

Bucknell Parish Council Parish Meeting

9th January 2017 at Bucknell Village Hall, 7:30pm

MINUTES

Present at the meeting

Clr Dan Blakey, Clr Andy Parsons, Clr Neil Wainman, Clr Derek Hedges, Clr Alexander Bowden,
Clr Christine Desborough.

In attendance

OCC Clr Lawrie Stratford, Mrs Wallington

- 1) Apologies.
 - a) Apologies were received from Clr Chris Wells
- 2) Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda.
 - a) Clr Bowden noted that his property neighbours the Trigger Pond Public House.
- 3) Minutes from the Meeting held on the 21st November 2016
 - a) The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 4) Report on the closed meeting of councillors held on 28th November 2016.
 - a) A number of councillors were absent from the meeting of 21st and therefore an interim closed meeting was held. The council felt that the overwhelming view from the parishioners at the meeting of 21st November was that the grass area around the pond should not be parked on. Therefore the council will need to take action to remedy this. In addition, we will ask the pub to cease their maintenance of the area.
 - b) Actions from the meeting:
 - i) DH – to speak with the farming neighbours relating to pub patrons parking on their land near the pub.
Neither are willing to do this.
 - ii) DB – write to the pub notifying them of the intent of the PC noted above.
 - iii) NW – discuss with John Kightley regarding the potential landscaping of the pond area. (see below item 7).
 - iv) AB – discuss with OCC with relation to Highways matters. (See below, item 7)
 - v) AP – discuss the safety issues with Caroline Brown.
 - vi) CD – to investigate signage options to encourage more considerate parking on New Row.
(See item 7)
- 5) Matters arising from the Minutes of the 21st November 2016 and not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
 - a) Adoption of the BT Phone Box. It is possible to adopt the phone box, however given the potential insurance and maintenance issues, and that we do not need to site any potential AED in the phone box it was decided to decline the offer.
 - i) Action – CB to email BT regarding this decision.
 - b) Appointment of Clerk
 - i) Mrs Sue Mackrell has been offered the post of clerk. She is prepared to accept with a pro-rata salary of £24,174, NJC point 27, gross annual salary of £1,959.36.

This was agreed by all councillors.

- ii) Action DB to agree terms and start date with Mrs Mackrell.
- c) Purchase of an AED. The Village Hall committee have agreed that it could be affixed to the wall of the hall. The estimated cost will be in the region of £2500.
 - i) Action – DH to discuss with Stephanie.
- 6) District and/or Councillor’s Report (if attending the meeting).
 - a) A report from LS is attached.
 - b) LS led a site visit to the village to inspect the pond area.
 - i) Around 30 bollards would be required to mark off the pond. This would cost c. £3000.
 - ii) Around 10 bollards would be required to designate parking around new row. C £1000
 - iii) A traffic order will be required for any line painting, white or yellow. This *could* encompass the whole village as it costs £2500.
 - iv) Line painting is around £700 per day. However, the condition of the road surface is not good enough to paint.
- 7) The Trigger Pond
 - a) The council resolves to allocate funding for the landscaping of the grass area around the Trigger Pond.
All councillors agreed.
 - i) The PC will investigate with the local authorities regarding grant funding for the project.
 - ii) The PC will seek advice from the local authorities regarding the plan for the area.
 - iii) The PC will ask the pub to remove the signs at either end of the pond.
 - iv) The PC will for a working group to progress this project.
ACTION: AP, AB, and NW to form the working group. They will approach CDC and OCC per i) and ii). They will seek the input of Mr M. Gammond and Mr J. Kightley.
 - b) The council resolves to allocate funding to regularly maintain the area around the Trigger Pond.
 - i) This was agreed in principle. However, the PC resolved to ask Mr M. Gammond with his assistance with maintenance.
ACTION: AP, AB, and NW to ask Mr M. Gammond regarding maintenance.
 - c) The council resolves to allocate funding for the purchase of signs to encourage safe and considerate parking on New Row.
 - i) This was agreed in principle having received indicative prices of c. £75-£100 per sign.
 - ii) The County Council Highways Department will be approached regarding the legality
ACTION CD
 - iii) A mock up of the sign will be erected to determine size / wording etc.
ACTION DH and AP
 - d) AB will investigate the land registry records for the parcel of land to the north of the pub car park.
- 8) Planning:
 - a) MW0146/16 – Non Material Amendment to planning permission.
 - i) All councillors agreed that the PC should lodge and objection to the application.
Action: DB to write to OCC / complete online form.
- 9) Thames Water and village flood water
Plans for the system have been received. Problems persist. A meeting with TW needs to be organised soon.
 - a) AP will obtain a quotation from an independent engineer to undertake a survey of the system to assist the PC in determining the source of the problems and hold TW to account.
 - b) The example of the red effluent needs to be investigated.

Action – DB to follow-up with Mrs Hope.

10) The incinerator

- a) A liaison meeting is scheduled and will be reported on at the next meeting.
- b) A number for reporting of smells or other issues has been given to the PC: 01869 343689

11) Finance

- a) Confirmation of precept request for 2017-18. The precept will be set at £5,489.36

Description of expenditure	Proposed cost 2017-18
Clerks Salary	1959.36
Clerks Expenses	180.00
Expenses - Stationary Postage etc.	100.00
Bucknell Matters	0.00
Insurance	350.00
Village Hall Hire	320.00
O.A.L.C.Subscriptions	140.00
C.P.R.E Annual Subscription	30.00
Village Maintainance St Peters Churchyard mowing	400.00
Village Maintainance Trigger Pond	800.00
Village Maintainance Playing Field	400.00
Bus Shelter Cleaning	250.00
Dog Bin Emptying	200.00
B.D.O.E. Audit Fee	160.00
Miscellaneous costs	100.00
Internal Auditor	100.00
Election costs	0.00
TOTALS	5489.36

ACTION DB to confirm with CDC

- b) Cheques for signing – None
- c) The reconciled balance of the current account is £9,399,73. Whilst this is c. double the precept, significant spending is planned and therefore may be depleted somewhat.

12) Correspondence

- a) The PC has been invited to attend a meeting regarding the Chesterton Country Park on 18th Jan. NW to attend.

13) Public Participation – Any items not already covered on the agenda

14) A.O.B

- a) A meeting with A2Dominion is needed.

Next Meeting 14th March 2017 in the Village Hall

Signed:

Dan Blakey, Chair

Date

REPORT TO BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY 2017

FROM CLLR Lawrie Stratford

GENERAL OCC REPORT

PLANS TO TRANSFORM ADOPTION SERVICES ACROSS THAMES VALLEY

OCC is joining forces with neighbouring councils to create a Regional Adoption Agency

(RAA) for the Thames Valley. The agency will improve outcomes for both children and adopters – including the ability to match children with families more quickly and improve support services for adopters. The Government has advised that a grant of £300k will be made available to help set up the new service. OCC will be the host authority within a partnership known as ‘Adopt Thames Valley’, alongside six other councils (Bracknell Forest, West Berkshire, Windsor and Maidenhead, Wokingham, Swindon and Reading) and two Voluntary Adoption Agencies (PACT and Barnardo’s). All partners have begun work to develop the new shared service across the geographical area covered by the councils.

LAUNCH OF NEW ONLINE FLOODING ‘TOOLKIT’

A new online 'toolkit' has been launched by OCC which provides information and advice for those wanting to take action to safeguard their homes or businesses against the effects of flooding. Visitors to the site can use its tools to determine whether their home or business is in an area at risk at flooding, and links to a series of ‘How To’ guides. The toolkit also explains the different types of flooding that can occur with bespoke guides on how to deal with them and, for those responsible for things such as drains and streams running across their land, guides on how to carry out preventative maintenance. Interactive illustrations give visual inspiration for ways people can protect their properties and highlights often forgotten areas such as garages, airbricks and cable holes. The toolkit can be found at www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com

ADULT SOCIAL CARE PERFORMANCE ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGE

The delayed transfers of care (DTC) figures released in December show Oxfordshire improving significantly on the situation a year ago: total delayed transfers of care were 11% lower, and those due to social care delays were 19% lower. This compares with a rise in numbers nationally of 25% in total and 41% due to social care. Nationally over a third of all DTC cases were attributable to social care delays, but in Oxfordshire it was less than a fifth.

HOME LIBRARY VOLUNTEER SUCCESS AND NEW LIBRARIES E - NEWSLETTER

In September OCC launched a county-wide campaign for Home Library Service volunteers. This successful campaign has led to 150 volunteer applications so far, and the campaign was shortlisted for a public sector communications award. Home Library Service volunteers choose and deliver books to those who are unable to get to a library. More information about the scheme, including details of what volunteering involves and interviews with those who benefit from the service, can be found at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homelibrary

The Library Service has also recently launched a bi-monthly newsletter sent to 6000 library service users. It contains the latest libraries news, events, book recommendations, volunteering opportunities and more, including information about Zinio (free electronic magazines), eBooks, People's Network (free public access to computers) and Wi-Fi in Libraries. Parish councils are requested to inform residents that they sign up at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/librariesnewsletter

GRANT FUNDING ANNOUNCED FOR 'OPEN ACCESS' CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Community-led schemes will complement a comprehensive new service for 0-19-year-olds across Oxfordshire, which ensures children at risk of abuse and neglect are protected and that families who need extra help are identified at an early stage. Applications received during the first round of the £1m grant scheme were assessed by a cross-party working group of councillors which made recommendations to the council's Cabinet. Six community groups planning to run 'open access' children's services were successful and will receive funding worth £163,000 from the scheme. They are:

- Butterfly Meadows (Bloxham) - £29,384
- Carterton Town Council - £30,000
- Bridges (Oxford) - £30,000
- Grandpont Nursery (Oxford) - £35,600
- St Nicholas Primary School (Marston) - £8,000
- Sharing Life Trust (Thame) - £30,000

A further eight bids were supported in principle by the working group, but deferred to the second round of bids so that further work can be carried out on their business models. The panel refused just three bids – in these cases the eligibility criteria were not met.

HEALTH INEQUALITIES COMMISSION REPORT

Oxfordshire's Commission on Health Inequalities has published its recommendations to narrow the health and wellbeing gaps which divide communities in the county. The Commission was set up earlier this year by the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board. Its members came from health, local authority and voluntary sectors. Public sessions were held at venues across the county and evidence was taken from a wide range of statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations. The Commission heard that Oxfordshire, overall, is an affluent county

with relatively low levels of deprivation, but there are significant variations. Among the 60 recommendations made by the Commission are:

- An integrated transport strategy to reduce social isolation
- Greater investment in prevention of ill health
- Employers to promote the health of working people
- Greater integration of health and social care and more support for unpaid carers
- Public sector organisations should review their buildings and land which might be used for key worker and affordable housing
- Promotion of physical activity and exercise among vulnerable groups
- More provision for mental health services

The next steps for the Commission will be to promote the findings of the report and for discussion of what can be achieved through local action.

OXFORD PARKWAY/CITY CENTRE OPENING

The link between Oxford Parkway and the city centre was opened at the beginning of December with a journey time of just 8 minutes. The Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling, attended the opening. OCC Leader Ian Hudspeth took the opportunity of talking to him not just about railways, but also the road problems in Oxfordshire, particularly with regard to the A34, A40 and A420. Ian went on to remind the SoS that if we are to have the projected extra houses and jobs, then OCC needs the funding for the infrastructure to deliver sustainable development.



SPECIFIC REPORT FOR Bucknell Parish Council

Local Parking Issue.

At the last meeting that I attended which was almost entirely focussed on the issue of 'parking' in and around the Trigger Pond.

Whilst there was no 'single answer' the problem there were a couple of possible options put forward which I decided to take forward.

I arranged for an informal visit by a County officer to review the situation, and explore options.

Protecting the 'Green' opposite the Trigger Pond.

One option would be to install 'wooden bollards' to prevent vehicle access to the green.

Estimate from contractors to install approx. 30 bollards approx. £3000.

Protecting New Row

Option to install 10 'wooden bollards'. Approx. cost £1000

Option to paint 'Yellow / White lines '

This would require a 'Traffic Order' – cost approx. £2500

Actual painting. Cost for lining gang approx. £700 per half day.

However officers believe that the actual road surface would need to be improved before any 'Yellow / White' lines should be painted. No costs available at this point. Need to ascertain just how much surface would need to be replaced etc.

White lines at individual homes to indicate 'no parking' would be charged to the householder, approx. £100.

And of course to be effective, there would need to be enforcement, which I suggest may be difficult to achieve.

I'm happy to try and arrange a formal meeting between PC and officers if thought appropriate.