council responsibility but the landowners.
- Footpaths – Report back from Buckinghamshire Council on some outstanding issues. This has been delayed due to new contractors being sought. No date had been given for work to be carried out.

25.106 Website, Social Media and Communications

- Quarterly Newsletter will be produced in the next week.

25.107 Arla/Olleco

- a. Clerk emailed Olleco/ARLA with new contact details for council. No reply has been received.
- b. No dates have been received for meetings. **ACTION: Cllr Sainsbury to follow up.**

25.108 Matters of Report

Cllr Bowles reported that he will be Cabinet Member for Communities. At present the Chair for the East Bucks Community Board has not been named. There will be 22 parishes in the group which is a significant increase on previous years.

25.109 Correspondence and circulars

There were none.

25.110 Date of next Parish Council Meeting on 14th July at 6.30pm in Parish Office, Buckland Village Hall. The Clerk, Jane Lewis sent apologies, minutes will be taken by Assistant Clerk Fiona Livingston.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm