

Meeting of Buckland Parish Council
On Monday 11th November 2024
at Buckland Village Hall @ 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

Cllr Nigel Hayward (Chair), Cllr Jon Sainsbury (Vice Chair), Cllr Fiona Livingston, Cllr Heather McKenna, Cllr Carole Paternoster (Assistant Clerk).

Buckinghamshire Cllr Steve Bowles and two members of the public were also present.

24.194 Apologies

Apologies were received from the Clerk, Mrs Jane Lewis, and Buckinghamshire Cllr Mike Collins.

24.195 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

24.196 Open Forum

No items were raised

24.197 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th October 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chair Cllr Nigel Hayward.

24.198 Assistant Clerk's Report

- An overflowing dog bin at Buckland Road was reported via Fix My Street and was emptied very quickly. This was a very good service.
- Despite their earlier promise of an update in October, nothing further has been heard from Thames Water concerning the proposed new pumping station at Buckland Road.
- Despite assurances that the on demand bus service would be available to Buckland village residents, Buckland has been missed off the Village Connect poster. The assistant clerk has contacted Michelle Parker of the Wendover Community Board, who will investigate this matter. Bierton has also been missed off the poster.
- The refurbished noticeboard at Buckland Wharf has now been put in place by Wendover Shed.

ACTION: Clerk to formally write and thank them.

24.199 Finance

This item has been deferred to the December meeting.

24.200 Planning Applications/Matters

- Application 24/01692/APP Tudor Thatch, New Road: Removal of existing thatched roof and replacement with tiled roof. No objection.

- Application 24/03319/APP Arla, installation of temporary bio-LNG refuelling station, including LNG storage tank, vaporisers, kiosk, fuel dispenser. No objection to new location which is further away from properties in Lower Buckland than existing planning consent, which this application replaces.
- Approved 24/03045/ATC Old School House, removal of diseased horse chestnut tree.
- Approved 24/02772/ATC Church Farm crown reduction of two trees.
- Approved 24/02832/APP Dancers End House, replacement of existing lean-to extension. Erection of single storey rear extension.

24.201 Consultations and Correspondence

- NALC Burials and Cremations consultation survey. Following a discussion and concern expressed about the Law Commission's proposal for grave reuse after 75 years, the Assistant Clerk was asked to complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council. **ACTION: Assistant Clerk to complete survey**

24.202 Roads and Transportation

Updates on:

- Buckland Road: two sets of Truvelo strips, one in the 40mph and one in 30mph sections, were put in place on 7th November for one week.
- Tring Hill/ Buckland Wharf – Still no reply to BPC's letter sent to the highway authority in May.
ACTION: Clerk to write to Richard Barker requesting a response

24.203 Devolution update: Still waiting For Aylesbury Town Council to contact BPC Clerk re future contract work. Bucks Council have confirmed that formal paperwork will be sent out towards the end of January.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Aylesbury Town Council

24.204 Maintenance of Land Holdings

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

- **Community Orchard:** Cllr Livingston reported that 15 native species trees for the copse area had been ordered from Lindengate and their cost would be covered by a grant from Aston Clinton and Buckland Horticultural Society. Three wooden benches, the subject of a 2023 grant from Grantscape, were due to be delivered to the site on Friday 15th November. These would be erected by Steve Webb from Aylesbury Town Council. BPC's current application to Grantscape for a pedestrian access gate is awaiting final approval this month. **ACTION: arrange for tree collection and planting once invoice received from Lindengate**
- **Burial Ground/churchyard:** It was agreed that the grass had been cut and hedge trimmed as requested ready for the Remembrance Sunday service. It was also agreed to maintain the cutting status quo but to ask All Saints Church to contribute.
- **Removal of Water Meter at allotment land on Tring Hill:** This work has now been carried out by Thames Water and a refund has been received from Castle Water.
- **Primrose Copse/Allotments/Grass Keep:** Cllr Sainsbury confirmed that the allotment land would be cut in February, and that he would be submitting to the Clerk his annual report, together with photos, on the above landholdings. **ACTION: Cllr Sainsbury to complete annual report for Clerk**

24.205 Footpaths and Environment

To receive reports and agree any actions:

- **Roadside Hedgerows:** It was noted that the roadside hedgerows are now very overgrown, in some places constituting a traffic hazard. Overgrown hedges mean that ditches are now blocked with weeds and undergrowth, which is likely to lead to flooding during the winter months. Cllr Livingston agreed to contact our Bucks Council LAT, Lewis Minney, to ask Bucks Council to write to the landowners to request that overgrown hedges and ditches are cut back and cleared before the bad weather arrives. It was also agreed to ask the Clerk to look at the grasscutting budget to see if it would be possible to

pay for the grass verges to be cut once the hedges and ditches have been cleared. **ACTION: Cllr Livingston to contact Lewis Minney; Clerk to check grasscutting budget**

- **Footpaths:** Cllrs reported various problems with footpaths. Bucks Council have said they will not be repairing the stile between the Glebe and Moat Farm meadow where the post has been forced to one side so that the gate no longer closes. There is a fallen tree across FP7 near Cherry Farm. On FP7 the ditch crossing between the Glebe and the Nicholl's field needs to be replaced with concrete sleepers. **ACTION: Cllr Livingston to report the above to Alastair McVail, Bucks Council RoW officer**

24.206 Grants

- Chiltern Society: The Society has approved a grant request of £440 for hedging plants for the Community Orchard site and also to fill gaps in the hedge in Green Lane. The work will be carried out with the help of volunteers during the winter months.
- Grantscape: Final approval of the 2024 grant application for a pedestrian entrance to the Community Orchard is due in November.

24.207 Arla/Olleco

- Planning application 24/03319/APP has been received for the location of the temporary Bio-LNG refuelling station adjacent to the A41 bypass and further from properties in Lower Buckland.
- Concern was expressed about the size of the injunction signs on the grass verge outside Arla on the Lower Buckland road. Could these be made smaller or even removed? Cllr Sainsbury offered to contact Martin McBride. **ACTION: Cllr Sainsbury to contact Martin McBride**
- Odours were again reported in the village today. Concern was expressed that the only odour monitoring by Arla appears to be an employee driving around the area in a car. **ACTION: Cllr Sainsbury to contact Arla**

24.208 Matters of Report

There were no matters of report.

24.209 Circulars

There were no circulars to discuss.

24.210 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Buckland Parish Council will be held on Monday 9th December 2024, when dates for BPC meetings in 2025 will be available.

The meeting concluded at 8.05pm