

Bucknell Parish Council

Minutes of the Bucknell Parish Council on Monday 11th May 2015 at 7:15 in Bucknell Village Hall

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

In attendance: Sheila Wallington, Sheena Buck, Megan Savins

1 Apologies

1.1 Derek Hedges

2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

2.1 None declared

3. Minutes from the meeting held on the 9th March 2015

3.1 These were signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

4 Matters arising from the minutes of the 9th March 2015

4.1 No matters arising

5. District and/or Councilor's report:

5.1 Neither the County nor District Councilor was in attendance however AB had met with Ian Corkin prior to his election as District Councillor and found him interested and supportive.

Action: Clerk to invite Ian Corkin to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

6. Finance

6.1 Reconciliation of accounts to be given at Annual Parish Meeting

6.2 All agreed to continue with the same insurance policy as we are tied in for a 3-year term.

6.3 The Clerk proposed to continue with Susannah Maxa as our external auditor with a yearly fee of £100. All agreed and thanked Susannah.

6.4 Two cheques were signed

- Susannah Maxa - £100
- OALC Annual subscription - £133.07

6.5 DB suggested that the Parish Council grant a new fixed term tenancy for one year to Mr Sommerville for the Old Playing Field Land

Action: Clerk to contact Andrew Hardcastle (Solicitor) to put this in place.

7. Standing Items:

7.1 **Traffic Calming**

7.1.1 There has been no update on this since the previous meeting.

7.2 **Bicester Developments**

7.2.1 DB updated the Council on Part 2 of the Local Plan which will be sent out shortly. The Parish Council will be asked to respond to the plan and this may require an interim meeting.

7.2.2 AB informed the Council and Parishioners of a proposed workshop on Bicester Garden City with other local villages, led by Wendlebury Parish Council. AB said he would make himself available for this meeting and report back at the next Parish Council Meeting.

7.3. **Incinerator**

7.3.1 NW reported back on the last Ardley/Viridor Liaison meeting. The major issue was the light pollution and there will be an interim meeting between Viridor, the Planners and OCC. NW can report back on this at the next meeting.

7.4 **Thames Water**

7.4.1 DB gave an update on the meeting with TW and Gordon Hunt from OCC.

- TW have repaired all the leaks and pipes that they are aware of and are now looking at the capacity of the Pump station.
- Gordon Hunt said he would arrange for the drains and sewers to be cleaned and flushed. This still hasn't been done so Clerk to pursue.

Action: Clerk to chase this up with Gordon Hunt

7.4.2 The Clerk informed the Council that OCC state the ditch at behind the bus stop is the property of the neighbouring landowner who is also responsible for its ongoing maintenance. However, it was suggested that a group is set up to clear the ditch as it will assist the drainage issues.

Action: Clerk to ask for assistance from OCC in clearing the ditch and check that we are insured to do it.

7.5 **Planning**

7.5.1 There were no new Planning applications.

8 Correspondence

8.1 Sheila Wallington wrote a letter to the Parish Council stating her intent to stop cutting the grass on the triangle at the corner of Manor View, after a dispute with a neighbour. This brought to light the issue of mowing of communal areas in the village. As these are County Council owned the Parish Council have no control over this, however the Clerk will contact the Council to ask about their mowing schedule.

Action: Clerk to contact OCC about mowing.

9. A.O.B

9.1 **Mobile Library**. The Clerk received notification of the cessation of the mobile library visits to Bucknell as of the end of June. The Council expressed their disappointment with this decision and the Chair is going to write to The County Council to appeal it.

9.2 **Parking by the Trigger Pond**. Chair to ask the new Landlords to ask customers to avoid parking on the grass.

9.3. **Trigger Pond Tree**. The parishioner who took the wood from the Trigger Pond tree has offered to make a donation to the Village. CW to liaise with him about this.

14. Date of Next Meeting

13th July 2015 starting at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Signed Date.....