

Meeting of Buckland Parish Council
On Monday 13th November 2023
at Buckland Village Hall @ 7.00 pm

ATTENDING: Cllr Nigel Hayward (Chairman), Cllr Jon Sainsbury, Cllr Carole Paternoster, Cllr Fiona Livingston, Cllr Susan Gillingham and Mrs Jane Lewis (Clerk)

23.196 Apologies

Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Cllr Mike Collins.

23.197 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Cllr Nigel Hayward and the Parish Council congratulated Cllr Carole Paternoster on receiving an award from BMKALC for Long Service– awarded to a limited number of nominees including clerks and councillors. Cllr Paternoster has served as a councillor for 45 years since 1978.

23.198 Open Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The council noted that there had been a serious road traffic accident on 13th November on Tring Hill requiring the attendance of the emergency services.

23.199 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th October 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

23.200 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that residents at Buckland Wharf have been trying to report trees on Tring Hill that require cutting to Buckinghamshire Council. The Council are disputing responsibility for maintenance.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up with residents and Buckinghamshire Council.

The Clerk had met with representative of Wendover Shed to discuss repair and replacement to noticeboards. Application for funding from Wendover Community Board will be made.

Request for Salt Bin has been made. Clerk waiting to hear from Buckinghamshire Council.

Castle Water failed to notify Clerk of attendance to read water meter.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate bills for water as no usage is required.

Truvello Strips have been placed on Lower Icknield Way for one week.

Representatives from Aston Clinton, Drayton Beauchamp and Buckland Horticultural Society had met with Cllr Paternoster and Clerk to discuss possibility of donation of tree for Community Orchard.

A number of jobs still outstanding – Councillors agreed to take responsibility for the following:

Cremation Area – Investigate possible layouts and costings; Cllr Hayward

Emergency Plan – Continue with developing of Emergency Plan – Cllr Hayward

Three year plan – to include areas of Community Orchard, Primrose Copse – Cllr Sainsbury.

Possible installation of LED lights in street lamps – Cllr Livingston.

23.201 Finance

a. Payments and balances agreed.

BACS Payments/Standing Orders October 2023

02/10/2023	BOST - Office Rent	£250.00
02/10/2023	SLCC Training	£36.00
05/10/2023	Cloudy IT	£74.16
10/10/2023	Wendover Community Board	£890.40
10/10/2023	BAS Associates	£68.40
13/10/2023	Hugo Fox – Website Hosting	£23.99
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16/10/2023	Castle Water	£92.83
16/10/2023	Silverspades Landscapes	£1476.00
20/10/2023	SSE Electricity	£350.61
30/10/2023	BOST _ Office Rent	£250.00
31/10/2023	One Com	£60.52
31/10/2023	Clerk Salary	£1040.00

Balances:

Opening Balance	£45487.34
Total Money in	£890.40
Total Money out	£3746.50
Closing Balance	£42631.24

- b. Council approved payment of £1554 to Terrain Surveys Ltd and £841.87 to M Nicholls for work at Primrose Copse, along with £200 to repair fencing in Community Orchard.
- c. Proposed 2024/25 Budget – The Clerk presented proposed Budget for 2024/2025. Based on increasing costs Clerk suggested an increase on 9.9% in precept for the forthcoming year. This would result in reduction in grass cutting of verges and Churchyard to four times per year, Possible safety concerns raised regarding the sight lines at Buckland Crossroads. Investigation into possible use of Allotments to generate income. Council voted to accept this proposed budget.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate allotment usage and demand; Clerk to contact Cllr Mike Collins regarding grass cutting.

23.202 Planning Applications/Matters

There were no planning applications to discuss.

23.203 Thames Water Pumping Station

Representatives from Thames Water have agreed to a public meeting on Tuesday 5th December at 7.00pm.

ACTION: Clerk to produce notices for Councillors to distribute.

23.204 Consultations and Correspondence

None received

23.205 Roads and Transportation

Updates on:

- Tring Hill/ Buckland Wharf – Council agreed to pursue use of dragon teeth, 30MPH sign with yellow backing, replacement of VAS sign, and red topped road covering with 30MPH sign on Tring Hill.
ACTION: Clerk to follow up with Buckinghamshire Council; Clerk to investigate number of accidents on Tring Hill junction over past 3 years.
- Speed watch – 2 sessions have taken place at Buckland Wharf in both directions. Speeds of 50MPH recorded on 3 occasions. Sessions reducing over next few months due to weather.
- Truvelo strips Lower Icknield Way have been put in place for 7 day survey.

23.206 Maintenance of Land Holdings

- a. **Burial Ground maintenance** Council will plan for cremation area.
ACTION: Councillor Hayward to investigate.
- b. **Lower Buckland/Community Orchard** – On 14th October a herd of cows managed to get into community orchard and cause substantial damage to trees and hedging. Fence has been repaired and damage assessment made.
ACTION: Clerk to contact farmer regarding compensation. No replacement planting to take place until compensation received.
- c. **Grass Keep, Primrose Copse and Allotment** – All work has been completed.

23.207 Footpaths and Environment

- a. Footbridge has been reported again. Access to Bridleway 1 is very hard due to land owner using heavy machinery to access land.
- b. Dog Waste bin – Buckland Wharf – Clerk to proceed and look into funding from Wendover Community Board.

23.208 Website, Social Media and Communications

BOST have applied for community Broadband in village hall.

23.209 Grants

- Gib Lane Community Fund Grant Application for benches in community orchard has been approved by sub committee. Awaiting Final decision. Work would be carried out in Spring 2024.
- Wendover Community Board Funding is still available. Applications to be made before December 2024.

23.210 Arla/Olleco

- a. Smells are still being reported. Councillors attended community meeting with ARLA.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up on feedback following explosion in Oxfordshire and LNG safety checks.

23.211 Matters of Report

Cllr Paternoster attended Wendover Community Board meeting. Presentation from Wendover Shed.

Graffiti on Canal bridge No 8.

ACTION: Clerk to report to Canal and Rivers Trust.

23.212 Circulars

There were no circulars.

23.213 Date of next Parish Council Meeting Monday 11th December 2023 at 7.00pm in Buckland Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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