



BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Buckland Parish Council meeting
Monday 8th June 2026
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, Cllr Rachel Critchell, Buckinghamshire Cllr Steve Bowles and Clerk Mrs Jane Lewis.

26.103 Apologies

Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Cllr Mike Collins.

26.104 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

26.105 Open Forum

There were no members of the public present.

26.106 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th May 2026 were agreed and signed by the Chair Cllr Jon Sainsbury.

26.107 Clerks Report

The Clerk reported on the following matters:-

- Clerk had attended a meeting with the Community Resilience team at Bucks regarding Community Emergency Planning. This should be a community approach not just a Parish Council response. It was agreed to invite the team to a parish council meeting in October 2026 (due to Cllr availability). Information to be shared in the next community newsletter. Cllr Caglayan to oversee. **ACTION: Clerk to action.**
- Clerk reported that the latest newsletter had been distributed. There are now 12 volunteers delivering the newsletter. Clerk was also asking Dancers End residents if they would be happy to receive newsletter by email to reduce postage costs.
- The Annual Return was submitted on 20th May 2026.

26.108 Buckinghamshire Councillors Report

Cllr Steve Bowles fed back on the recent road closure leading to major disruption on Buckland Road. This diversion was inappropriate given the size of Buckland Road. Thames Water will be fined for over running the works on London Road as part of the new Lane Rental scheme. These funds go into the highways budget, however Buckinghamshire Council should carry out the repairs. Cllr Bowles had requested a road sweeper as well.

It was noted that residents and Councillors felt a complete lack of support from Buckinghamshire Council during this incident. Cllr Bowles and Cllr Collins had responded on the Monday however there was no back up from Buckinghamshire Council.

26.109 Finance

- End of year bank reconciliation for April and May 2026 was agreed and signed by the Chair Cllr Jon Sainsbury.

April 2026

Opening Balance	£47850.12
Payments	£3482.66
Receipts	£21142.50
Closing Balance	£65509.96

1/4/26	Empire Landscapes (Burial Ground)	£360
1/4/26	Empire Landscapes (Churchyard)	£210
8/4/26	Hugo Fox	£23.99
9/4/26	Cloudy IT	£99.74
10/4/26	BAS Associates (payroll)	£68.40
13/4/26	Hosepipes	£111.53
14/4/26	Precept	£21142.50
21/4/26	SSE	£257.83
27/4/26	BALC Subscription	£146.64
27/4/26	B Knight (Internal Audit)	£170.00
27/4/26	Stationery	£27.34
28/4/26	MetroBank Fee	£3.00
30/4/26	OneCom	£50.46
30/4/26	BOST	£300

May 2026

Opening Balance	£65509.96
Payments	£3389.71
Receipts	£4841.52
Closing Balance	£66961.77

8/5/26	Cloudy IT	£124.36
8/5/26	Hugo Fox	£23.99
14/5/26	Empire Landscapes (Tree Removal)	£750
14/5/26	Empire Landscapes (Churchyard)	£180.00
14/5/26	Amersham Town Council (Verges)	£340.80
26/5/26	HMRC (VAT Refund)	£2852.74
27/5/26	Devolved Services	£1988.74
28/5/26	SSE	£211.41
28/5/26	Empire Landscapes (Burial Ground)	£336.00
28/5/26	Contract Signs	£60.90
28/5/26	SLCC	£200.00
28/5/26	MetroBank Fee	£3.00
29/5/26	One Com	£50.46

- Precept 2026/2027 Payment of £21142.50 was received on 14/4/26.
- Devolved Services Payment of £1988.74 was received on 27/5/26.
- VAT Reclaim of £2852.74 was received on 26/5/26

- Review of annual costs had been shared with councillors showing annual expenditure and income for the previous three years allowing comparisons by cost centres.
- Payment for filming on A41 update – This had been reduced to £1250 as BPC does not charge VAT.
- Insurance Renewal – the Council agreed to the renewal cost of £951.68.

26.110 Review of Policies

- Biodiversity Policy – This was reviewed and agreed by council.
- Environmental & Sustainability Policy – this was reviewed and agreed by council.

• Planning Applications/Matters

- PL/26/04197/OA Outline Planning Permission Land North Of Brandon Close, Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire. Outline application for residential development for up to 93 dwellings and associated works (matters to be considered at this stage: access)

It was noted that this was the same application as earlier, however the SANG area had been removed and instead payment should be made towards the Kingsbrook SANG. By removing the SANG in the plans there was concern that this left the door open to future development of the field between Aston Clinton and the parish boundary with Buckland. Concern was also raised concerning the Kingsbrook SANG and whether there was further capacity. **ACTION: Cllr C Paternoster to contact BC Cllr S Bowles to establish the capacity of the Kingsbrook SANG and how much is left.**

- Planning appeal 6008253 - Land east of College Road South, Aston Clinton – The appeal was noted.
- Update on Halton planning meeting – Cllr Livingston & Cllr Critchell had attended the meeting with other Parish Councils at Halton Parish Council, where a “community plan” was being developed.

26.112 Neighbourhood Plan

- Review of projects outlined in Neighbourhood Plan and possible costs. Two projects to be selected to take forward should developer funding become available through CIL or s106 charges
- Clerk to investigate costs of Neighbourhood Planning consultants for like sized parishes - Clerk has identified similar sized parishes and will contact them and report back in July.

26.113 Thames Water Pumping Station Update

Clerk is still waiting for plans from Thames Water.

26.114 Roads and Transportation

Updates on:

- Thames Water Road Closure through Buckland Road impact – The road closure caused considerable damage to verges on Buckland Road. LAT had arranged a road sweep which had taken place. There are a number of large potholes and verges are badly damaged. Clerk is waiting for report back from LAT. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up.**
- Buckland Road – Speed Awareness Campaign – Forms are to be dropped at the school and councillors will be asked to vote once entries have been received.
- Tring Hill / Buckland Wharf Traffic calming – There is still no progress on this matter despite repeated requests to Buckinghamshire Council for traffic calming measures. It was reported that a car has started parking outside the former Home sitters site on Tring Hill, causing visibility issues for vehicles pulling out of Buckland Road. **ACTION: Cllr Critchell will report to TVP.**
- Thorne Way Residents parking issues – Clerk has started again on this issue with Buckinghamshire Highways team.

- Canal Bridge damage lower Buckland – This had been reported to both Buckinghamshire Council and Canal and Rivers Trust who were dealing with the matter.
- Tring Hill overgrown pathway – Aston Clinton Society had carried out a litter pick and commented on the overgrown bushes narrowing pedestrian access to the pathway. This has been reported to highways. Suggestion was made that a cycle lane be introduced on the road. Council felt given how dangerous the road was that this was not suitable.

26.115 Maintenance of Land Holdings

To receive reports and agree any actions relating to the Parish Council's Land Holdings:

- a. Community Orchard – Sign has been ordered for the orchard costing £60.80. Cllr Sainsbury thanked those who helped with watering in recent dry spell. Grass now needs cutting.

ACTION: Cllr Livingston to follow up.

- b. Grasskeep Tree Removal – This had all gone to plan, and resident thanked the contractor for their professional work.

26.116 Footpaths and Environment

To receive reports and agree any actions

- Footpaths & Bridleways

Broken Gate opposite New Road was reported by resident. Landowner has made a temporary fix. Clerk currently trying to establish ownership of the gate.

Previous LAT had not followed up on issues with ditches and footpaths. **ACTION: Clerk to re report.**

ACTION: Clerk to share footpath audit forms with Cllr Livingston and Cllr McKenna.

26.117 BOST Update

Meeting on 16th June

26.118 Arla/Olleco

- a. It was noted that occurrence of smells had decreased slightly, although still present when walking past the facility.

26.119 Consultations

Clerk reminded the Councillors of the NALC survey.

26.120 Matters of Report

None

26.121 Correspondence and circulars

None

26.122 Date of next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 13th July 2026 6.30pm in Parish Office, Buckland Village Hall.

It was noted that the Clerk Jane Lewis will be absent, however Assistant Clerk Fiona Livingston will take the minutes.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm