

Meeting of Buckland Parish Council
On Monday 9th December 2024
at Buckland Village Hall @ 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

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

Mrs Jane Lewis (Clerk)

Buckinghamshire Cllr Steve Bowles was also present.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

24.211 Apologies

Apologies from Buckinghamshire Cllr Mike Collins were received.

24.212 Declarations of interest

Cllr Jon Sainsbury declared an interest in the advertising of Field End House as a Nightclub venue. Cllr Sainsbury resides nearby.

24.213 Open Forum

No items were raised.

24.214 Minutes

The Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th November 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chair Cllr Nigel Hayward.

24.215 Clerk's Report

- The Clerk reminded councillors of the on line meeting with Thames Water on 16th December.
- The track to community orchard is becoming increasingly messy and pot holes are getting deeper. A local resident has reported this to Buckinghamshire Council Highways team who are following up.
- The husband of Mrs. Veronica Baker has submitted plans for the headstone on her grave within the burial ground. Mr. Baker had asked for the name "Wonky" to be used as this was how she was known since early childhood. This was approved.
- SSE have still not come to inspect the dead tree in the Grass keep land. Residents are concerned that it may fall down and damage power cables in high storms. **ACTION: Clerk to report SSE.**
- The Clerk thanked Cllr Carole Paternoster for taking on role of Assistant Clerk while she was away on sick leave.

24.216 Finance

a. Review of grass cutting tenders

Cllrs agreed to discuss this matter at the January 2025 meeting once further information had been received regarding devolved services. Based on initial quotes a budget of £10000 will be allocated for grass cutting and burial ground maintenance.

Clerk will present the budget for next financial year at January 2025 meeting along with recent financial transactions.

24.217 Planning Applications/Matters

- 24/03607/APP - 8 Blackmore Gate Buckland Buckinghamshire HP22 5JT
Householder application for erection of detached double garage, conversion of existing garage to habitable space, and front and rear single storey extension
Council has no objection.

- Residents have complained about the impact of vehicles being driven on the track by the plots of land by the canal and also speed that vans are being driven through the village. **ACTION: Clerk to report to planning enforcement and cc Cllr Steve Bowles.**
- Cllr Paternoster reported that changes to the NPPF will be announced on Thursday 12th December. **ACTION: CP to report at Jan 2024 meeting.**

24.218 Consultations and Correspondence

- Consultation - Buckinghamshire Lane Rental Scheme (BLRS) – Companies wishing to carry out work on local highways will have to pay a rental cost for the time spent carrying out works. Tring Hill is only road affected within BPC.
- Law Commission - changes to update centuries-old burial laws. Cllr Paternoster reported on the consultation and will complete on behalf of BPC.

24.219 Roads and Transportation

- Buckland Road – Truvello Strips survey took place in November. **ACTION: CP to report findings at Jan 2025 meeting.**

24.220 Devolution update

The clerk reported that Aylesbury Town Council have stopped accepting any new parishes until budgets from Buckinghamshire Council have been received. Clerk has been in contact with Wendover and Amersham to see whether they could take on Buckland, although it seems highly unlikely.

24.221 Maintenance of Land Holdings

- Community Orchard – Clerk reported that benches and kissing gate will be installed during the week. 15 trees have been purchased from Lindengate using the £500 donation from Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp Horticultural Society and will be installed in coming months. Grant has been received from The Chiltern Society for £474 for hedging and grant approval has been received from Wendover Community Board for Wildflower seed.
- Buckland Burial Ground/All Saints Churchyard – Nothing to report.
- Allotments/Primrose Copse/Grasskeep – Nothing to report.

24.222 Footpaths and Environment

- Roadside Hedgerows and ditches – These continue to be an issue throughout the parish. Buckinghamshire Council have written to Mr Shepherd-Smith regarding hedgerow. **ACTION: Cllr Fiona Livingston to follow up.** Verge by Church Farm is becoming impassable due to fallen branches. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up.**
- Footpaths – Footpath Audit has now been completed. Issues have been reported to Buckinghamshire Council but no action has been taken. Some reports are several years old and some footpaths are becoming dangerous.
- Update on Street lighting working party – Cllr Heather McKenna attended the latest meeting. A survey is being produced to go to residents. Buckland has no pavements so turning lights off at certain times is dangerous for people walking on roads.

24.223 Grants

- Approval for Kissing Gate in Community Orchard has been received from Gib Lane Community Fund.
- Approval for wildflower seed has been approved from Wendover Community Board.

24.224 Arla/Olleco

- ARLA have cut the grass verges by the road in lower Buckland. They have reported that the yellow signs have to be in place for five years. Plans for the LNG building have been approved, although the location has been moved to side closest to the A41.

24.225 Matters of Report

Field End House has been advertised on website as a nightclub venue. **ACTION: Clerk to contact website and ask for removal.**

Clerk will be meeting with Rev Bottomer and members of PCC to discuss churchyard maintenance in the New Year.

Reports of local burglaries in recent days. **ACTION: Clerk to notify residents on Facebook.**

24.226 Circulars

There were no circulars.

24.227 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Buckland Parish Council will be held on Monday 13th January 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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