

**Meeting of Buckland Parish Council**  
**On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2023**  
at Buckland Village Hall @ 7.00pm

**ATTENDING:** Cllr Mr Nigel Hayward (Chairman), Cllr Mr Jon Sainsbury (Vice Chair), Cllr Mrs Carole Paternoster, Clerk Mrs Jane Lewis.  
**Buckinghamshire** Cllr Mr Mike Collins also attended.

**23.142 Apologies** were accepted from Cllr Mrs Sue Gillingham and Cllr Mrs Fiona Livingston.

**23.143 Declarations of interest**

Cllr Mrs Carole Paternoster declared a personal interest in 23.149 Wendover Community Board – Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp Cricket club application

Clerk – Mrs Jane Lewis declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Planning Application 23/02352/APP – Great Moat Barn

**23.144 Open Forum**

No members of the public attended, and no issues were raised under this minute.

**23.145 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**23.146 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported that Aylesbury Town Council had not replied re verge grass cutting at Lower Buckland.

Residents had contacted Clerk relating to speed in Lower Buckland being national speed limit and the dangers faced by local residents walking on the carriageway. Clerk to respond stating that Parish Council are constantly looking at speed issues within the Parish, but ultimately it is responsibility of Bucks Council to change speed limits.

Clerk has started putting together Emergency Plan.

BMALC conference is on 17<sup>th</sup> October for any Councillors who wish to attend.

Water Meter reading required for allotment area. Meter is inaccessible due to location. Castle Water have been contacted.

**23.147 Finance**

a. Payments were approved and balances agreed. Budgets to be reviewed in September.

**BACS Payments/Standing Orders July 2023**

03/07/23	BALC – Meetings & Agendas Course	£40.00
03/07/23	Clerks Salary - June	£1027.52
03/07/23	Hugo Fox – Website Hosting May	£23.99
03/07/23	Hugo Fox Website Hosting June	£23.99
03/07/23	M Nicholls – Stand pipes Community Orchard	£1974.00
04/07/23	SSE Electricity	£61.89

06/07/23	Silverspades	£1188.00
06/07/23	Cloudy IT – It Support	£74.16
06/07/23	SSE Electricity	£989.50
10/07/23	Go Cardless – BAS Payroll	£68.40
12/07/23	ICO _ Information Commissioners Office Renewal	£35.00
21/07/23	SSE Electricity	£360.74
21/07/23	Nest Pension	£38.48
31/07/23	One Com – Broadband	£63.11
31/07/23	Old School Trust – Office Rent	£250.00
31/07/23	Blacklaw Legal Fees	£1098.00
31/07/23	Clerks Salary – July	£1027.52
31/07/23	Silverspades	£1476.00

### **Balances**

Opening Balance	£4063.50
Money Out	£9820.30
Money In	£ 0
Closing Balance	£ 37243.20

NB SSE Payments are first payments with new provider. 4 months taken in one month

- b. Insurance Renewal Paperwork has now been received.
- c. Accounting Packages have been reviewed. Agreed to proceed with Scribe as provides more suitable package and competitive rates. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up.**
- d. Payment of Accounts in absence of Clerk – It was agreed that Clerk would retrain Councillors Hayward and Paternoster in use of on-line banking for use in Clerks absence.
- e. Query on AGAR had been received relating to variances and actioned.
- f. Invoice for ground pipe work in Community Orchard has been sent to Wendover Community Board for grant funding payment.

### **23.148 Planning Applications/Matters –**

- Adoption Statement of the 3 SPDs AGT1, Affordable Housing, and Design have been adopted by Bucks Council and are now part of planning policy.
- Planning surgeries are now available for Clerks and councillors. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange appointment to discuss all plots at Lower Buckland north of the canal.**
- Update on planning policy – New National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) will be published by the Government in December 2023. Bucks Council will be considering possible growth scenarios. A draft vision and objectives will be published for consultation in April-June 2024.
- Planning Application 23/02352/APP – Great Moat Barn  
As the applicant for this application the Clerk, Jane Lewis, declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and left the room while this application was debated. The deputy clerk minuted this item. As a member of the area planning committee Bucks, Cllr Mike Collins also left the meeting.

The application was debated, and the decision of the Council was that no objection be raised. The deputy clerk forwarded this decision to Buckinghamshire Council.

The item having been determined, Jane Lewis returned to the meeting room to continue minuting the Parish Council meeting. Cllr Mike Collins returned to the meeting.

- Plot 6/7 Land To South West And North East Of Buckland Bridleway 3 Buckland | Enforcement ref: 20/00217/CON3 – No breach, Case closed. Clerk reported that the given reference number does not work on planning portal. **ACTION: Clerk to raise at planning surgery**

### **23.149 Consultations and Correspondence**

- Response from Martin Tett re Scout Hut had been received, but failed to answer the questions raised by the Parish Council.
- Wendover Community Board – Aston Clinton, Buckland and Drayton Beauchamp Cricket club application for replacement cartridges for lawn mowers had been received. Council supported this application.

### **23.150 Roads and Transportation**

- Tring Hill/ Buckland Wharf – Acknowledgement of email from Richard Barker, the Director in charge of highways, who will be looking into the speeding issues raised by the recent truelo strips survey. Residents at Buckland Wharf are proposing to hold a public meeting and plan to invite the local MP.
- Speed watch Update – 6 volunteers, 4 trained. Equipment now received. Clerk will be organising training session and first Speed watch session in September.
- Council agreed to purchase 250 30mph wheelie bin stickers at cost of £194.50.

### **23.151 Maintenance of Land Holdings**

- a. **Burial Ground maintenance** council agreed to ask M Nicholls to cut hedge in burial ground. Councillors will then discuss clearance of an area for cremation plots.
- b. **Lower Buckland** Community Orchard is looking healthy with all recent rain.
- c. Gib Lane Community Fund Grant 2022 for £3,600 – Project must be completed by November 2023. Cost of 50 fruit trees to complete the orchard section will be £1280; stakes and tree guards will also be needed. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Matt Nicholls and request planting quote.**
- d. Report on Local Nature Recovery Strategy by Bucks Council who wish to reverse decline in nature due to development. Some developers will need offsite areas for tree planting. Therefore Bucks Council will be identifying such areas in due course. Council agreed to put BPC forward.

### **23.152 Footpaths and Environment**

Complaints had been received regarding state of bridleway between lower Buckland and college road and also canal near ARLA. Bridleway issues are responsibility of neighbouring landowner.

### **23.153 Website, Social Media and Communications**

- a. Broadband Providers had been researched. Most competitive quote from Giga Clear. **ACTION: Clerk to follow up.**

**23.154 Grants**

Gib Lane Community Fund 2023 Grant Application by 20<sup>th</sup> September. Clerk to investigate cost of benches for orchard, to be discussed at September BPC meeting.

**23.155 Arla/Olleco**

Ongoing smells are still being noticed by residents.

**23.156 Matters of Report**

There were no matters of report.

**23.158 Date of next Parish Council Meeting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023** at 7.00pm in Buckland Village Hall.

**23.159 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**

- The site will be fenced according to Council's Land Registry Document.

Meeting Concluded at 20.30

Signed:

Chairman:

Date: