

# BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Fiona Richardson, Buckland Parish Council, Village Hall, New Road, Buckland, HP22 5JB, 01296 630962, clerk@buckland-pc.gov.uk

Members of the Council are summoned to attend the **Buckland Parish Council Meeting**

On **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023** at Buckland Village Hall @ 7.00pm

## Minutes

### 23.041 Apologies

Cllr S Gillingham

**23.042 Declarations of Interest:** none

### 23.043 Open Forum

Numerous complaints have been received about the roadworks currently being carried out by Thames Water outside Rose Cottage, Buckland. Without any notification to residents or to the Parish Council by either Thames Water or Buckinghamshire Council, on 11th March 2023 Thames Water dug a trench across the road, refusing access or egress to residents, local businesses, etc. Residents north of Rose Cottage were stranded, unable to leave their homes and with no access for emergency vehicles. The work is still ongoing, and the road currently has a very restricted width, barely enough for a small car. Thames Water have also driven and parked a very large HGV on the grass verge, destroying the grass verge, taking out the granite setts, and destroying the metal drains that carry the surface water off the road and into the ditch in an area prone to flooding.

### 23.044 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13th of Feb 2023 were agreed by the council and were signed by the Chairman.

### 23.045 Clerk's Report

The clerk announced her resignation with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Members were sorry that the Clerk would be leaving the Parish Council, thanked her for the very important work she has done in sorting out the systems and website, and wished her well for the future.

### 23.046 Finance

2/28/2023	F E Richardson Clerks Salary	Standing Order		1011.92
2/28/2023	B OLD SCHOOL TRUST BPC Office Hire	Standing Order		250
2/28/2023	ONECOM SVS LIMITED - broadband	Direct Debit		36.55
2/27/2023	HMRC Cumbernauld 120PC02641658	Outward Faster Payment		54.52
2/24/2023	NEST - Pension	Direct Debit		38.48
2/23/2023	MATT NICHOLLS Inv092223MNicholls - Clearance of Allotments	Outward Faster Payment		500

2/23/2023	MATT NICHOLLS Inv102223MNicholls - - Clearance of Water Meter	Outward Faster Payment		100
2/9/2023	HMRC Cumbernauld 120PC02641658	Outward Faster Payment		46
2/9/2023	AVDC Inv2205050905	Outward Faster Payment		225
2/9/2023	Cloudy Group LTD CloudyITFeb3496	Outward Faster Payment		63.96
2/6/2023	BUCKLAND LANDSCAPE BucklandL Inv46064	Outward Faster Payment		1152.79
2/3/2023	933988-BUCKS CNCL BACS-&--&-LA01 3401684214 K Community Board Grant	BACS Payment Received	562.28	

It was proposed by Cllr Hayward, seconded by Cllr Sainsbury, and agreed by all that the above payments be approved. Bank balances were also approved. It was noted that the Buckland Landscape Payment was delayed from October due to a banking error.

### **23.047 Planning Applications/Matters**

**23/00017/ENFNOT**-Plot 2, Aga Farm, Main Road, Buckland, HP22 5JA. Buckland Parish Council has been notified of this appeal against an enforcement notice. The Parish Council decided not to submit a comment to the appeal process.

### **23.048 Policies and Procedures**

The following policies were reviewed and adopted:

- BPC Standing Orders.
- BPC Communications Policy
- BPC Data Protection & Privacy Policy
- BPC Data Retention Policy
- BPC Environmental Policy
- BPC Privacy Policy
- BPC Social Media Policy
- BPC Information Security Policy
- BPC Equality and Diversity Policy

### **23.049 Consultations**

No consultations

### **23.050 Roads and Transportation**

#### **Buckland Wharf/Tring Hill:**

A meeting took place with Buckinghamshire Council and Buckland PC on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March to discuss the need for traffic calming in the Buckland Wharf & Tring Hill area. Buckinghamshire Council stated that despite Thames Valley Police's records of speeding vehicles and also Buckland Parish Council's photos of traffic accidents, in order to progress an application for traffic calming Buckinghamshire Council require Buckland Parish Council to provide traffic data via travel strips placed across the road. Traffic calming will only be considered if the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile shows a speeding issue. An estimate has been received from Bucks Council, for the temporary

installation of Truvelo strips to capture the amount of traffic and speeds of traffic, for a cost of £420.58+VAT. Bucks Council highways officers recommended that Buckland Parish Council should arrange for Community Speedwatch on this section of road.

**Decision:** Buckland Parish Cllrs unanimously approved the commission of the traffic/speed survey using Truvelo strips, to be implemented by Simon Vale (Senior Traffic Data Officer) for a cost of £420.58+VAT. The survey should ideally take place in the last two weeks of April 2023. Buckland Parish Council Unanimously approved participation in community speed watch scheme.

**ACTION: Clerk to notify Bucks Council re installation of truvelo strips during last 2 weeks of April**

**Assistant Clerk to ask Michelle Parker (Wendover Community Board) for more information about Community Speedwatch**

**Buckland Road bollards:**

Installation has been successfully completed to plans, and BPC now await the double yellow lines to be painted on the bend – date TBC.

**Thames Water:**

After consideration of the complaints concerning Thames Water's lack of notice of their roadworks in Buckland village, it was decided that a formal complaint should be made to Thames Water, quoting the difficulties to residents and businesses raised during Open Forum, and including photos of the enormous damage to the grass verge. A copy of this letter of complaint to Thames Water should be sent to Bucks Council highways together with a complaint about the lack of notification of this road closure to Buckland Parish Council by Bucks Council. Any response from Thames Water or Bucks Council to be placed on the BPC website and Everything Buckland FB page.

### **23.051 Maintenance of Land Holdings**

#### **a. Burial Ground**

Cllr N Hayward met with Rev S Bottomer to discuss the decreasing availability in the church yard for burials and cremations and the plan to move burials and cremations to the Buckland Burial Ground once the churchyard is full. BPC and the Church are currently monitoring the situation and awaiting an end date from Rev S Bottomer.

#### **b. Grass keep, Allotments**

Clearance of overgrowth has now taken place.

#### **c. Community Orchard**

The Parish Council awaits the formal outcome of the grant application for the irrigation system from the Community Board.

### **23.052 Footpaths and Environment**

a. To receive reports and agree any actions.

Cllr F Livingston is chasing Buckinghamshire Council's Rights of Way team about the footpaths that have been reported with overgrowth and is still awaiting a response.

- b. Gigaclear – Damage to culverts by Gigaclear was discussed and it was noted that further damage has now occurred. Thames Water has now added considerably to this damage.

**ACTION:** Clerk to contact the Highways LAT to ask him to inspect the culverts and review the implications of the damage and repair.

### **23.053 Website & Communications**

The website has now been launched. It will be advertised in the next edition of Village Life magazine and social media in March. [www.buckland-pc.gov.uk](http://www.buckland-pc.gov.uk)

**ACTION:** Clerk to advertise the website on social media once the updated policy documents have been uploaded.

### **23.054 Arla/Olleco**

Cllrs attended recent community liaison meeting.

The Parish Council would like to review the covenant on parcels of land Arla have bought adjacent to the A41 – Highways England.

**Decision:** Cllrs to look into what information is currently available

### **23.055 Project / Grant Applications**

Thames Valley Police Community Fund Grant Application to support our rising electricity cost and request to review LED was not approved.

BPC await the outcome of the grant applications to the Community Board for the Community orchard irrigation system, Coronation event, Electricity and LED cost are still pending.

### **23.056 Events**

Coronation Event 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Decision:** To decorate the area around the Village Hall and Buckland Crossroads with Bunting  
Provide Prosecco, beer, and soft drinks.

Ask residents if they are willing to provide cakes. If not, cakes will be purchased prior to the event

Volunteers required for bunting, serving food and drink, and making cakes. Further discussion to take place at the April meeting.

**ACTION:** Clerk to investigate purchase of bunting, flags, etc.

### **23.057 Matters of Report**

There were no matters of report

### **23.058 Correspondence and circulars**

No circulars

**23.059 Date of next Parish Council Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023** at 7.00pm in Buckland Village Hall, The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 6.30pm, prior to the Buckland Parish Council meeting.

**ACTION:** Clerk to put up agendas for the Annual Parish Meeting prior to Easter, i.e. 6<sup>th</sup> April

**23.060 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**

**Decision:** Information requested by the Council's solicitor to be provided and then await further legal advice.

**Appointment of new Clerk.**

**Decision:** To offer the post to Jane Lewis. Jane Lewis and Cllr Jon Sainsbury to become signatories with access to online banking on the Buckland Parish Council Metro Bank account, number 44399334, sort code 23-05-80.

Meeting concluded at: 8.30pm

Signed:

Chairman:

Date: