BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

On **Monday 10th October 2022** at Buckland Village Hall @ 7.00pm

Minutes

Attending:
Cllr Mr N Hayward
Cllr Mrs C Paternoster
Cllr Mr J Sainsbury
Cllr Mrs S Gillingham

One member of the public

22. 194 Apologies
Cllr F Livingston

22. 195 Declarations of Interest

No members declared any interests

22.196 Open Forum

A resident attended to discuss the problem of speeding traffic on Tring Hill and at Buckland Wharf, in both directions, causing danger to other road users, including pedestrians. Several accidents have taken place over the years, with 4 major accidents resulting in 4 cars being written off over the last 3 weeks. Buckland Parish Council explained their concern about the dangerous speeding traffic and the urgent need to find a solution through traffic calming measures. The Council have worked tirelessly over the past few months to get a meeting with Bucks Council highways officers to seek a solution, but with little response. Therefore, the Bucks Council Cabinet Member for Transport, Cllr Steve Broadbent, has been contacted to facilitate a meeting. His response is awaited. The Parish Council has already endorsed the two petitions for the need for traffic calming at Buckland Wharf and Tring Hill submitted to Bucks Council by Buckland Wharf and Thorne Way residents. Both petitions have been referred by Bucks Council to the Wendover Community Board without any further progress being made.

A member of the public asked why the agricultural land at Lower Buckland, recently purchased by Arla Logistics, is not included in the Buckland NP as an area that cannot be built on. Buckland Parish Council explained that the Neighbourhood Plan had been submitted for Examination 12 months before the Arla Logistics purchase of land at Lower Buckland was made public.

22.197 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 12th of September 2022 were agreed and signed.

22.198 Clerk's Report

There were no matters to report not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

22.199 Finance

a. To approve payments and agree bank balances

b. The AGAR external examiners report was received and read
"On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met." Cllrs thanked the Clerk for achieving this positive outcome.

c. Three quotes for the website improvements were presented.

Decision:

It was unanimously agreed that the Buckland Parish Council would engage the services of HugoFox to refresh the website and provide new efficient and sustainable software to manage the website with the additional benefit of the planning portal.

Action:

Clerk to present last year's budget and this year's spend at next Buckland Parish Council meeting.

22.200 Planning

Decision:

22/03012/APP Dormers – Objection on the grounds of the detrimental impact of the proposal on the residential amenity of the neighbouring property.

22.201 Neighbourhood Plan

A copy of the neighbourhood plan and details of the forthcoming referendum on 3rd November were distributed to all residents of the parish. The referendum timetable and plans were placed on the noticeboards and website.

22.202 Policies and Procedures

There were no polices or procedures to review.

22.203 Consultations

Decision:

The Buckinghamshire Council SUP document was reviewed and approved by the Parish Council

22.204 Roads and Transportation

Buckland Wharf Traffic calming as discussed in the Open Forum section.

It was noted that potholes throughout the Parish are getting worse, and the road has sunk in Lower Buckland.

Waste left by contractors at bottom of Tring Hill, in front of the Buckland Wharf sign, following the recent road re-surfacing has been reported to fix my street and taken up by Lewis Minney.

Cllr C Paternoster and the clerk attended the Wendover community board meeting on the 6th October 2022. It was noted that the funds they have left total £100k. To date they have allocated £35k. There is a £15k cap on any projects. No further transport projects will be considered for grant funding by the Community Board.

The change of Bucks Council highways contractor will take place in April 2023. Only one highways project remains in Buckland Parish – bollards in Buckland Road – which should be delivered in January.

Action:

Cllr J Sainsbury to report potholes at Lower Buckland to fix my street.

Clerk: It was decided that Buckland Parish Council should contact Thames Valley Police via Inspector James Davies.

22.205 Maintenance of Land Holdings

Rev Sally Bottomer has notified the Chairman that there is currently space for only 5 more cremations in the churchyard, after which the churchyard will be closed for interments and churchyard maintenance will be passed to Buckland Parish Council. This means that the Parish Council will need to have space cleared in the Burial Ground ready for the interment of future cremated remains.

Grass keep, Allotments – No comments

Community Orchard
i)Irrigation: Buckland Parish Cllrs met with the Nicholls family to discuss the land management and installation of an irrigation system, the planting of trees, grassing the area and de-weeding. Buckland Parish Council are now awaiting a quote for these works from the Nicholls.

ii)Planting of fruit trees – The clerk is awaiting news on the availability of the plum trees from Bernwode Nurseries which have been grafted for Buckland Parish Council.

Decisions:

Cllr N Hayward met with Rev Sally Bottomer who has agreed she is happy with proposals for footpath signage within the churchyard. Buckland Parish Council can now proceed to put up the signs in the churchyard and Burial Ground as previously agreed.

Buckland Parish Council agreed the Landscape Contract Document.

Buckland Parish Council unanimously agreed to engage the services of Dave's Landscapes for year 2023-2024; the contract to begin in March 2023 and to be reviewed after 3 months.

22.206 Footpaths and Environment

Action:
Clerk to report the loose stile leading from Aston Clinton into Lower Buckland near the A41 bypass to Aston Parish Council because it is located in the parish of Aston Clinton, not Buckland.

Clerk to contact the Community Wildbelt Project Manager, Amanda Barnicoat from the Chilterns Society, to understand how Buckland may benefit from their environmental programme.

22.207 Website & Communications

Items to feature in the next edition of the Buckland Parish Newsletter: Importance of the NP, Report an issue form, Transport options for the infirm within the village, Environmental Issue Reporting, Speed watch.

22.208 Arla/Olleco

a. Smells are still bad and are travelling the length of the village.
b. Cllrs Paternoster, Sainsbury and Gillingham will attend the next Arla community liaison meeting on the 12th of October.

22.209 Grant Applications

Action:

The clerk to investigate Grant Scape opportunities

The clerk to submit a request for a Wendover Community Board grant for the irrigation and land management of the Community Orchard to the value of £6k.

22.210 Matters of Report

There were none.

22.211 Correspondence and circulars

Circulars were made available at the meeting but were not discussed unless required.

22.212 Date of next Parish Council Meeting 14th Nov 2022 at 7.00pm in Buckland Village Hall,

Meeting concluded at:20.40

Signed:

Chairman: Date: