

# BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Buckland Parish Council Meeting

On **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 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 Fiona Richardson

### 22. 174 Apologies

Cllr Mrs S Gillingham

Two minutes silence was observed in memory of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

### 22. 175 Declarations of Interest

No members declared any interests

### 22.176 Open Forum

A parishioner reported bonfires being lit in a garden of a house on New Road, Aston Clinton pn 23, 24 August – in the middle of the drought, causing much concern that the fire would spread to residential properties. The issue was raised on the village Facebook page with concerns for the spread of fire. Another bonfire was lit on the 9th Sept at the same location.

Fly tipping is still occurring on Puttenham Road; this location falls within the parish of Drayton Beauchamp

### Action:

Clerk: To ask Aston Clinton Parish Council if they have received any complaints about smoke from bonfires at this property .

Carole: Follow up with parishioner – advise to keep a three week fume diary

Clerk : To raise fly tipping concerns with Drayton Beauchamp Parish council on the road to Puttenham between the Lower Icknield way and Aylesbury arm canal.

### 22.177 Minutes

The minutes of Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022 were agreed and signed

### **22.178 Clerk's Report**

The clerk discussed use of MS365 and reminded councillors to check minuted actions task list to track progress on said actions. The clerk wishes to ensure all councillors can see the central online diary and reminded them of its locations.

The Chairman announced that the clerk should not attend any meetings or conferences until 2023

**Action:** Councillors to contact the Clerk if they are unable to access the central calendar.

### **22.179 Finance**

- a. The bank statements and transactions were available to view and were approved.
- b. It was confirmed that the Council do not wish to opt into the Buckinghamshire Council Energy Contract.

#### **Action:**

Clerk: To contact current supplier for clarification of charges. Clerk to investigate energy contract and to survey other local parish councils as to their energy suppliers.

### **22.180 Planning Applications/Matters**

22/03012/APP Dormers Main Road Buckland Buckinghamshire HP22 5HH The council reviewed the application. It is a rear extension and does not affect the street scene. The Council would like to hear the views of local residents on how it may impact them with regard to their residential amenity.

#### **Action:**

Clerk: To notify residents who may be affected by this proposal: Field Corner, Apple Tree Cottage and Moatfield, asking them to contact the parish council if they have concerns.

Clerk: To register response on planning portal before 4<sup>th</sup> of October.

Cllr Paternoster: To look up residential amenity planning policy in VALP.

### **22.181 Neighbourhood Plan**

- a. The Buckland Neighbourhood Plan has been approved by the Examiner and the amended version is now ready to go to Referendum.
- b. The referendum will take place on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. The timetable is available on the Buckland Parish Council Website.

#### **Action:**

Cllr Paternoster to write a covering letter to all residents notifying them of the referendum and to inform them of the option to register for a postal vote.

Clerk: To arrange printing of the Neighbourhood plan, size A5, and the covering letter and send to all properties in Buckland Parish.

Clerk: To post information about the referendum and link to Neighbourhood plan on Social Media

## **22.182 Policies and Procedures**

To consider and agree any changes to policies and procedures

### **a. SAAA and Governance Returns**

The Council unanimously agreed they do not wish to opt out of the SAAA Governance Returns

## **22.184 Roads and Transportation**

Cllrs were concerned that no traffic calming proposals for Buckland Wharf and Tring Hill had been proposed by Bucks Council, despite the fact that proposals appear to be going ahead in Aston Clinton parish. Residents of Buckland Parish have sent a petition to Bucks Council asking for traffic calming at these locations, following serious traffic accidents. The Clerk is to arrange a meeting as soon as possible with Ian McGowan, highways officer with Bucks Council. The proposals for Aston Clinton are likely to increase rat running on Buckland Road.

### **Action:**

Clerk to: Invite Ian McGowan to an urgent meeting with Buckland PC to discuss future traffic calming in our Parish, including Buckland Wharf, Tring Hill, Buckland Road, and Lower Icknield way.

The Council discussed the need for a turning circle for large vehicles in Lower Buckland . Lewis Minney, local highways technician from Bucks Council, has advised that the concrete blocks which currently impede space to turn on the service road north of the bypass should be removed or moved aside. Lewis Minney also supported the use of appropriate signage.

## **22.185 Maintenance of Land Holdings**

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

- a. Cllr Hayward has yet to meet with Rev Bottomer to discuss signage in the churchyard. Only 5 more cremations are allowed in the churchyard, which will then be closed. Buckland Parish Council will need to prepare an area in the burial ground ready for future cremations of Buckland parishioners.
- b. There were no further updates to discuss under Grass keep, allotments
- C. Community Orchard
  - i)Thistle issue
  - ii)Sowing of wildflower seeds

### **Action:**

Clerk: Get quotes for clearance of overgrown area for cremations in the burial ground.

Cllr Sainsbury: Gather competitive quotes from three landscapers, in preparation for review of the maintenance contract for the churchyard and burial ground areas for 2023.

Clerk: to get contact details of local landscape maintenance companies.

Clerk: Cllr S Gillingham to arrange a meeting with Nicholls farmers for BPC to discuss the future maintenance and irrigation of the Community Orchard and Nature Reserve.

### **22.186 Footpaths and Environment**

- a. Two overgrown footpaths were reported and logged

#### **Action:**

Cllr Livingston to contact parishioner who complained about footpaths to discuss further.

### **22.187 Website & Communications**

A news item has been submitted to Village Life and placed on parish council notice boards.

A website site map plan and requirements are being produced by the Clerk to enable the improvement of the Buckland Parish Council Website

#### **Action:**

Clerk: to present the website plan to the next meeting.

Cllr N Hayward: To action a logo design for Buckland

### **22.188 Arla/Olleco**

- a. The filters have recently been changed on site and Buckland Parish Council will monitor odours and assess if there has been any change in the pattern of odours.

#### **Action:**

Clerk to monitor odour complaints

### **22.189 Grant Applications**

- a. To consider opportunities and discuss grant applications

Grant submitted to Gib Lane for community grant for the purchase of fruit trees

#### **Action:**

Clerk: to ask if an irrigation system would be eligible for a community board grant.

Cllr F Livingston to get three quotes for irrigation and send to Clerk.

### **22.190 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.

### **22.191 Correspondence and circulars**

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

**22.192 Date of next Parish Council Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022** at 7.00pm in Buckland Village Hall,

**22.193 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.*

**Grasskeep and allotment land, Tring Hill**

Meeting concluded at:20.50pm

Signed:

Chairman:

Date: