



BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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the Buckland Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th March 2026 in Buckland Village Hall.

Minutes

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

26.40 Apologies

There were no apologies.

26.41 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

26.42 Open Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

26.43 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th February 2026 were agreed and signed by the Chair Cllr Jon Sainsbury.

26.44 Clerks Report

The Clerk reported that the Parish Newsletter was being distributed by volunteers throughout the parish.

Whaddon Parish Council were requesting support for a 20MPH speed limit in rural parishes and requesting support from councils. It was agreed to offer support.

All Saints Church will be holding a quiz night on 24th April and asking for support.

26.45 Buckinghamshire Councillors Report

Buckinghamshire Cllrs reported attendance at a meeting for Hampden Fields development. Hedges and trees had recently been cut in preparation for the forthcoming works. The new link road through the development had opened, however issues had arisen due to right hand bends and accessibility. These will be rectified shortly.

Buckinghamshire Council have approved the budget for the coming financial year.

Buckinghamshire Council have delivered the Local Plan for consultation.

26.46 Finance

- Accounts for February 2026 were approved by the Council.
- The Council approved the appointment of Bridget Knight as Internal Auditor.
- The Asset register was reviewed and approved.
- AGAR/Assertion 10 – The Clerk reported that policies were now complete and the data roadmap had been completed. Clerk to ensure that review of documents in the office takes place. **ACTION:**

Clerk to investigate possibility of secure shredding. The Clerk reported that overtime for 12 hours had been claimed for the extra work required.

26.47 Policies for review

Data Protection & Privacy Policy – This was reviewed and approved.

Data Retention & Disposal Policy - This was reviewed and approved.

Privacy Policy - This was reviewed and approved.

26.48 Planning Applications/Matters

- Buckinghamshire local plan and parish briefing

Cllr Paternoster reported on the recent presentation by Buckinghamshire Council:

Sites in Buckland submitted during the recent call for sites had been found unsuitable at the moment.

One large site allocation in Aston Clinton for 1,244 residential dwellings between College Road North, A4 bypass, and the Buckland Parish boundary would affect Buckland residents since Buckland residents have to share the already overstretched social and hard infrastructure in Aston Clinton. After debate, it was decided that reasons for objection to raise at the Regulation 19 consultation are:

Development would cause coalescence between Aylesbury and the Chiltern Hills.

It would cause the loss of a strategic green gap, which had been the reason for refusal of applications on this site in the past.

Site falls within the Beechwood SAC.

It could not provide all its own infrastructure and would disadvantage the current population.

26.49 Thames Water Pumping Station Update

The Clerk reported that a request for an Addendum to the original EIA Screening Report under Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) for construction of water supply trunk main of approximately 16km in length from Kimblewick Road to the south of Aylesbury to Dancers End Reservoir. The new main is to be installed below ground and an associated above ground Water Booster Pumping Station (WBS) will be required at Buckland. - Agricultural Land To North-East Of Buckland Road Buckland Buckinghamshire HP22 5LR had been sought. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Thames Water to arrange a meeting to discuss their plans.**

26.50 Consultations

None

26.51 Roads and Transportation

- Buckland Road – Awaiting signage from Buckinghamshire Council. Potholes have been reported.
- Tring Hill / Buckland Wharf Traffic calming – Awaiting response from Buckinghamshire Council.
- Thorne Way Residents parking issues – Awaiting response from Buckinghamshire Council.

26.52 Maintenance of Land Holdings

a. Burial Ground and Churchyard maintenance – Clerk has met with Rev Bottomer and contractor to discuss wildflower areas and reduced costs for cutting.

b. Community Orchard – Rowan trees and Cherry trees have been planted, costing £400 (£100 under budget); Chiltern Society are organising a session in Orchard later in March. Cllr Livingston reported that six trees have died over the winter.

26.53 Footpaths and Environment

- Devolved Services update – The Clerk reported that £1988 will be received from Buckinghamshire Council towards highways grass cutting services in the forthcoming financial year.

- Footpaths & Bridleways – Lower Buckland Bridleway usage continues to be an issue. The footbridge has completely broken now on BLD2
- Salt Bin – Buckinghamshire Council have refused the request for a salt bin opposite New Road, due to location and lack of houses.
- Electrical Contractor – Sharpe Electrical are no longer repairing street lights. **ACTION: Clerk to find an alternative contractor.**

26.54 Buckland Litter Pick – March 21st

There have been 10 volunteers for this event. Refreshments will be served afterwards at All Saints Church.

26.55 Business Continuity Plan

- IT Back up – External hard drive has now been purchased.

26.56 Arla/Olleco

Cllr reported that smells have started to occur again.

26.57 Matters of Report

Concerns were raised again regarding the number of dog walking businesses operating in Lower Buckland and the vehicular impact on the track.

26.58 Correspondence and circulars

Circulars will be available at the meeting but will not be discussed unless required.

26.59 Date of next Parish Council Meeting on Monday 13th April 2026 6.30pm in Parish Office, Buckland Village Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 6.00pm on Monday 13th April in Parish Office.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm.