

BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Fiona Richardson, Buckland Parish Council, Village Hall, New Road, Buckland, HP22 5JB Tel. 01296 630962 email: clerk@buckland-pc.gov.uk

Members of the Council were summoned to attend the **Buckland Parish Council Meeting**

On **Monday 14th November 2022** at Buckland Village Hall @ 7.00pm

Minutes

Attending:

Cllr Mr N Hayward (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs S Gillingham

Cllr Mr J Sainsbury

Cllr Mrs F Livingston

Cllr Mrs C Paternoster

Cllr Mike Collins, Buckinghamshire Council

Two members of the public

22. 214 Apologies

Apologies were received from the Clerk, Mrs Fiona Richardson.

22. 215 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

22.216 Open Forum

Two members of the public, who moved into the Parish recently, introduced themselves.

22.217 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 10th of October 2022 were agreed and signed.

22.218 Clerk's Report

No matters had been received from the Clerk which were not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

22.219 Finance

- a. Payments were approved and balances agreed.
- b. The draft budget was reviewed by Councillors. Changes were made to some of the proposed figures for 2023/24. Quotations are still awaited for irrigation and land maintenance at the community orchard, copse and nature reserve at Lower Buckland. Therefore, it was decided to make the changes agreed so far to the draft proposals, but to await receipt of the quotations for irrigation and land maintenance which are expected very soon, and bring back a revised draft to the December meeting.

Action: **Clerk** to present a revised draft budget at the December Buckland Parish Council meeting.

22.220 Planning

22/03540/APP 15 Blackmore Gate. Householder application for single storey rear extension

Decision: no objection

22/02797/APP 216 London Road, Buckland. Householder application for single storey rear extension

Decision: no objection

22/03502/APP The Old Rothschild Arms, Buckland Road. Householder application for proposed replacement of garage front dormer window and new rear dormer window

Decision: objection on the following grounds:

The proposed rear dormer window will directly overlook the private rear gardens and properties of numbers 2 to 14 Buckland Road. The building is very close to the boundary with no. 14. Therefore, the proposal is detrimental to the residential amenity of nos. 2 to 14 Buckland Road and contrary to VALP planning policy BE3. The block plan submitted with this application shows the neighbouring property, no. 14 Buckland Road, not the site for this proposal. Looking through previous planning applications for this site, the Parish Council was unable to find the planning consent relating to the garage which is the subject of this proposal. The only approved planning application is 16/01223/APP for a single stable and tack room/feed store, which was approved on 27th May 2016.

Action: **Clerk** to notify the above decisions to Buckinghamshire Council planning department

22.221 Neighbourhood Plan

A referendum was held on 3rd November 2022. The result was 98% of the votes cast were in favour of the revised Buckland Neighbourhood Plan becoming planning policy for the Parish. The Plan will now be 'made' by Buckinghamshire Council.

22.222 Policies and Procedures

There were no policies or procedures to review.

22.203 Consultations

There were no current consultations requiring a response from Buckland Parish Council.

22.204 Roads and Transportation

Tring Hill/Buckland Wharf road safety issues: several accidents have taken place recently outside the Victorian cottages at Buckland Wharf, where vehicles have no off-road parking. 5 cars have been written off due to vehicles speeding down Tring Hill, despite the 30mph limit, and crashing into parked vehicles. Fortunately, no pedestrians have been in the area when these crashes have occurred. Local residents have sent two petitions to Buckinghamshire Council, which have been diverted to the Wendover Community Board, although they could not be discussed due to the highways officer who wrote the report not attending the meeting. Unfortunately, at the same time the petitions were sent to Buckinghamshire Council this Council was holding a public consultation on a traffic calming scheme in Aston Clinton. Highways officers

have taken the two petitions to be responses to the Aston Clinton scheme, which has nothing to do with the crashes at Buckland Wharf. Buckland Parish Council has supported its residents and will continue to do so until a road safety solution is found. The Parish Council has spent at least 6 months trying to get a meeting with highways officers to discuss the road safety issues at Buckland Wharf, but without success. Officers reply that they have no s106 money for further traffic calming, obviously linking this to their Aston Clinton scheme. Cllr Mike Collins was asked to take this matter to senior highways officers to try to get a site meeting with Buckland Parish Council to find a solution to the road traffic dangers in this area. TVP Inspector James Davies has also been asked by the Parish Council for a copy of the speed data for this area over the last two years. The traffic police hold regular speed checks of vehicles in this area.

Action: **Cllr Mike Collins** to contact senior highways officers and to arrange a meeting with Buckland Parish Council on behalf of local residents.

Gigaclear are currently installing fibre to property broadband in the local area. On 9th November they started work in Buckland village. Suddenly residents found barricades across driveways, off road parking spaces were taken over, pedestrians had nowhere to go, lorries, etc. were driving over grass verges. The men working on site were very obliging and helped residents gain access to or from properties, but there was traffic chaos throughout the village. No notice of these works taking place was given to local residents, no letters were distributed explaining what was happening and what help would be provided, or even who was carrying out the work. The current state of the grass verges throughout the village is appalling and likely to deteriorate.

Action: **Clerk** to write to Gigaclear and notify them of these complaints, requesting that Gigaclear reinstate and reseed the verges as soon as work in the village has been completed. There are no pavements, and the verges are used by pedestrians.

Bollards on verges at Buckland Road: these are due to be installed in January.

22.225 Maintenance of Land Holdings

- a. Burial Ground: the Nicholls have been asked to put up the footpath notices in the churchyard and burial ground
- b. Grass keep and allotments: the search is on for the water meter on this site so that it can be read and water charges adjusted accordingly.
- c. Land Management Contract (General): quotations are being sought for an eventual three-year contract.
- d. Community Orchard:
 - Irrigation: awaiting quotations for this
 - Planting of fruit trees: this will need to take place after the installation of the irrigation system and has been postponed until autumn 2023

22.226 Footpaths and Environment

There was nothing to report

22.227 Website & Communications

The newsletter content provided by the Clerk was approved.

22.228 Arla/Olleco

- a. There are still smells from Arla and Olleco, which are being reported to the Environment Agency.
- b. Councillors attended the Arla/Olleco meeting on 12th October. Arla thanked Buckland residents for their support during the recent animal rights protests, and confirmed that there would be an increase in lighting and security patrols. Arla did admit that smells have been recorded during the odour walks carried out by their staff. They confirmed that they see all the odour complaints made to the Environment Agency and investigate them. Olleco confirmed that they do not process oil on site and do not intend to do so.

22.229 Grant Applications

The Grantscape application for a grant of £3,600 has been approved. This will be used for planting the remaining fruit trees in autumn 2023.

An initial application has been made to the Wendover Community Board for £6,000 for the irrigation of the community orchard. Currently awaiting quotations from third parties for this work.

22.230 Matters of Report

There were none.

22.231 Correspondence and circulars

Circulars were made available at the meeting but were not discussed unless required.

22.232 Date of next Parish Council Meeting 12th December 2022 at 7.00pm in Buckland Village Hall,

Action: Clerk to circulate list of meeting dates for 2023

Meeting concluded at:21.00

Signed:

Chairman:

Date: