

BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting of Buckland Parish Council
On Monday 11th July 2023
at Buckland Village Hall @ 7.00pm

Attending:

Cllr Mr N Hayward (Chairman), Cllr Mr Jon Sainsbury, Cllr Mrs Carole Paternoster (Deputy Clerk), Cllr Mrs Sue Gillingham

23.125 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mrs Fiona Livingston and Mrs Jane Lewis, Clerk

23.126 Declarations of interest Cllr Sue Gillingham declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item **23.131** planning application number 23/1334/AOP – The Orchard, Lower Icknield Way

23.127 Open Forum

No Members of the public attended, and no issues were raised under this minute

23.128 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

23.129 Clerk's Report (Mrs Jane Lewis)

The Clerk reported that she had attended a very useful training session on Agendas and Minutes and would be implementing the necessary changes.

The Clerk has received all declarations of interest from BPC Councillors and has forwarded them to the Monitoring Officer at Buckinghamshire Council.

23.130 Finance

a. Payments were approved and balances agreed. Payment of an invoice to Blacklaw for legal services was approved.

BACS Payments/Standing Orders 2023

01/06/23	Deposit – Metcalfe Funeral Directors	£600
05/06/23	SLCC – Professional Membership J Lewis	£189
08/06/23	Cloudy IT	£63.96
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08/06/23	J Lewis – Printer Inks	£143.45
15/06/23	Nest Pension	£38.48
15/06/23	Silverspades	£1764
15/06/23	BOST _ Village Hall Hire Coronation	£90

15/06/23	Gallagher Insurance	£832.12
15/06/23	J Lewis – Postage	£6.85
19/06/23	J Lewis – Shredder & Stationery	£32.88
19/06/23	J Knatchbull – Flowers 750 th Anniversary	£50
26/06/23	C D Lane Grasskeep	£450
30/06/23	One Com Phone/Broadband	£56.23
30/06/23	BOST – Office Rent	£250.

Balances

Opening Balance	£49,594.43
Money Out	£3580.93
Money In	£ 1050.00
Closing Balance	£ 47063.50

b. Insurance Renewal has been paid, but still no confirmation that it has gone through despite multiple emails.

ACTION: Clerk to continue to chase this.

c..It was decided not to appoint an external accountant due to cost implications. It was agreed that Cllr Jon Sainsbury will carry out an internal quarterly audit.

23.131 Planning Applications

- a. 23/01826/APP – Manor Farm: This is a full application following refusal of an AGN application in 2022. It was agreed that BPC should submit the same comments as made in 2022 and a neutral position.
- b. 23/01334/AOP – The Orchard, Lower Icknield Way. **Cllr Sue Gillingham had declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and left the meeting while this application was discussed.** Concern was expressed at the two new entrances to the site given the position on the highway. The application is in outline only, but shows too few car parking spaces and two-storey buildings, contrary to BPs 4, 6 and 11. Objection remains. **Cllr Sue Gillingham returned to the meeting.**
- c. 23/01871/APP – Dovecote Barn, Bottom Road. No objections

23.132 Consultations

There were none.

23.133 Roads and Transportation

- Tring Hill/ Buckland Wharf – The analysis of truelo speed data showing that vehicles are travelling well in excess of the speed limit in both directions was sent to Bucks Council’s relevant highways officers last month, requesting proposals for slowing of traffic in this area. No response has been received. Therefore, the information will now be sent to more senior highways officers, requesting proposals on how to slow traffic in this area. Bucks Cllr Mike Collins to be notified of this. All

the data and its conclusions are now in the public domain. A further injury accident occurred on Tring Hill last week.

ACTION: Clerk to send the information to senior highways officers at Buckinghamshire Council

- Speed watch – More local residents have registered their interest in becoming volunteers and are undertaking training. Speedwatch locations have been approved.

23.134 Maintenance of Land Holdings

- **Burial Ground** Positive comments have been received from the public on the high standard of grass cutting in the churchyard and burial ground for the Church's 750th celebrations. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Silverspade. It was agreed that the broken gate between the churchyard and Church Farm field should be replaced by an identical gate given the grade 2* listed building status of the church. Clerk to contact Matt Nicholls for quote for replacement gate. A site for the interment of cremated remains needs to be identified in the burial ground. Quotes to be obtained from Silverspade and Matt Nicholls for the clearance of the area adjacent to Church Farm field and also for cutting back the hedge adjacent to the Glebe.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain quotes as mentioned and send letter of thanks to Silverspade.

- **Lower Buckland** – It was reported that the irrigation is now in full working order and pathways have been mown. The grant from the Gib Lane solar farm has been extended to September 2023, and it was agreed that 50 fruit trees should be pre-ordered before the grant expires. Need to coordinate information with the Nicholls. **ACTION: Clerk to pre-order remaining 50 fruit trees for the Community Orchard before September 2023, and to coordinate with the Nicholls the planting of all trees on the site.**
- **Grass keep Copse and Allotments** - The grazing licence for the grasskeep has been renewed for the coming year and payment received.

23.135 Footpaths and Environment

There has been no action on the reports filed last month. One of these is on the county boundary with Herts and it is unclear which body is responsible. The two reported recently are Path Code BLD/7/2 and Furniture Code BLD/7/2. Cllr Fiona Livingston sent an email to say that she has chased up all outstanding footpaths issues.

The Clerk is awaiting confirmation from Aylesbury Town Council re cutting the grass verges between the A41 bypass bridge and the canal.

23.136 Website, Social Media and Communications

The Clerk has now managed to officially register BPC's address on the Post Office website. She will now follow up her search for a new broadband supplier. It was agreed that any new broadband contract should be for no longer than 12 months initially. The current broadband speed in the BPC office is very slow.

ACTION: Clerk to seek new 12 month broadband contract with faster speed

23.137 Arla/Olleco

Still continuing odour leaks from this site. Several councillors attended the meeting at ARLA on 14th June. Arla announced that they will be carrying out litter picking walks outside their site. They confirmed that they have no new plans or developments for the agricultural fields in Buckland purchased by Arla Logistics. Olleco confirmed they are processing slurry on site.

23.138 Matters of Report

The Chairman reported that the Clerk, Jane Lewis, has successfully completed her probationary period.

23.139 Date of next Parish Council Meeting 14th August 2023 at 7.00pm in Buckland Village Hall.

23.124 Confidential Item: *To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be conducted.*

Grass Keep, Primrose Copse and Allotment

The site will be fenced according to the Council's Land Registry document.

Meeting concluded at: 20.00

Signed:

Chairman:

Date: