

Meeting of Buckland Parish Council
On Monday 8th January 2024
at Buckland Village Hall @ 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Nigel Hayward (Chair), Cllr Jon Sainsbury, Cllr Susan Gillingham, Cllr Carole Paternoster, Cllr Fiona Livingston, Clerk Jane Lewis.

24.01 Apologies

Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Cllr Mike Collins.

24.02 Declarations of interest

Cllr Susan Gillingham declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 24.8 – The Orchard.

24.03 Open Forum

Members noted the accident that had occurred on Tring Hill on Sunday 7th January 2024 involving a motorbike and car.

Members of BPC met the residents of 2 Hope Cottages to discuss Thames Water Pumping station on Monday 8th January 2024.

24.04 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th December 2023 were approved and signed by the Chair Cllr Nigel Hayward.

24.05 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that an article for Village Life had been submitted. Clerk will be spending most of time in January updating Scribe accounting system.

The Clerk has received complaints regarding the state of the footway on Tring Hill caused by overgrown foliage and need for siding out. This has been forwarded to Lewis Minney at Buckinghamshire Council and Cllr Mike Collins.

Cllrs asked for information to be added to website regarding availability of allotments. **ACTION: Clerk to add to website.**

24.06 Finance

a. Payments and balances were approved.

BACS Payments/Standing Orders December 2023

04/12/23	Chiltern Society		£30.00
07/12/23	Cloudy IT – IT Support		£74.16
08/12/23	Hugo Fox – Website		£23.99
14/12/23	C Paternoster – Trees		£60.00
29/12/23	Grantscape	£1541.84	
29/12/23	One Com – Broadband		£64.58
29/12/23	Clerk Salary		£1027.52

Balances:

Opening Balance	£36437.94
Money In	£1541.84
Money Out	£1280.25
Closing Balance	£36699.53

Payments were authorised for Buckinghamshire Council £550 for truvello strips on Lower Icknield Way in October 2023. Payment was authorised for Aston Building Surveyors Ltd £612 for work carried out at The Copse, Tring Hill.

b. Review of spending v forecasts

The Clerk submitted the updated spreadsheet with latest quarter spending.

24.07 Parish Council Three year plan update

ACTION: Cllr Sainsbury and Cllr Paternoster to review and make changes.

24.08 Planning Applications/Matters

- Planning Application Consultation 23/03995/ALB – Peggs House
The planning application for replacement windows was not objected to.
- 23/01334/AOP – Amendments to application
Cllr Gillingham left the meeting while this application was discussed.
Minor amendments have been made to the application. BPC are unable to comment on these minor amendments. BPC agreed to send a letter to Cllr Mike Collins asking him to call this application for decision by the planning committee if the plans are likely to be approved by the planning officers under delegated powers, with permitted development rights for the garages being removed, in order to maintain sufficient parking space on site. Cllr Gillingham returned to the meeting.
- Planning Meeting with Bucks Council
Cllr Paternoster and the Clerk will attend a Planning Surgery meeting with Buckinghamshire Council on Tuesday 9th January 2024 to discuss the proposals for Thames Water Booster Station.
- NPPF update
This has been received and updates some policies in relation to Neighbourhood plan, with regard to Buckinghamshire's 5 year housing land supply.

24.09 Thames Water Pumping Station

BPC Cllrs attended a site visit with residents of Hope Cottages to discuss the proposals by Thames Water to install a Pumping Station next to their property and the impact that this will have on the residential amenity of Hope Cottages. It was noted that the land in the field is up to 3ft higher than the land at Hope Cottages. Cllr Hayward has arranged a site visit with MP Rod Butler, Cllr Paternoster is attending a meeting with Cllr Mike Collins and Thames Water. Once the meetings have taken place BPC will collate information and share with residents.

24.10 Consultations and Correspondence

None received

24.11 Roads and Transportation

A response has been received from the letter sent to Richard Barker, Bucks Council's Highways Director, regarding speeding vehicles at Buckland Wharf and on Tring Hill. Keith Carpenter Highways Asset Manager responded on his behalf rejecting the need for traffic calming measures or alterations to the current road layout at either location. This is based on very little accident data having been recorded by the highway authority. **ACTION: Clerk to contact ACPC to ask if they have seen a reduction speeds since introduction of Speedwatch groups. Clerk to ask for information regarding accidents on Tring Hill from residents via social media.**

24.12 Maintenance of Land Holdings

- a. **Burial Ground maintenance** - hedge cutting will take place once the ground is drier following recent extreme weather.
- b. **Lower Buckland/Community Orchard** – Final fruit trees have been planted from Gib Lane Community funding. BPC noted that the verge is being damaged due to more vehicles using the track.

24.13 Footpaths and Environment

- a. Dog Waste bin for Buckland Wharf has been received. Contractor will be approached to install in coming weeks.
- b. Street Lights new bulbs have been fitted in two lampposts. Residents requesting new fittings at junction with Peggs Lane have requested that lighting in the village be turned off after 11pm. This is not possible due to Health and Safety reasons.
- c. Castle Water Update – Thames Water have stated they have no record of meter at the allotment site. Castle Water are unable to identify who is using the meter. Council agreed to wait and see if anyone requests use of allotments. If no requests, then water account will be closed.

24.14 Website, Social Media and Communications

Council agreed to start a quarterly newsletter to keep residents up to date with Parish matters.

24.15 Grants

- Gib Lane Community Fund Grant Application – Benches for the Community Orchard have been approved.
- Wendover Community Board Funding 23/24 – applications have been made for sound system for hall, Kissing gate for community orchard and repair to the public notice boards at Buckland Wharf and Buckland village.

24.16 Arla/Olleco

Report has been received from ARLA relating to Lightning conductors on their site, no information has been received from Olleco. Next community meeting is on 31st January 2024.

24.17 Matters of Report

- There has been substantial flooding by Cherry Farm. This is caused by prolonged heavy rainfall and tree roots affecting the pipework. Resident has been given permission to remove trees affecting pipes and Buckinghamshire Council will then rod the pipes to clear debris.
- Padlocks have been removed once again from bollard on the Bridleway to Puttenham. Buckinghamshire Council have given developer permission to replace with their own padlock instead of standard ones. **ACTION: Cllr Livingston to follow up with Alistair McVail.**

24.19 Date of next Parish Council Meeting Monday 12th February 2024 at 7.00pm in Buckland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed

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