

BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Buckland Parish Council Meeting

On Monday 14th March 2022 at Buckland Village Hall @ 7.00pm

Issue date: 17th March 2022

Attendees

Cllr Nigel Hayward (Chair)
Cllr Mrs S Gillingham
Cllr Mrs C Paternoster
Cllr Mrs F Livingston
Fiona Richardson (Clerk)

22.043 Apologies

Cllr Mr J Sainsbury

22.044 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared

22.045 Open Forum

Nothing to discuss

22.046 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th February 2022 were signed and agreed without comments.

22.047 Clerk's Report

The Clerk has engaged CloudyIT to set up MS365 for the Clerk and Cllrs. The Clerk will have access to the full MS Office license and the Cllrs will have access to email, Teams and One Drive. The email addresses will be set up in the following format jbloggs@bucklandpc.gov.uk

CloudyIt will also back up all of the Clerk's email and documents to ensure that all MS365 upgrades are completed when necessary.

CloudyIt will also provide IT support to the Clerk for the first six months, at which point it will be reviewed, as to whether the Clerk still requires the IT support service.

CloudyIt will train the Clerk and Cllrs in the use of MS365 and will provide consultancy to the Clerk as to how to get the best use of the system. CloudyIt supports 107 other Parish Councils and has extensive experience which they share with their users in the form of training sessions, discussions, and user guides.

The Clerk placed an article in Village life that details the current work of the Parish Council. The Clerk has produced a marketing and comms tracker to help monitor and plan communications over the coming year.

22.048 Finance

The Clerk's salary was paid by cheque

Cllr Hayward, Cllr Paternoster and the Clerk attended the Metro Bank in Aylesbury on Monday the 14th of March to open a new community bank account for the Buckland Parish Council. The account was successfully opened, and the signatories, Cllrs Hayward and Paternoster and Fiona Richardson, approved. £40,000 from the previous Buckland Parish Council, Lloyds account, was transferred to the new Metro bank account. Once all DD and standing orders are moved to the new account the Lloyds bank account will be closed.

The Clerk, in agreement with Cllr Hayward, has engaged a freelance financial consultant to review BPC incomings and outgoings for 2021 and the first quarter of 2022. The consultant will review the Rialtas finance system and ensure the system is up to date and accurate, they will carry out reconciliations for the period Sept 2021 to the present date. They will submit the BPC Vat return for 2020-2021. The consultant will begin work on Monday the 21st of March 2022

Action:

Once funds are in the Metro Bank account the clerk will transfer DD and Standing orders from the Lloyds Bank account to the Metro Bank account.

The Clerk will provide a copy of the bank statement from Metro bank at each monthly meeting of the BPC.

The Clerk will clarify how much rent is owed to the Old School Trust, transfer funds and set up a DD for future debits.

The Clerk will ensure that Bucks Council has the new bank account details

22.049 Planning Applications/Matters

Continuation of development permitted by consent CM/0022/20 dated 06/04/2021 at variance to condition 8 to allow for the importation and processing of slurry.

All Cllrs present objected. Cllr Sainsbury was absent at the meeting however expressed his objections in the last BPC meeting.

The Cllrs noted that since it is established policy to take in domestic food waste, there has been an ongoing odour that goes from one end of the village to the other, exacerbated by wind. The slurry will not alleviate the problem already being experienced and is likely to exacerbate the current situation.

It was noted that Cllr Chapple has visited the village infrequently to review the odour situation but has not made direct contact with the BPC and has not responded to complaints, over the last 5 years.

The applicant claims that the 'risk to human health is not beyond the development already approved'. Both the NFU and HSE state that slurry does carry a risk to human health due to gases released when it is disturbed – methane, carbon dioxide, ammonia and also hydrogen sulphide, which is extremely poisonous to people and animals.

The applicant admits an odour problem but states that Buckland is 'not a densely populated area'. He fails to mention that the nearest residential dwelling is less than 200m from this site.

This application is contrary to planning policies VALP BE3 and BMWLP Policy 16 for the reasons already given and should be refused on these grounds.

21/03677/COMM is on land to the northwest of Lower Icknield Way HP22 5JY for a water booster pumping station.

21/04900/COMM is on agricultural land to the NE of Buckland Road, Buckland HP22 5LR for a proposed water booster pumping station.

No planning application details for either of the above can be seen on the planning portal however the outline of the plots can be seen the BPC would like to obtain further information.

Action:

Clerk to submit the objection on behalf of BPC before the 6th of April Deadline.

A letter to be sent to Cllr. Chapple and ask him to write a statement about his views on the matter.

Clerk to contact Jaguar Land Rover and Apple studios, to enquire as to whether they have encountered an Odour problem from Olleco.

21/03677/COMM and **21/04900/COMM** Clerk to contact Planning Directors Steve Bambrick and Ian Thompson to ask why BPC, as a statutory consultee, has not been notified of these applications.

CM/0022/20 Clerk to contact. Aston Clinton PC– Cllr Peter Wyatt

22.050 Neighbourhood Plan

No update.

22.051 Policies and Procedures

No update

22.052 Consultations

To agree Parish Council's response to any consultations

- a. The parliamentary boundary changes – no comments
 - Noted, no comments
- b. Bucks Council ward changes
 - The initial consultation asks who we want to be with and why.

The Cllrs agreed that they wished to be with Weston Turville, Aston Clinton, Buckland, Drayton Beauchamp, because these parishes have always been grouped together, and work well together, being located on the county boundary with Hertfordshire

22.053 Roads and Transportation

Some potholes have been filled, thanks to Cllr Sainsbury for photographing and reporting them.

Cllr Livingston will again photograph and report the potholes that exist on Lower Icknield Way, between the A41 slip roads and Buckland crossroads . They have previously been reported and the BPC has been advised that resurfacing work will take place later this year and in the meantime the potholes will be monitored monthly by Transport for Bucks. The potholes on London Road, Buckland Wharf, will be monitored prior to that road being resurfaced later this year.

22.054 Maintenance of Land Holdings

Burial Ground

It was noted that BPC are waiting for Buckland Landscapes to start to clear up debris from recent gales. Cllr N Hayward spoke to Rev Sally Bottomer about redirecting walkers back onto public footpaths and out of the Burial Ground, which no longer has a public footpath running through it. .

A substantial lock was installed on the gate to prevent walkers from entering the Burial Ground, but it was reported that the lock has now been stolen.

Cllrs would like to replace the lock and to provide signs to notify the public that access via the gate is forbidden. Directional signs will be placed to advise the public of the correct route of the public footpath.

Lower Buckland

A wildflower seed mix is to be sown at the end of March /beginning of April.

The Clerk has enquired about the cost for a borehole well and is awaiting a response.

The entrance to the site is now flooded due to the ditch overflowing. Cllr Gillingham will provide details of the cost of clearing the ditch and laying a pipe under the entrance so that the water can drain away.

Action:

Cllr Gillingham to provide details and costs and details of a pipe, digger, and driver hire. Clerk to assist if required.

Action:

Clerk to purchase wildflower seed, as per quote, to be delivered to Cllr C Paternoster. Sand to be ordered nearer to the time of planting.

22.055 Footpaths and Environment

Canal Farm footpath has now been cleared.

The stile on FP7 near the Burial Ground will be removed in the near future, as per the request from Buckinghamshire Council.

Investigative work has taken place to assess work that needs to be done to clear the ditch next to the A41 bypass adjacent to the bypass bridge. A site meeting is required. Mike Collins to meet with Lewis Minney to follow up.

The canal towpath from College Road North to Buckland bridge is now very muddy and dangerous. It is proposed to ask Aston Clinton Parish Council and Drayton Beauchamp Parish Meeting to support a grant bid to the Wendover Community Board by Buckland Parish Council for the resurfacing and upgrading of the towpath from College Road North to Puttenham bridge.

Action:

Clerk to contact Aston Clinton PC and Drayton Beauchamp PM about a joint application

22.056 Website

Work is continuing to rebuild the website. In the meantime, the current website is being updated as much as possible.

22.057 Arla/Olleco

Nothing to report

22.058 Parish Council Office

Nothing to report

22.059 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

- The Celebrations will take place on the 4th of June between 4pm and 7pm.
- Paper tickets will be sold to Buckland Parish Community, for a fee that will cover the entrance to the event and a BBQ Meal. The tickets will be available from the Clerk’s office and Parish Cllrs
- Children and adults Welcome
- Pimm’s and beer stall organised by BPC, drinks supplied for by Dayla
- Dog fun agility tug of war
- A live band (Richard Peel)
- Tree Planting (Tree to be purchased by BPC)
- Rev Sally Bottomer to attend

Action: Clerk to submit a grant application to the Wendover Community board to purchase the following items

2x 8 ft wooden picnic benches

6 x 6ft wooden picnic benches

Two standard size gazebos

Bunting

22.060 Matters of Report

The Clerk and Cllr C Paternoster attended the February Wendover community board.

22.061 Correspondence and circulars

Circulated, nothing to report.

22.062 Date of next Parish Council Meeting 11th April 2022 at 7.00pm in Buckland Village Hall

22.063 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.*

Primrose copse, Grass keep

Signed

Date

Chairman