

Meeting of Buckland Parish Council
On Monday 11th September 2023
at Buckland Village Hall @ 7.00pm

ATTENDING: Cllr Mr Nigel Hayward (Chairman), Cllr Mr Jon Sainsbury (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs Carole Paternoster, Cllr Mrs Sue Gillingham, Cllr Mrs Fiona Livingston, Clerk – Mrs Jane Lewis

There was one member of the public in attendance.

23.160 Apologies

Buckinghamshire Cllr Mr Mike Collins

23.161 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

23.162 Open Forum

No issues were raised under this minute.

23.163 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 14th August 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

23.164 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that Castle Water had responded regarding the water meter on Tring Hill. They will send a representative to read the meter and notify the clerk at the time.

Buckinghamshire Council democracy department contacted Clerks to clarify the rules relating to redacting councillors addresses on the grounds of safety of councillors.

ACTION: Clerk to contact and ask for redaction of addresses for Councillors.

New leaflets have been produced for Burial Ground and sent to relevant organisations.

Clerk has attended quarterly new clerk training event.

Councillors Paternoster and Hayward to attend banking training.

Wheelie Bin stickers have been received and will be distributed to residents requesting them.

23.165 Finance

a. Payments were approved and balances agreed.

BACS Payments/Standing Orders August 2023

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| 3/8/223 | J Lewis – Calculator | £4.50 |
| 3/8/23 | M Nicholls – Gateposts and gate Churchyard | £316.20 |
| 3/8/23 | J Lewis – Printer Ink | £92.24 |
| 3/8/23 | F Livingston – Standpipe connections | £13.87 |

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| 7/8/23 | Cloudy IT | £112.55 |
| 10/8/23 | T Nicholls – Posts and signs | £100 |
| 14/8/23 | J Lewis – Office noticeboard | £24.95 |
| 21/8/23 | SSE | £330.33 |
| 21/8/23 | SLCC – Clerk Training (7 th September) | £24.00 |
| 21/8/23 | Starboard Systems (Scribe Accounts) | £788.40 |
| 23/8/23 | Nest Pension | £38.48 |
| 30/8/23 | BOST _ Office Rent | £250.00 |
| 31/8/23 | One Com | £55.69 |
| 31/8/23 | Clerk Salary | £1027.52 |
| 31/8/23 | PKF Littlejohn (AGAR 2023) | £378.00 |

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| Opening Balance | £37238.70 |
| Money In | £ 0 |
| Money Out | £3556.73 |
| Closing Balance | £33686.47 |

- Cloudy IT includes annual domain renewal and domain management fee
- b. AGAR Completion for 2022/2023 has been received and signed off by PKF Littlejohn. Notice displayed on website and noticeboards.
- c. Council approved payment of £150 for replacement of damaged tap in churchyard.

23.166 Remembrance Sunday

Council gave delegated authority to Clerk to purchase poppy wreath annually for £25.
ACTION: Clerk to organise Bugler and also cleaning of war memorial.
 Silverspades Landscapes had offered to cut the grass by War memorial and cut back bushes for free.

23.167 Planning Applications/Matters –

Planning Application Consultation 23/02632/HSC – ARLA

The application was debated and will be objected to on grounds of This whole application relates to land in Buckland Parish. In the planning application relating to hazardous substances section 5(e) states that the applicant must ' Provide details of the vicinity of the land to which the application relates relevant details of the numbers of people in neighbouring developments that could be affected by a major accident' In the list of 'Neighbours', the applicant fails to

mention the close proximity of the site to its boundary with the Lower Buckland Road and with the very close residential properties. As a no through road the Lower Buckland Road is in constant use as a very popular walking and cycling route. Why were the road and nearby residential properties omitted from the 'Neighbours' list? This implies that the health and safety of users of the village road and local Buckland residents have been completely ignored in determining the siting for this storage facility for hazardous substances. This oversight must be addressed before any further consideration of this planning application takes place.

There is also the odour nuisance of methane emissions during refuelling. Although the applicant states that the LNG tank will not vent gas to the atmosphere 'during normal operations', this implies that there will be further methane emissions to the atmosphere. Buckland residents' lives, and those from nearby areas, are already blighted by methane emissions from Olleco's and Arla's anaerobic digesters. Any operations which would exacerbate this nuisance must not be permitted.

ACTION: Clerk to contact ARLA regarding BPC Emergency plan and Ammonia leaks

Planning surgeries will be attended by Cllr Paternoster and Clerk on Tuesday 3rd October to discuss Buckinghamshire planning policy for Lower Buckland plots.

Planning Application 23/01115/APP has also received comments from Ministry of Defence regarding tower crane. Application has now been amended by Careys and no longer includes tower crane.

23.168 Consultations and Correspondence

Correspondence from Cllr Peter Cooper – 20 MPH zones – **ACTION: Clerk to reply on behalf of council welcoming the plans**

Money Matters – Tell us how you want your Council Tax spent survey **ACTION: Clerk to reply including areas such as potholes and sidings out and landscape maintenance on Tring Hill.**

23.169 Roads and Transportation

Updates on:

Tring Hill/ Buckland Wharf – Bucks director of highways, Richard Barker, has responded and will be in touch once assessment of the current situation has been made.

Speed watch Update – First session took place on 7th September. 122 vehicles were recorded with 22 exceeding 30MPH speed limit. One vehicle travelling at 48 MPH. Details have been passed to Thames Valley Police. Sessions will be ongoing over next few weeks. More volunteers have been recruited and training in place. Speed Watch cannot be implemented on Lower Icknield Way due to existing speed signs.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate truvello strips for this area.

23.170 Maintenance of Land Holdings

Burial Ground maintenance hedge cutting and clearance of site for cremated remains, general costs. Clerk presented cost analysis to Council.

Lower Buckland maintenance and costs have been collated by Clerk. Since the purchase of land all trees and associated planting costs have been paid for by grants. Council has spent approx. £4000 on land since purchase in 2021. Council agreed to purchase fruit trees that have been underwritten by Gib Lane Community fund in 2022 to value of £3600. **Clerk to action.**

Gib Lane Community Fund Grant 2022 – Clerk to submit application for 5 benches plus installation on the community orchard site.

23.171 Footpaths and Environment

No action has been taken following reports submitted to Rights of Way, this is being followed up.

23.172 Website, Social Media and Communications

Broadband Update – Clerk applied for community broadband scheme with Gigaclear. This has been refused due to BPC not owning Village Hall. BOST will make the application with BPC agreeing to underwrite 80% costs

23.173 Grants

- Gib Lane Community Fund Grant Application to be submitted by 20th September

23.174 Arla/Olleco

Councillors reported increased number of smells recently. Residents have stopped reporting smells to Environment Agency due to lack of action.

23.175 Matters of Report

The Buck Pub held over August Bank Holiday weekend was successful .

Second Community Cricket Match against Long Marston taken place. Buckland lost but have been invited back next year.

Bridleway no. 3: Bollard has been forcibly removed by a digger which was seen working on one of plots in Lower Buckland. Incident has been reported to Thames Valley Police and crime number received. **ACTION: Clerk to investigate TVP grant scheme for more secure bollards**

Thames Water Pumping Station - Clerk has not received any updates.

23.177 Date of next Parish Council Meeting Monday 9th October 2023 at 7.00pm in Buckland Village Hall.

23.178 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

- Site visit has taken place. Datum posts to be put in agreed positions by Matt Nicholls. BPC has lost some land which has been incorporated into the rear garden of The Limes. The land will need to be surveyed according to the new boundaries. Once this has been completed a solicitor will register the land with Land Registry. Whilst site visit was taking place Councillors witnessed one local resident disposing of garden waste on BPC land. **ACTION: Clerk to send letter to local resident requesting they stop.**
- Council to ask residents if any interest in allotments, now site has been cleared.

Meeting concluded at 20.50pm