

## BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Bucknell Parish Council on Monday 9th March 2015 at 7:30 in Bucknell Village Hall

**Present:** Daniel Blakey (Temporary Chair), Rachael Blakey (Clerk), Neil Wainman, Derek Hedges, Chris Wells, Alexander Bowden

**In attendance:** Vanessa Smith (Parishioner), Lee Peck (Parishioner) Sam Thomas (CDC),

#### **1 Apologies**

1.1 Colin Hornby, Lawrie Stratford

#### **2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda**

2.1 DH declared an interest in Anaerobic Digestion (item 4.1).

#### **3. Minutes from the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

3.1 NW asked if the figures submitted for the precept could be added to the minutes. Clerk to action this for the next meeting.

#### **4 Matters arising from the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

4.1 Anaerobic Digestion.

Sam Thomas from CDC updated the Council on the progress with the feasibility study. In order for the tender to be successful there is a need for more feedstock in the form of arable crops to be provided by additional farms. Sam needs to make contact with neighbouring farmers to discuss this. When there is more confirmed interest the study can go ahead.

#### **5. District and/or Councilor's report:**

5.1 DB informed the Council of Jon O'Neils resignation as District Councillor The vacant position may be filled at the May election.

5.2 DB summarized a report from LS which will also be published on the Bucknell website. The main area concerning Bucknell was the confirmation of 4 new primary schools on the eco-town site.

#### **6. Standing Items:**

6.1 Traffic Calming

6.1.1 DH updated the Council on the meeting with A2D concerning traffic calming measures and confirmed their intention is still to support this under the section 106 agreement.

6.1.2 DB read out a letter from Bob Dixon suggesting the installation of traffic lights at the crossroads that would be triggered by people speeding.

**Action:** *The Clerk to pass on this suggestion to A2D.*

## 6.2 **Bicester Developments**

6.2.1 DB updated the Council on the latest meeting with A2D:

- AB suggested that we make the most of their keenness to liaise and meet with us.
- NW suggests we lobby OCC with regards to the lighting on site as this is out of A2Ds hands.
- DB suggested that the plans go on Bucknell's website.

**Action:** Clerk to write to LS and Middleton Stoney to gather support to lobby OCC

**Action:** CW to put plans on the website

**Action:** Clerk to follow up meeting with the Planning team at OCC

## 6.3. **Incinerator**

6.3.1 There has not been a liaison meeting since January but DH encouraged parishioners to lobby Viridor regarding the lighting and contact the Environment Agency if they have any concerns.

**Action:** CW to put the details of the EA on the website.

## 6.4 **Thames Water**

6.4.1 The Clerk made the Council aware of the next date to meet and confirmed that she is arranging for OCC to be there.

## 6.5 **Planning**

6.5.1 The application for an agricultural storage building at Lower Barn Farm was noted.

6.5.2. 14 Middleton Road update. The Parish Council's objections to this extension has been sent to CDC.

## 7 **Elections**

7.1 DB clarified the process for the elections. NW offered to take Councillors registration forms to CDC offices.

## 8. **Local Transport Plan**

8.1 DB agreed to write a response to this focusing on the lack of "joined up-ness" of the plans, and the suggestion of a community representation to Bucknell, not just focusing on buses.

## 9. **Trigger Pond**

9.1. The Chair expressed thanks to John Kightley and Mark Gammond for their work on clearing up the pond and its surrounding area.

9.2. Vanessa described the 2 options with regards to controlling the Ash tree surrounding the pond which is now deemed dangerous:

9.2.1 These were to either cut it down altogether or pollard it. Cutting it down would illuminate any further problems but would spoil the look of pond, pollarding it would be more ascetically pleasing but would grow back and the problem would be ongoing.

9.2.2 DH then suggested that the tree was cut down to 10 foot tall which would mean that it still had the potential to grow back but would take longer and deter the problem for a bit.

9.2.3 All agreed to go with the latter option. Vanessa agreed to arrange this for as soon as possible.

- 9.3 NW suggested a separate working party is formed to plan a planting and maintenance scheme for the pond area.

**Action:** CW to send an email asking for volunteers for the working party

**10. Correspondence**

- 10.1 The PCC have requested a donation for help towards maintenance of the burial ground. As this is already budgeted for, all agreed to donate £400 and the Clerk is to action this.

**Action:** Clerk to send cheque to PCC treasurer

- 10.2 Jane Ashe sent an email expressing concern over the rubbish on the outlying roads to Bicester. All agreed this is an issue but that it couldn't be dealt with via a litter pick because of the danger issue.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Kerry Simpson to ask how we can safely do this.

- 10.3 Sheila Wallington sent a letter to DH regarding the state of the road signs, this is a highways issue and the Clerk will speak to Sheila about this.

**11 Public Participation**

- 11.1 Nothing was raised from parishioners

**12. Finance**

- 12.1 Reconciled bank balance: £4548.89 in current account and £1326.31 in savers account. Cheques to pay were £329.17 for Clerks salary and expenses, £41.18 for Dog bin emptying and £400 to the PCC. Therefore the reconciled bank balance is £5504.85.

- 12.2. Parish Remuneration. DB proposed that we continue as last year and only claim expenses for travel/accommodation. No other payment to be made to Councillors. All agreed.

**13. A.O.B**

- 13.1 Thanks was expressed for the litter pick on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. The turnout was good and 5 wheelie bins of litter was collected. CW pointed out his disappointment at someone littering Bainton road the following morning with a bag of cut up paper.

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

The Annual Parish meeting, Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 starting at 7:0pm in the Village Hall

The meeting concluded at 9:21pm

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