

MINUTES OF BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 10th April, 2017 AT 7.30pm
IN BUCKLAND VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Parish Councillors:-

N. Hayward (Chairman)

A. Penn (Vice Chairman)

Mrs C Paternoster

C. Carlile

Mrs S Gillingham

H. Caglayan

C. Tufnell MBE

Mrs F Lippmann (Clerk)

4 members of the public

17.056 Apologies

No apologies were received

17.057 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest

The Chairman closed the meeting for Open Forum (public participation)

17.058 Open Forum

a. Mrs A Poole wished to complain about the letter received from the Clerk, regarding the areas around the graves. The definition of 'kerb' was discussed and the reason that 'no kerbing' was stated within the Burial Ground Rules was discussed. It was agreed that the guidelines should be sent out to the families directly from the Parish Office and not via the Funeral Directors. Mrs Poole felt that the fallow area should be cut back as the nettles etc. were encroaching. Members agreed that a site visit should be undertaken to go forward.

b. Cllr Penn left the meeting.

c. Pot holes in the Village Lane. Those that had been repaired were done badly and were not lasting a year.

d. Parking in the Village. Cars are now parking on bends and are making the roads dangerous. Cllr Paternoster offered to take the problem to TVP.

e. A member of the Canal & River Trust gave a presentation on the restoration proposals for the Wendover Arm Canal. Members proposed working in partnership with the C&RT, also using Primrose Copse and S106 funding.

f. A resident of New Road, came to discuss the planning application for Petford Lea and his concerns on the impact of his property. Members expressed their concern over the planning proposal.

17.059 Minutes

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting of 13th March, 2017, were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

17.060 Clerk's Report

- UK Power Networks have opened a file on the reduction in power to the street lights through the village

- a note of thanks was written and sent to Mr Hari

- Aston Clinton have responded that AVDC empty the bins along the London Road. They suggested that should BPC install a bin that it is added to the round

- A VAT reclaim has been sent off to HMRC. This was for £2462.09.

- The accounts are being prepared for Year End sign off

- The Clerk attended a meeting with Grantscape to discuss the future of the grant funding from the solar farm. It was proposed by Grantscape that all the money be pooled, instead of allocated to the different parish councils concerned. This proposal was not met well and rejected by the pc representatives attending. Grantscape were concerned that not enough proposals had been submitted. Buckland's share is £1900 pa. This year £1300 has been allocated to the purchase of a defibrillator for the Village Hall.

- A letter has been sent to the Initial Appeals, Bristol, regarding Canal Farm, supporting their application.

- The new monument, within the Burial Ground, has been added to the insurance schedule.

17.061 Finance

Contractual payments, paid by BACS

E-on (street lighting)	13/03	100.68
Buckland Landscapes	13/03	696.00
British Telecom	27/03	20.99
F Lippmann (salary January + expenses)	27/03	724.63
Halton Parish Council	27/03	100.00
M Gould	27/03	170.00

M Nichols	21/03	150.00
Locum fee	29/03	30.00
<u>Receipts</u>		
Interest	09/03	2.06
<u>Balance on accounts</u>		
00270426	1000.00	
00270604	49807.05	
	50807.05	
17.062	Planning	

Items to be considered:-

17/00733/APP – Monks' Court – Erection of Detached Garage_ *The members supported the application.*

17.063 Policies and Procedures

All current policies and procedures were considered and accepted. There were no changes pre-submitted for policies or procedures.

17.064 Consultations

There were no consultations to consider.

17.065 VALP

Cllr Mrs Paternoster explained the current status of the VALP. The plan be going to consultation in July 2017, with submission aimed for August 2017.

17.066 Roadways and Transportation

- Stage II letters of the complaint on road noise, are being received by complainants.
- The pot holes in the roads are deteriorating and a renewed approach for repair is to be made to BCC, to whom individual residents who have complained and any other residents suffering from the conditions should also write direct themselves to assist in securing early action
- The noise from the A41 was considered to be louder than previously, this is thought to be that the current surface was exacerbating the noise as it was deteriorating.
- The VAS on Tring Hill has been turned on by BCC.
- The Bus Shelter on London Road was confirmed as being in Aston Clinton.

17.067 Burial Ground

Following the discussion in Open Forum, the members confirmed that a site visit would be undertaken, the rules of the Burial Ground would be reviewed and that the Clerk would send a copy of these rules directly to the families of the deceased, instead of via the Funeral Directors.

17.068 Grass keep and Allotments

The Clerk was asked to write to AVDC regarding the S106 funding, informing AVDC that BPC were now working with the C&RT. The dates for use and the current balance of S106 money held at AVDC would be confirmed.

17.069 Footpaths and Environment

- An outflow from the rear of Cherry Farm appeared to be contaminating the footpaths. The Clerk would contact Environmental Health and ask them to investigate.
- The footpaths around the stiles are becoming very muddy and wet.

17.070 Web Site and Wi-fi

There was nothing to report.

17.071 Matters of Report

- There may be further pre-application submissions from development proposals near to the Buckland borders with Aston Clinton.
- The Ginger's Farm application has not been decided yet.
- The Clerk would bring an A1 map of the parish to meetings.

17.072 Correspondence and circulars

Were made available at the meeting.

17.073 Date of next Parish Council Meeting

The Chairman confirmed that the date of the next Parish Council Meeting would be held on 8th May, 2017, at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chairman of the Parish Council

Date