



BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Buckland Parish Council meeting held on 13th October 2025 at 6.30pm in Buckland Village Hall.

Minutes

PRESENT: Cllr Jon Sainsbury, Cllr Carole Paternoster, Cllr Fiona Livingston, Cllr Huseyin Caglayan, Cllr Rachel Critchell and Mrs Jane Lewis (Clerk).

There were two members of the public present.

25.159 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Heather McKenna, Buckinghamshire Cllr Steve Bowles and Buckinghamshire Cllr Mike Collins.

25.160 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

25.161 Open Forum

The two members of the public came to discuss their planning application on their property, Mentmore View. Following consultation with their neighbours the residents have changed their application and are now waiting for Buckinghamshire Council to acknowledge the changes.

25.162 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th September 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chair Cllr Jon Sainsbury..

25.163 Clerks Report

- There have been reports of dogs being roped behind cars in Lower Buckland; Gates were broken in Puttenham last week and also tried in Drayton Beauchamp. Been seen in the village again over the weekend. This has been reported to Rural police department by residents.
- Buckland Wharf Street lights are not working. This has been reported to Buckinghamshire Council and the clerk has emphasised the urgency due to the dangerous junction. The case is still open on Fix my street, the Street Lighting team have said it appears there is a cable fault which may involve excavation to locate and repair.
- Assertion 10 changes will come into effect in 2026 during the AGAR period. This will require a GDPR audit to ensure we comply – not just a tick box. BPC approved Clerk to attend GDPR course. A full GDPR audit will be required to ensure compliance. **ACTION: JL & JS**
- Dog bin on A41 is over flowing this has been reported on Fix my street. The Clerk has followed up with Bucks as to what the rules are on dog firms dumping waste as many of the bins in Buckland are being filled with waste from the commercial ventures. Bucks have

confirmed that the doggy day care businesses should use the red bin in the village.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with businesses to see if they would contribute to a further bin.

- Completed ICCM course - Clerk will review our burial ground rules and slight amendments

25.164 Finance

- Approval of AGAR by External Auditors – The Clerk reported that the AGAR for 2024/25 had been approved with no issues by PKF Littlejohn.
- Grants – Gib Lane Community Fund application has been submitted. Clerk has applied for a bench for Green Lane (£775), Hosepipes for Community Orchard (£200) and Bughouses for the orchard (£210).
- Council gave the Clerk approval to purchase Arnold Baker Edition £170
- SSE Account – Clerk has contacted SSE regarding multiple direct debits that have been taken in September.

25.165 Planning Applications/Matters

- PL/25/2883/FA – Mentmore View, Main Road, Buckland HP22 5HZ
Proposal: Partial renovation proposing two storey part single storey rear extension with balcony and insertion of south-east dormer. – Awaiting planning update from Buckinghamshire Council.
- PL/25/3352/TP Rannoch House, Lower Icknield Way, Buckland, Buckinghamshire, HP22 5LR
Application type: Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). No objection.
- PL/25/3484/FA Lodge Farm House, Buckland Wharf, Buckland, Buckinghamshire, HP22 5LH
Application type: Provision of vehicular access with associated works – BPC Objects due to accident blackspot on Lower Icknield Way.
- PL/25/2934/VRC Removal or variation of a condition following grant of planning permission 196 London Road, Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire, HP22 5LE Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (accommodation) of planning permission 82/00577/AV (extension of private dwelling to provide additional living accommodation) to allow the 1-bed annex to be used for short term holiday lets of no more than 31 days for each occupancy – No objection.
- Occupation of Canal Plot in Lower Buckland – There has been no presences recently.
- One Uniform Update (New planning portal) – Clerk and Councillors have now managed to gain access; however the system will be down again for maintenance.
- Planning forum Update – 25th September – Cllr Paternoster and Cllr Critchell attended this online forum. They reported that there is a large backlog in planning applications at Buckinghamshire Council. Parish Councils continue to request access to planning comments; however this is still being refused due to GDPR issues. The planning system continues to be updated at intervals by Buckinghamshire Council. The new Kingsbrook Meadow, within Aylesbury, has received planning consent.
- To consider any planning applications received since 7th October 2025. There were no further applications to consider.

25.166 Consultations

Bucks Local Plan 2025 – Deadline for comments 29th October 2025

Cllr Paternoster had reviewed the local plan which included plans for a further 96000 houses across Buckinghamshire in addition to those already planned. There are an approximate 1600 sites with a proposed 3 new towns, the closest being Cheddington. Buckinghamshire Council are also looking at brownfield sites across the county. Concern was expressed that these plans must not lead to coalescence. The plan will be published for consultation in Spring/Summer 2026.

ACTION: CP to respond on behalf of BPC.

25.167 Roads and Transportation

Updates on:

- Buckland Road – Recent travel data collected by Buckinghamshire Council showed 36000 cars were now using Buckland Road over a 7 day period, 95% of these were cars. Average speeds were 42-43MPH in the 30MPH zone. Buckinghamshire Council have refused previous request for traffic calming. They have offered to let BPC use new signage along the road, which can be removed after 6-8 weeks and be used intermittently. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up.**
- Tring Hill / Buckland Wharf – A response to MP Laura Kyrke Smith letter had been received from Director of Transport. There were many inaccuracies in the reply. **ACTION: Clerk to draft response to letter.**
- Feedback on Highways Conference- Clerk had attended Highways Conference on behalf of BPC. This was an opportunity to meet with representatives from relevant departments. An exercise in allocation of funding took place in the afternoon to highlight budget restraints across the county.

25.168 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 – The Chiltern Society will be assisting volunteers in the spreading of yellow rattle in the Burial Ground in November.
- b. Lower Buckland – Cllr Livingston reported that some of the trees and hedging had died due to the hot summer. A member of the public has offered to replace some trees.
- c. Primrose Copse and Allotments – The over hanging hedging has now been cleared.

25.169 Footpaths and Environment

To receive reports and agree any actions

- Grass Cutting – Final cuts have taken place, apart from the cut for Remembrance Service cut. Tenders will be needed again for the coming year. Grass cutting plans will need to be reviewed with devolved services prior to this.
- Footpaths & Bridleways – Cllr Livingston reported that the sleepers had been replaced behind the Glebe Land. Bucks are also planning to deliver gate to Lower Buckland to replace stolen gate. Local resident has offered to install this.
- Fix my street – Overflowing dog bin on A41 has been reported.
- Street Light audit- This has been requested by SSE due to switchover of bulbs to LED.

25.170 Business Continuity Plan

- The Business Continuity plan was agreed by Council. However, further research is needed in relation to additional IT backup. **ACTION: Cllr Cagayan will investigate and feedback.**

25.171 East Bucks Community Board Update

East Bucks Community Board have completed their research into priorities for local councils and these have now been published. There are three main areas being covered across the wards – Activities for ageing population; safety outside schools; dog owner behaviour. These will be projects for the coming months.

25.172 Remembrance Service 9th November 12.30pm

The Clerk confirmed that previous bugler Luke Tompkins will be in attendance.

25.172 Arla/Olleco

- a. Councillors reported continuing issues with smells from the site. Environment agency are becoming more proactive in addressing these issues and liaising with BPC>
- b. ARLA Liaison Meeting 15th October 5pm – This has been cancelled and all further meetings have been cancelled. BPC expressed concern at this decision by ARLA/Olleco. **ACTION: Cllr Jon Sainsbury will write to express concern over this decision.**

25.173 Matters of Report

There were no matters of report.

25.174 Correspondence and circulars

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

25.175 Date of next Parish Council Meeting on 10th November 2025 6.30pm in Parish Office, Buckland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm