

Meeting of Buckland Parish Council
On Monday 12th August 2024
at Buckland Village Hall @ 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

Cllr Nigel Hayward (Chair), Cllr Jon Sainsbury (Vice Chair), Cllr Carole Paternoster, Cllr Fiona Livingston.
Mrs Jane Lewis (Clerk)

24.140 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Heather McKenna and Buckinghamshire Cllr Mike Collins.

24.141 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

24.142 Open Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

24.143 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th July 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chair Cllr Nigel Hayward.

24.144 Clerk's Report

- Church Warden for All Saints Church, Celia Gosling, thanked Buckland Parish Council for cutting grass in the churchyard before open gardens in June.
- The community noticeboard outside the village hall has been taken away by Wendover Shed group for refurbishment.
- The clerk has set up the HMRC Direct debit for NI.
- The clerk requested an email address for Cllr Carole Paternoster when she is acting as Assistant Clerk. This was agreed.
- Complaints have been received from residents in Dean Way regarding the new village gates that have been installed for Aston Clinton village. Clerk has followed this up with Buckinghamshire Council and Aston Clinton Parish Council. The gates were installed as part of an initiative by Aston Clinton Society to identify an urban area and try to help with speed reduction.

24.145 Finance

a. Council approved the payments for June and July 2024.

June 2024

28/06/2024	ONECOM SVS LIMITED		85.21
24/06/2024	E SHARP ESharpeINV1503		222.99
	BC PAYMENTS-207438-20582956 933988-BC PAYMENTS-&--&-LA01		
21/06/2024	3401842061 K	349.64	
19/06/2024	Jane Lewis Parking		5.55
19/06/2024	Jane Lewis Postage AGAR		8.95
10/06/2024	GOCARDLESS – Hugo Fox		23.99
07/06/2024	GOCARDLESS – Cloudy IT		84.00

05/06/2024	SILVERSPADE LANDSCAPES LIMITED BPC Inv 0538	720.00
04/06/2024	F LIVINGSTONE Padlock	39.00
03/06/2024	SLCC Subscription	183.00
03/06/2024	Scribe	851.55

July 2024

31/07/2024	ONECOM SVS LIMITED	67.25
30/07/2024	B OLD SCHOOL TRUST BPC Office Hire	250
22/07/2024	Starboard Systems Ltd Scribe BPC 6295	489.6
22/07/2024	SILVERSPADE LANDSCAPES Inv 0589	240
12/07/2024	ICO	35
10/07/2024	BAS ASSOCIATES	68.4
08/07/2024	Hugo Fox	23.99
05/07/2024	Cloudy IT	84
01/07/2024	B OLD SCHOOL TRUST BPC Office Hire	250

b. Telephone Contract

Clerk has investigated possible telephone line contracts. One Com have provided the most competitive quote. Clerk to investigate Gigaclear and then make a decision.

24.146 Planning Applications/Matters

- Planning appeal Chapel Drive, Aston Clinton – Cllr Carole Paternoster will attend the appeal hearing on 20th August. Buckland Parish Council objections will focus on coalescence, landscaping, Conservation area and listed monument. A decision is expected in October.
- Bloor Homes Proposed Development off Lower Icknield Way – Members of Buckland Parish Council and Aston Clinton Parish Council met with representatives from Bloor Homes regarding proposed development of Lower Icknield Way. A letter has been distributed to nearby residents. Buckland Parish Council will object to this application.
- Thames Water Pumping Station – There have been no further updates on the proposed pumping station. Clerk will contact new local MP to ask if they will continue the work that Rob Butler had started.
- NALC Survey on Planning policy – Cllr Carole Paternoster to complete.
- Planning Application Consultation 24/02328/APP - 4 New Road Buckland Buckinghamshire HP22 5JB Householder application for demolition of rear conservatory and erection of two storey rear extension. Buckland Parish Council has no objection to this plan.

24.147 Consultations and Correspondence

- Community Climate Action Collaboration Weston Turville PC – Buckland Parish Council had been asked to attend workshop on 12th October.

24.148 Roads and Transportation

Updates on:

- Tring Hill/ Buckland Wharf – Clerk has still not received a response from Buckinghamshire Council.
ACTION: Clerk to follow up when summer break is over.

- Demand Responsive Transport Service Briefing Update – Cllr Jon Sainsbury reported on a new scheme being introduced locally. A community bus service will be introduced to rural areas that residents can book up to two weeks in advance. Users will pay comparable bus fares. Not start date has been given.
- New Road – Residents have received updated quote relating to no access signs. Council agreed to pay quote of £220. Residents will install.

24.149 Maintenance of Land Holdings

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

- Report on Community Orchard Clean up with Chiltern Society 7th August. - A successful initial clearing of hedgerows in Community Orchard had taken place. 5 volunteers from The Chiltern Society and 3 from the village working for 4 hours. Further sessions will be organised.
- Aston Clinton, Drayton Beauchamp and Buckland Horticultural Society donation – **ACTION: Clerk to investigate costs and order trees for autumn planting, once the grass has been cut.**
- Matt Nicholls to cut and clear the grass from the wildflower areas in the community orchard and in the burial ground. Arisings to be left on site. **ACTION: Clerk to contact and organise.**
- Purchase of wildflower seeds for the community orchard and wildflower area in the burial ground. These to be sown before December. **ACTION: Clerk to make an application to Wendover Community Board for wildflower seeds.**
- SSE Update on tree in Grazing land – Clerk has contacted SSE regarding dead tree near cables in Grazing Land. SSE will carry out a site visit.

24.150 Footpaths and Environment

To receive reports and agree any actions:

- Hedges- Complaints being received relating to Hedge along Buckland Road opposite Moat Farm up to New Road. Concerns relating to visibility as the hedge is now protruding onto the road. Buckinghamshire Council have been informed, however do not see it as an issue.
- Footpaths audit update – To be completed in the next month. **ACTION: Cllr Livingston and Cllr Hayward.**
- Bridleway bollards installation – These have been installed at the Puttenham end; however Bucks have still not installed on Buckland Side.
- Halton Parish Council meeting on LED lights – Update. Cllr Heather Mckenna will circulate.
- Grass Cutting – Council discussed the grass cutting contract and state of the verges through the village. Buckinghamshire Council will carry out one more cut in the next couple of months. Grass cutting in Churchyard and burial ground has been hampered by residents telling contractors not to cut certain areas. Council needs to review with Church more contribution from Church to grass cutting as current funding is unsustainable. A new tender will be issued in September for the coming year.
- Vermin issue – Buckland Wharf – Residents continue to experience problems with rats thought to be caused by overflowing bins at local restaurant. Bucks' Environmental office is continuing to monitor restaurant, they have also sent a letter to local residents reminding them of issues such as bin control, feeding birds etc.
- Waste bin – Bus stop on Tring Hill. Application from Aston Clinton Society for a waste bin at bus stop on Tring hill has been turned down by Wendover Community Board. BPC cannot fund due to budget restrictions.

24.151 Website, Social Media and Communications

- Facebook Page – Now has 60 followers. Needs to be converted to a business page to allow more detailed documents to be uploaded. **ACTION: Clerk to action**

24.152 Grants

- Gib Lane Community Fund potential grant applications – Funding application to be submitted by mid-September. Clerk to apply for funding for kissing gate in Orchard and new hedgerow.

24.153 Arla/Olleco

- Information received from ARLA re LNG operation being approved. **ACTION: Cllr Sainsbury to contact Martin McBride regarding lack of communication on the issue.**

24.154 Matters of Report

Cllr Paternoster reported back on Wendover Community Board meeting. BBOWT no longer have funds for grants. Wendover Community Board focussing on smaller grants for the community.

Cllr Paternoster and Cllr Livingston will be meeting with Cllr Mike Collins and resident regarding concerns over ownership of bridge at Buckland Wharf and other issues.

24.155 Circulars

There were no circulars to discuss.

24.156 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Buckland Parish Council will be held on Monday 9th September 2024

The meeting finished at 8.15pm