



Buckland Parish Council meeting being held on 8th December 2025 in Buckland Village Hall.

Minutes

PRESENT: Cllr Carole Paternoster (Vice Chair), Cllr Fiona Livingston, Cllr Heather McKenna, Cllr Rachel Critchell and Mrs Jane Lewis (Clerk).
Buckinghamshire Cllr Mike Collins and Buckinghamshire Cllr Steve Bowles.

25.191 Apologies

Cllr Jon Sainsbury and Cllr Huseyin Caglayan.

25.192 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

25.193 Open Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

25.194 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th November 2025 were agreed and signed by the acting Chair Cllr Carole Paternoster.

25.195 Clerks Report

- The locks on the main door of the Hall have been changed. Clerk will notify Councillors how to access the building.
- The Clerk requested approval to attend NALC Course Beyond the Precept: Funding solutions for smaller parish and town councils Feb 11th £35. This was approved by council.
- Request has been received from Ascott House to advertise in Parish Newsletter. **ACTION: Clerk to redirect to Village Life publication.**
- Dog bin – Local dog walkers have noted that the bins are no longer overflowing as the dog walking businesses have been taking dog waste elsewhere so no longer wish to contribute to a new bin.
- Clerk is attending FOI training this week and Assertion 10 training.
- Clerk has received comments from public regarding the streetlight opposite Yew Tree Cottage being very dark due to overhanging trees. **ACTION: Clerk to contact owner and request cutback of trees.**
- Quote has been received to repair the village gate sign at Buckland Wharf for £395.98. Given budget constraints Clerk to chase Buckinghamshire Council to repair and BPC to review in January.

25.196 Finance

- The accounts for November 2025 were approved.
November 2025
Opening Balance £62357.63
Income £500

Expenditure	£2466.60	
Closing Balance	£60391.03	
6/11/2025	Cloudy IT	£99.74
6/11/2025	S Webb (Noticeboard repairs)	£445.00
10/11/2025	Bugler	£20.00
10/11/2025	Amersham Town Council	£340.80
14/11/2025	Grasskeep Payment	£500
17/11/2025	Stamps	£17.40
21/11/2025	SSE	£283.31
24/11/2025	Printer Inks	£71.21
28/11/2025	OneCom	£56.56

- **SSE Account**

Payments to SSE for street lighting have increased due to introduction of half hourly meter readings, instead of estimated readings. This is part of a Mandatory settlement relating to increased standing charges, and also increases in government taxes. As a result there will be a budget overspend of approximately £1500 this year. This will also impact the future budget and costs for next financial year. **ACTION: Clerk to see if alternative contracts can be found and share details with councillors, and also to ascertain if switching lamps to LED would be cost effective**

25.197 Planning Applications/Matters

- PL/25/3484/FA Lodge Farm House, Buckland Wharf, Buckland, Buckinghamshire, HP22 5LH
Application type: Provision of vehicular access with associated works. BPC have now been made statutory consultee on this application alongside Aston Clinton Parish Council. It was noted that Buckinghamshire Highways have commented that access to two current properties, The Lodge and Lodge Farm would be acceptable but not for any further development on the site.
- Occupation of Canal Plot in Lower Buckland – Nothing to report.
- To consider any planning applications received since 1st December 2025. There have been no further planning applications.

25.198 Thames Water Pumping Station Update

Thames Water have contacted Buckland Parish Council to let them know that they have been reviewing possible locations for the site and are in active discussion with landowners. Pre-application will be submitted to Buckinghamshire Council in January, and a meeting will be arranged with Buckland Parish Council, along with a public drop in session at an undisclosed location.

25.199 Consultations

Buckinghamshire Fire Service consultation on reduction of fleets. **ACTION: Cllr Carole Paternoster to complete on behalf of Buckland Parish Council, mentioning the need to maintain current service levels due to increased housing allocations in the Aylesbury area.**

25.200 Roads and Transportation

Updates on:

- Buckland Road – Buckinghamshire Council have confirmed they will supply temporary signs that can be used on Buckland Road.
- Tring Hill / Buckland Wharf Traffic calming – letter will be sent in January responding to reply from Laura Kyrke-Smith MP.
- Speedwatch group – Thames Valley Police have requested Speedwatch equipment back. The Buckland group has been disbanded due to lack of volunteers.

25.201 Maintenance of Land Holdings

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

- a. Burial Ground– Yellow rattle was sown by volunteers from The Chiltern Society and the wildflower area has been marked out to prevent grass cutting.
- b. Lower Buckland /Community Orchard – Yellow rattle was sown in the orchard by The Chiltern Society. Replacement trees have been planted. Clerk to look at possible community planting event in New Year. 70 hedge whips have died. It was agreed to spend £100 on replacement whips, tree protectors and stakes for new trees that had been donated.
- c. Primrose Copse and Allotments – UK power networks have visited Grass keep site and confirmed that dead tree can be removed. They will need to be notified when work is carried out to deenergise the power lines. **ACTION: Clerk to investigate cost of tree removal.**

25.202 Footpaths and Environment

To receive reports and agree any actions

- Devolved Services – Clerk is in discussion with devolved services regarding grass cutting maps. Buckinghamshire Council have confirmed that they are removing sign and bollard cleaning from the agreements. Future funding will be in line with inflation.
- Footpaths & Bridleways – a complaint had been received regarding the overgrowth at the footpath at the end of Peggs Lane. This has already been reported to Buckinghamshire Council and is awaiting clearance.
- Fix my street – Issues have been reported and shown as closed yet not been actioned. Cllr Bowles reported that a working group has been established to review the Fix My Street platform.
- Buckland Wharf streetlight issue – Buckinghamshire Council have said the external contractor will not be able to carry out repairs to the underground cable until March 2026. In the meantime, they will try to repair individual columns.

25.203 Business Continuity Plan

- IT Back up – Review in January 2026.

25.204 Arla/Olleco

- a. To receive reports and agree any actions required – ARLA have responded to request from MP regarding meetings with the local community and maintain their stance for not needing the meetings.
- b. Olleco Aston Clinton residents meeting 09/12/25 @5:30pm - 6:30pm – will be attended by Cllr Rachel Critchell and Clerk, Jane Lewis. Cllr Fiona Livingston and Cllr Jon Sainsbury attending at alternative time.
- c. Update on smells – Smells continue to be logged.

25.205 Matters of Report

There were none.

25.206 Correspondence and circulars

There were none.

25.207 Date of next Parish Council Meeting on Monday 12th January 2026 6.30pm in Parish Office, Buckland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm