

Meeting of Buckland Parish Council
On Monday 14th October 2024
at Buckland Village Hall @ 7.00 pm

Minutes

PRESENT: Cllr Nigel Hayward (Chair), Cllr Jon Sainsbury (Vice Chair), Cllr Carole Paternoster, Cllr Heather McKenna, Mrs Jane Lewis (Clerk)

There were two members of the public in attendance.

24.177 Apologies

There were apologies from Cllr Fiona Livingston and Buckinghamshire Cllr Mike Collins.

24.178 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

24.179 Open Forum

Member of the public from Hope Cottages asked the council to consider the implementation of speed controls on Buckland Road. There has been an increase in road users since the introduction of speed measures in Aston Clinton. Many cars are travelling well in excess of the 40 MPH limit. With the possible development of land on Lower Icknield Way this problem will increase.

24.180 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th September were agreed and signed by the chair of the meeting Cllr Nigel Hayward.

24.181 Clerk's Report

- The Clerk reminded councillors that they should individually sign up for membership of NALC.
- Ongoing issues with vermin behind the Mela restaurant. Environmental health are involved in the discussion.
- The Clerk reminded councillors that the Clerk will be out of the office from Friday 18th October until beginning of December. Cllr Carole Paternoster will be in the office on Mondays 12-2pm and Thursday 10-12pm
- Parish Newsletter for October has been circulated.

24.182 Finance

a. The Council approved the payments for September 2024.

30/9/24	BOST _ Office Rent	£250	
30/9/24	One Come – Phone line	£34.90	
26/9/24	Stationery	£113.28	
26/9/24	Poppy Wreath	£24.49	
26/9/24	SSE	£262.35	
13/9/24	Precept		£18823.67
10/9/24	GrassKeep		£500
9/9/24	Silverspades	£480	
9/9/24	Hugo Fox	£23.99	
5/9/24	SSE	£1002.86	
5/9/24	Cloudy IT	£84.00	
2/9/24	PKF Littlejohn	£378.00	

b. Review of devolved services and possible implications for Buckland

Councillors had attended zoom meeting to discuss the possibility of BPC accepting devolved services from Buckinghamshire Council. BPC would receive payment from Buckinghamshire Council to help fund services such as verge grass cutting, weeding, sign cleaning and hedge maintenance. BPC have asked Aylesbury Town Council if they could come under the ATC umbrella. Expression of interest details for the scheme will be issued in December 2024. BPC would still be responsible for maintaining the burial ground.

c. Grass Cutting Contract 2025-2026

Due to acceptance of devolved services Council requested that contractors re submit quotes for discussion at December meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to contact contractors.**

d. Six month financial review

The Clerk presented half yearly figures to the council for review. Strict financial controls are showing improved situation, however reserves still need to be increased.

24.183 Planning Applications/Matters

- Planning appeal Chapel Drive, Aston Clinton
Planning appeal was held in August and the Inspector has dismissed the appeal. The reasons for refusal were that the proposal conflicted with the development plan, it would harm the intrinsic character and appearance of the area, habitat sites would be affected, and it would have an adverse effect on the Beechwood Special Area of Conservation in the Chilterns.
- Thames Water Pumping Station Update
MP Laura Kyrke-Smith has received notification from Thames Water that BPC will be updated on proposals by end of October.

Under the Local Government Act 1972, the Council reviewed two applications that had been received after the agenda had been published.

24/02832/APP - BUCKLAND Dancers End House Dancers End Farm Dancers End Lane Buckland Buckinghamshire HP23 6JY Householder application for demolition of existing lean-to extension. Erection of single storey extension to the north west of the property and minor internal alterations Council has no Objection.

24/02833/ALB - BUCKLAND Dancers End House Dancers End Farm Dancers End Lane Buckland Buckinghamshire HP23 6JY Listed building application for demolition of existing lean-to extension. Erection of single storey extension to the north west of the property and minor internal alterations. Council has no objection.

24/02837/APP - BUCKLAND 224A London Road Aston Clinton Buckinghamshire HP22 5LE Householder application for single storey rear extension. Loft conversion including balcony Council opposes on following grounds: The proposed projecting rear balcony will have a significant negative impact on the residential amenity of neighbouring dwellings by invading the privacy of private rear gardens in London Road, Buckland Road and Blackmore Gate, contrary to VALP policy BE3, and NPPF para 135 (f).

24.184 Consultations and Correspondence

- Buckinghamshire Council's taxi licensing policy. Closing date 24th November
- National Planning Policy Framework Consultation - additional information.
BMKALC called a meeting for councils to discuss the government's new formula for planning. This will be confirmed by the government in December.

24.185 Roads and Transportation

- Buckland Road – Councillors discussed the need for data on traffic in Buckland Road and agreed to request Truvello strips within the 40mph limit by Hope Cottages and also in the 30mph limit. **ACTION: Clerk to action**

- New Road – Residents have installed new signage at each end. Residents have come together to form a Residents Association.
- Tring Hill Buckland Wharf Speed data
Information has now been collated to be presented to Steve Broadbent and also our MP.

24.186 Maintenance of Land Holdings

- Community Orchard – Benches have been ordered and should be delivered directly to the site in November.
- Buckland Burial Ground/All Saints Churchyard – The Chiltern Society and volunteers worked on clearing the hedging in Church Lane. Gaps will be filled with more hedge planting in due course.
- SSE Update on tree in Grazing land – Clerk reported issue of dead tree in July 2024 and is still waiting for SSE to visit.
- Allotment Land – Matt Nicholls will carry out clearing work in Spring 2025.

24.187 Footpaths and Environment

- Hedges – There are still a number of hedges in the village that are overgrown. Concern was raised over potential blockages in ditches during the winter months.
- Footpaths audit update
Cllr Livingston reported that despite numerous reports to Buckinghamshire Council several issues are still outstanding. Buckinghamshire Council are treating matters based on priority.

Submitted	Problem	Parish	Status	Updated
14/4/20	Bridge/Damaged	Aston Clinton	SI Raised	18/10/22
19/11/20	Bridge/Damaged	Buckland	SI Raised	6/8/24
3/7/23	Bridge/Damaged	Buckland	SI Raised	23/01/24
13/9/24	Stile/Damaged	Buckland	Inspection required	13/9/24
10/10/24	Stile/Damaged	Buckland	Officer progressing issue	10/10/24
10/10/24	Gate/Damaged	Buckland	Officer progressing issue	10/10/24
10/10/24	Encroachment/Sidegrowth	Buckland	Officer progressing issue	10/10/24
5/6/22	Gate/Missing	Buckland	Rejected	5/6/22
7/6/22	Gate Missing	Buckland	rejected	7/6/22
14/10/24	Surface/Upgrowth	Buckland	Awaiting processing	14/10/24

- Halton Parish Council meeting on LED lights – Update
Cllr McKenna reported that she had attended recent meeting. Working group are discussing possible ideas and also looking at survey for residents' views.
- Achieving Biodiversity Conference
Cllr Paternoster attended and gained valuable information. All Saints Church will join God's Acre conservation group for further information on maintaining churchyards. BPC will contribute 50% of joining fee for shared information. Local Nature recovery strategy will be published later in the year. Planning applications are now required to have ecology surveys which are adding another layer of documentation to planning applications.

24.188 Grants

- The Chiltern Society have approved grant of £500 for hedging in Community Orchard and Green Lane to the Church. Chiltern Society also provided yellow rattle for the Burial Ground.
- Wendover Community Board have approved grant application for £240 for wildflower seed for Community Orchard.
- Aston Clinton, Drayton Beauchamp and Buckland Horticultural society have asked what trees will be planted with £500 donation. Cllr Paternoster and Cllr Livingston will visit Lindengate to source trees.
- Grantscape Meeting 22nd October – Application has been made for kissing gate at Community Orchard. Cllr Livingston will attend meeting.

24.189 Arla/Olleco

- Cllr Sainsbury attended recent Arla/Olleco meeting.
 - Carbon Filter Change - conducted 30th August 24 Future schedule to do on 1st of month when required.
 - VOC Monitoring probe due for installation.
 - Road Conditions - Some of Samiam Way resurfaced but not the entrances to Olleco and Arla
 - Volumes at ARLA remain largely unchanged
 - Transport Pallet sizes to change.
 - ARLA using more of own Biogas rather than selling it Olleco
 - New Engine installed at Olleco and some technical detail.
 - LNG plant - no updates yet. ARLA anticipating a 2025 project the main tank will be situated as per planning permission -temporary tank site TBC.
 - No Plans in place for development of recent Land purchases yet.
 - J Sainsbury said smells were still apparent in the village although reporting to EA had dropped off. ARLA said they had employed consultants to investigate further. The VOC probe should provide better control. ARLA and Olleco indicated it was still a high priority action with the EA involved.
 - Next meeting scheduled for 12th March 25

24.190 BOST Update

Bost trustees have embarked on maintenance programme to ensure building is up to date with current requirements for areas such as smoke alarms.

24.191 Matters of Report

Councillors agreed that members of the public would be asked to wait outside the meeting room prior to meeting commencing. No one should be in meeting room on their own with members of public.

24.192 Circulars

There were no circulars.

24.193 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Buckland Parish Council will be held on Monday 11th November 2024

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed

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