



## BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Buckland Parish Council meeting  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 6.30pm  
in Buckland Village Hall.

### Minutes

**PRESENT:** Cllr Jon Sainsbury (Chair), Cllr Carole Paternoster (Vice Chair), Cllr Heather McKenna, Cllr Rachel Critchell and Mrs Jane Lewis (Clerk).

#### 26.60 Apologies

Buckinghamshire Cllr Mike Collins, Buckinghamshire Cllr Steve Bowles, Cllr Huseyin Caglayan and Cllr Fiona Livingston

#### 26.61 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 26.62 Open Forum

Two representatives from Absolute Barking Dog Walking Services attended the meeting. Having read previous council minutes relating to the bridleway and Lower Buckland they wished to attend to meet the Council and engage with the community. Absolute Barking do not wish to cause any issues within the community and create any negative impact. Cllr Sainsbury thanked them for attending and re iterated that Buckland Parish Council does not have the funds to repair the unmade track. He suggested that Absolutely Barking talk to other track users and see if they can find a way to improve it collectively.

#### 26.63 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were agreed and signed by the Chair, Cllr Jon Sainsbury.

#### 26.64 Clerks Report

Clerk reported that the A41 will be closed on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April for filming, in addition to this the road will be closed overnight in the preceding days for pothole repairs. East Bucks Community Board have launched their Responsible Dog owners Campaign.

#### 26.65 Buckinghamshire Councillors Report

No report.

#### 26.66 Finance

- The accounts for March 2026 were approved by Council and signed by the Chair Cllr Jon Sainbury.

Opening Balance	£50157.59
Money in	£2832.99
Money Out	£5140.49
Closing Balance	£47850.12

2/3/26	BOST	£300	
2/3/26	Empire Landscapes Burial Ground	£360	
2/3/26	Empire Landscapes All Saints	£310	
2/3/26	Stationery	£57.50	
2/3/26	Refund – Clock		£12.99
2/3/26	Printer Inks	£180.31	
2/3/26	Buckinghamshire Council Dog Bins	£15.98	
2/3/26	Elm Solar Panel		£2000
5/3/26	Cloudy IT	£99.74	
5/3/26	External Hard drive	£74.99	
5/3/26	Stamps	£39.40	
9/3/26	Hugo Fox	£23.99	
9/3/26	Matt Nicholls – Hedge work	£200	
9/3/26	Matt Nicholls – Tree planting	£350	
19/3/26	Amersham Town Council	£340.80	
19/3/26	Balc	£50.00	
23/3/26	SSE	£268.05	
26/3/26	Amersham Town Council	£340.80	
27/3/26	Account Fee	£3.00	
30/3/26	BOST	£300	
31/3/26	Dignity Funerals		£250
31/3/26	One Com	£47.02	

- AGAR Audit - Clerk reported that the Internal Audit will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Clerk has nearly completed the work required and will be carrying out a paper audit over coming days to comply with Assertion 10 guidance. Reserves are now within NALC guidance and Clerk will look for possible savings accounts. **ACTION: Clerk to investigate.**
- Approval of quote from Cloudy IT Renewal – Council agreed a quote of £1383 per annum compared to £1196 for the previous year. Budget is £1500. It was noted that Cloudy IT have improved their service over the past year.
- Approval of quotes for Verge grass cutting and Burial Ground and All Saints Church – Quotes have been received and agreed for grass cutting within the Parish. The quote by Amersham Town Council for the verges of £3402 (no increase on previous year) was agreed. The quote for All Saints Church £2160 (same as last year) was agreed. The quote for the Buckland Parish Burial Ground £4032 (same as last year) was agreed.

### 26.67 Planning Applications/Matters

- To consider any planning applications received since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026  
23/01334/AOP -The Orchard Lower Icknield Way Buckland Buckinghamshire HP22 5LR  
Outline application with all matters reserved for erection of 2 dwellings to include demolition of an existing building.  
BPC has no objection to this application as long as the appropriate rate of biodiversity net gain is achieved, in line with biodiversity Policy 15 of the Buckland Neighbourhood Plan.

Updated advice had been received from BMKALC relating to timescales for planning applications and appeals. These were noted.

### 26.68 Thames Water Pumping Station Update

A meeting has been arranged with Thames Water representatives and the local MP to discuss progress on this issue. Once the Council have been updated Council will share information with residents.

### **26.69 Burial Ground Regulations**

It was agreed to change accepted methods of payment to BACS only.

### **26.70 Consultations**

None

### **26.71 Roads and Transportation**

Updates on:

- Buckland Road – Temporary speed signage has been installed by Buckinghamshire Council. A complaint has been received from a resident on the corner of Buckland Road as there is no signage by the bend. This could be due to the closeness of the bend and distraction to drivers
- Tring Hill / Buckland Wharf Traffic calming – Letter from Buckinghamshire Cllr Tom Broom has been shared with his permission.
- Speeding within the Parish – This was discussed at length by Council and had been raised in the Annual Parish Meeting. Complaints have been received recently about speeding in Lower Buckland as well as the rest of the parish. It was agreed to investigate possible signage within the parish as drivers enter and also the possibility of a campaign with posters from local school children, and collaborate with Aston Clinton Parish Council if they wish. **ACTION: Clerk and Cllr Rachel Critchell to follow up.**
- Thorne Way Residents parking issues – No response from Buckinghamshire Council. It was noted that resident from Thorne Way has reported persistent car parking on pavement.

### **26.72 Maintenance of Land Holdings**

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

- a. Burial Ground and Churchyard maintenance – Grass cutting has started again for the season.
- b. Community Orchard – Thanks to Chiltern Society for organising a weeding session in the Orchard. New hosepipes have been installed and a rota for watering is being drawn up. **ACTION: Cllr Livingston**
- c. Grasskeep Tree Removal – this is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> and all parties have been informed.

### **26.73 Footpaths and Environment**

To receive reports and agree any actions

- Footpaths & Bridleways – Footbridge on boundary between Puttenham and Buckland is shared responsibility. Dacorum has confirmed Bucks turn to resolve issues. Clerk has reported again.
- Fly-tipping – Fly-tipping occurred in Lower Buckland 24 hours after the litter pick. Buckinghamshire Council Street Scene came out three times in the two weeks following litter pick to remove rubbish and installed signage. TVP attended burnt out car which has since been removed.

### **26.74 Buckland Litter Pick – March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Successful community event with 18 people in attendance and 20 bags of rubbish collected.

### **26.75 Arla/Olleco**

There has been an increase in odours from the site which have been reported. Environment Agency are following up and enquiring why Parish Council is not being notified of changes to filters etc.

### **26.76 Matters of Report**

BOST Update – Improvements to the hall continue to take place with introduction of disabled parking space, bike rack, new locks etc. The Buck Pub will be taking place in the summer along with a Seniors Lunch. BOST will not be charging for hire of hall, instead profits helping to go towards community funded initiatives. There continue to be calls for a play area which is being followed up. Treasurer vacancy is still unfilled.

### **26.77 Correspondence and circulars**

New structure for Highways team within Buckinghamshire Council was noted.

**26.78 Date of next Parish Council Meeting – Annual Meeting of Buckland Parish Council on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 6.30pm in Parish Office, Buckland Village Hall.**

The meeting closed at 7.20pm