



## BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Buckland Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 6.30pm in Buckland Village Hall.

### Minutes

**PRESENT:** Cllr Jon Sainsbury (Chair), Cllr Carole Paternoster (Vice Chair), Cllr Fiona Livingston, Cllr Heather McKenna, Cllr Huseyin Caglayan and Mrs Jane Lewis (Clerk).

#### 25.176 Apologies

Cllr Rachel Critchell and Buckinghamshire Cllr Steve Bowles.

#### 25.177 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 25.178 Open Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

#### 25.179 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 were agreed and signed by Chair Cllr Jon Sainsbury.

#### 25.180 Clerks Report

- Parish Council noticeboards have all been repaired and repainted.
- Clerk has contacted the local dog walking businesses to enquire if they would be happy to contribute to cost of a new dog waste bin in Lower Buckland.
- Several complaints have been received concerning dog waste in the Church and Burial ground. Clerk has spoken to Rev Bottomer. Notices have gone out in Parish Newsletter and Village life asking dog owners to respect the space.
- Complaints have been received regarding the village gate sign at Buckland Wharf. This was first reported to Buckinghamshire Council in January 2025, who have said that the gate will be replaced but no date has been given. **ACTION: Clerk to look at alternative sources for repair.**
- Complaints have been received regarding homeowner hedges encroaching on the narrow roadways in the parish. Clerk to continue to monitor.

#### 25.181 Finance

- The accounts for September and October 2025 were approved.

September 2025

Opening Balance:	£50411.12
Money In	£20779.50
Money Out	£5342.80
Closing Balance	£65841.82

1/9/25	BOST Office Rent	£300
1/9/25	M Nicholls	£800

1/9/25	M Nicholls (BWharf)		£300
4/9/25	Poppy Wreath		£29.49
5/9/25	Cloudy IT		£99.74
8/9/25	Hugo Fox		£23.99
8/9/25	Amersham Town Council		£340.80
8/9/25	Yellow Rattle		£450.00
12/9/25	Chiltern Society	£450.00	
15/9/25	SSE		£144.55
19/9/25	Precept payment	£20329.50	
19/9/25	SSE		£116.82
22/9/25	E Sharp		£333.60
29/9/25	Empire Landscapes – Church		£210.00
29/9/25	Empire Landscapes – Burial Ground		£360.00
29/9/25	PKF Littlejohn		£378.00
30/9/25	One Com		£47.02
30/9/25	BOST Office Rent		£300.00

#### October 2025

Opening Balance	£65847.82
Money In	£0
Money Out	£3490.19
Closing Balance	£6235.63

2/10/25	Balc Training	£110.00
7/10/25	Cloudy IT	£99.74
8/10/25	Hugo Fox	£23.99
9/10/25	Balc Training	£50.00
9/10/25	Amersham Town Council	£340.80
10/10/25	BAS Payroll	£68.40
29/10/25	SSE	£439.72
30/10/25	BOST -Office Rent	£300.00
30/10/25	Empire Landscapes - Church	£210.00
30/10/25	Empire Landscapes – Burial Ground	£360.00
31/10/25	One Com	£37.48

- Review of six-month financial statements and 2026-2027 Budget  
The Clerk presented the half yearly accounts, along with possible precept figures for the financial year 2026/27. The figures show that the council is on course for achieving 12-month precept in reserves and financial position is much healthier. Council to review the figures and reserves going forward. Reserves to include provision for legal fees for future planning appeals.  
The Council agreed to pay the Clerk for any time owed at the end of the financial year that had not been taken.
- Scribe (Accounting software) subscription will increase by £3 per month to £444+VAT from April 2026.
- SSE Account – Increase in payments were due to actual readings.

#### 25.182 Planning Applications/Matters

- PL/25/4332/KA Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area Location: Nields Farm , Main Road, Buckland, Buckinghamshire, HP22 5HU Proposal: T1 Ash - Remove. T2 Ash -

Reduction in height of 5m, sides in by 3m. T3 Poplar - Pollard back to previous points. Reduce height by 5m, branches 4m in length. T4 Sycamore - Reduction in height of 4m. T5 Poplar - Pollard back to previous points, branches 2-3m in length, T6 Ash - Crown reduction by 5m. T7 Poplar - Pollard back to previous points (from 14m to 8m). No objections.

- PL/25/4587/KA Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area Location: 3 Model Row , Main Road, Buckland, Buckinghamshire, HP22 5HY Proposal: T1 - Removal to hedge height of 1x diseased Acacia. No objections.
- PL/25/2883/FA Mentmore View , Main Road, Buckland, Buckinghamshire, HP22 5HZ Proposal: Part single/part two storey rear extension with Juliet balcony; construction of dormer in south-east roof. No objections.
- 25/02250/AOP College Road South, Aston Clinton- Outline planning application with all matters reserved (aside from means of access), for the demolition of existing structures, and erection of up to 66 dwellings, new vehicular access, car parking, pedestrian routes, sustainable urban drainage, landscaping and accessible onsite open space. Application Refused.
- PL/25/3484/FA Lodge Farm House, Buckland Wharf, Buckland, Buckinghamshire, HP22 5LH Application type: Provision of vehicular access with associated works. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up with planning department why Buckland Parish Council were not notified of this.**
- Occupation of Canal Plot in Lower Buckland – The plot continues to have activity and is being monitored.
- Planning applications spreadsheet- Clerk has produced a spreadsheet to monitor planning applications and is available to all councillors.

### 25.183 Consultations

There were no consultations.

### 25.184 Roads and Transportation

Updates on:

- Buckland Road – Clerk has requested removable speed signs from Buckinghamshire Council. Clerk has contacted TVP regarding dangerous speeds on the road.
- Tring Hill / Buckland Wharf – The lights have been out on Tring Hill for several weeks. This has been reported to Buckinghamshire Council via Fix My Street. The street lighting team are aware of this fault, but it will require the services of a specialist underground cable fault investigation & repair contractor. For cost effectiveness it is necessary to batch jobs together and it is also worth noting that as this is a specialist activity and in high demand, the lead time for this service can be lengthy.

### 25.185 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 – Contractors tidied area in front of war memorial for Remembrance Service. The Council noted that the area looked very clean and tidy and asked the Clerk to pass on thanks.
- b. Lower Buckland – **ACTION: Clerk to arrange for hedges to be cut and ditch to be cleared by Community Orchard.**
- c. Primrose Copse and Allotments **ACTION: Clerk to investigate whether hedge cutting is needed.**

### 25.185 Footpaths and Environment

To receive reports and agree any actions

Grass Cutting - The Clerk reported that contracts for verge cutting and grass cutting had only been arranged for one year. There has been no update on Devolved Services for the forthcoming year.

**ACTION: Clerk to source quotes for following year.**

- Footpaths & Bridleways – Items still outstanding on reported faults list.

- Fix my street – Graffiti on signage in Lower Buckland has been reported and will be cleaned imminently.

#### **25.186 Business Continuity Plan**

- IT Back up – It was agreed to move to additional external back up using an external hard drive.

#### **25.187 Arla/Olleco**

- a. To receive reports and agree any actions required
- b. Update on quarterly meetings – Cllr Sainsbury had written to ARLA expressing concern at the removal of the meetings, and a response had been received. A letter was also sent to Laura Kyrke-Smith MP regarding the matter. It was noted that the Environment Agency contact had suggested the meetings should continue in light of the issues relating to the odours. **ACTION: Clerk to email CEO of ARLA**
- c. Update on smells – Smells continue to be reported and the Environment Agency are following up.

#### **25.188 Matters of Report**

There were no matters of report.

#### **25.189 Correspondence and circulars**

None

**25.190 Date of next Parish Council Meeting** on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 6.30pm in Parish Office, Buckland Village Hall. Cllr Jon Sainsbury gave his apologies.

The meeting closed at 7.14pm