

Bucknell Parish Council Parish Meeting

13th March 2017 at Bucknell Village Hall, 7:30pm

MINUTES

Present at the meeting

Cllr Dan Blakey (DB), Cllr Andy Parsons (AP), Cllr Neil Wainman (NW), Cllr Derek Hedges (DH)

In attendance

OCC Cllr Lawrie Stratford (LS), Mrs S Mackrell (SM) clerk.

1) Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Chris Wells, Cllr Alexander Bowden and Cllr Christine Desborough.

2) Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda.

None received

3) Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2017.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 9th 2017 as a true record.

4) Matters arising from the minutes of the 9th January 2017 meeting and not covered elsewhere on the agenda;

a) The purchase of the AED has not yet been followed up. **ACTION: DH to follow up.**

5) District and/or County councillor's report:

a) The report from Cllr Lawrie Stratford of Oxfordshire County Council is appended to these minutes for reference.

6) Standing agenda items:

a) The Trigger Pond. The working group of AP, AB and NW has not yet met but will do so as soon as possible with AP taking the lead.

RESOLVED to approve the purchase of one large and two small temporary 'no parking' signs at a total cost of no more than £80.

ACTION AP to purchase and oversee installation.

ACTION DB to write to the brewery and management of the pub to ask for an update on the progress of locating the owner of the parcel of land to the north of the pub.

b) Thames Water and village flood water.

AP has researched the possibility of getting an independent professional assessment of the situation. First indications suggest a cost of circa £4,000. However, it was felt that Thames Water should be undertaking this work at their own cost.

ACTION AP, DB and AB to meet as soon as possible to decide on a course of action. Once decided: -

ACTION AB to contact Thames Water to set up a meeting with the relevant personnel as soon as possible making the purpose of the meeting clear from the outset so as to get the correct people in attendance from Thames Water and to maximise the benefit to be gained from the meeting.

c) Ardley Incinerator. NW and DH attended the last liaison meeting. The following will be reconsidered at the next liaison meeting:

i) Lighting

ii) Dust – The Environment Agency consider the output to be compliant, but monitoring information will be shared

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iii) Missing doors

Cllr Stratford was asked to look into the following matters:

iv) Bottom ash. It is kept damp but when moved it exudes dust. Concerns are for a cumulative effect over a long period.

v) The apparent disinterest of the Environment Agency re matters of concern to Bucknell residents. It appears that the EA expect Viridor to self-monitor.

ACTION NW will arrange for a meeting with Viridor to tour the facility.

vi) OCC are the authority responsible for the waste disposal and there are concerns about the lack of care taken by companies delivering waste materials to the site without adequate cover allowing litter to be blown all over the countryside.

d) Chesterton Country Park. NW recently attended a workshop of interested parties regarding the long term plans for the 100 acre site.

7) Planning:

- 17/00034/F No objection
- 17/00131/F No objection
- Swallowfields self storage has been passed to CDC enforcement officers.
- 16/02562/F No objection
- EW Expressway – will keep a watching brief

8) Finance:

a)

i) **RESOLVED** to renew membership to OALC at a cost of £133.07

ii) **RESOLVED** to purchase a new laptop for council business at a maximum cost of £400

ACTION DB and SM to action

b) Cheques for signing **RESOLVED** to approve

i) £43.06 for annual website hosting

ii) £163.28 To Mrs Mackrell for clerk salary

iii) £133.07 for OALC renewal

9) Frequency of meetings:

RESOLVED to keep meetings bimonthly but to have subject specific meetings as and when necessary to feed into main meetings.

10) DH requested that a meeting with A2Dominion be arranged to forward the previously promised traffic calming measures through the village as created by the increased traffic created by the development of Elmsbrook and the greater eco site.

ACTION. SM to arrange

11) Correspondence: None received.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

8th May 2017 Bucknell Village Hall

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REPORT TO BUCKNELL PARISH COUNCIL MARCH 2017

FROM CLLR *Lawrie Stratford*

GENERAL OCC REPORT

EXTRA FUNDING SECURED IN ADDITION TO 2017/18 BUDGET PROPOSALS

The County Council set its budget for 2017/18 on Tuesday 14th February. Ahead of the meeting, it was announced the Council had £1,957,000 extra, over and above the position reported to the Cabinet in January, as a result of better than expected business rate collections, council tax collection fund surpluses and a higher than expected grant.

The County is proposing to hold £926,000 of this until the 2018/19 financial year, to deal with future pressures. Cabinet proposes to spend the rest of the money (£1.03m) in this financial year in the following ways:

- £170,000 to be spent on additional grass-cutting work on highway verges. This is an area of spend that has been reduced in recent years.
- £250,000 one-off funding initially for a pilot Communities Fund for parishes and towns to bid for matched funding schemes following changes/reductions for funding for services.
- £600,000 additional funding for children's social care – a part of the council that has been exempted from cuts since 2010 but has continued to experience significant rising demand on services in common with children's social care departments across England.
- £11,000 increase on the Council's Flood Defence Levy.
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OPEN ACCESS CHILDREN'S SERVICES TO CONTINUE AT 34 BUILDINGS

Start-up funding for 12 more community schemes to run open access services at children's centres has been approved by OCC. The proposals, which will receive a total of £305,883, are among the latest to be considered as part of the transition from council-funded to community-led services at children's centre locations.

Community services will complement the council's new service for 0-19 year-olds, which will meet the needs and aspirations of children at risk of abuse and neglect in Oxfordshire, and ensure that families who need extra help are identified at an early stage.

When added to previously considered applications, the approval of these 12 schemes means funded plans are now in place for services such as 'stay and play' to continue at 18 children's centres, with business cases at a further six centres supported in principle but deferred to the final round of the Transition Fund for more work.

Added to this, open access sessions will also continue at the eight Children and Family Centres and two satellite centres at the heart of the council's new Children's Service. In total, it means a combination of council-funded and community-led solutions for open access services are now confirmed or supported in principle at 34 buildings across the county – with more to come when applications for the final round of transition funding are considered.

'FIX MY STREET' WEBSITE UPGRADE

Over the last six months OCC has been working hard to make Fix My Street work more effectively. The new service will launch this month. It will improve the quality and consistency of public reports, as well as OCC internal processes for closing down reports, making it easier to reliably see what's going on in a given area. Members of the public who consistently give good information can be rewarded with 'trusted reporter' status, meaning OCC will fast track future reports to the contractor, resulting in quicker resolution for the resident and reduced effort for the inspectors. Before the new system launches, OCC needs to deal with reports that are still marked as 'open' in the current version. This means: 1) Leave open anything which has been active within the last 12 months; 2)

Close anything older than 2 years; 3) For reports between 1 and 2 years old, notify the reporter by email that OCC intends to close their report, but give them the option to 're-open' the issue if they believe it is still a problem.

EXTENSION OF FIRE & AND AMBULANCE SERVICE CO-RESPONDING

OCC Fire and Rescue Service has been working in partnership with South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) co-responding in the community for over 12 years. More recently OCC has also been working with Thames Valley Fire and Rescue partners to undertake a collaborative co-responding trial. (Co-Responders are firefighters trained by SCAS to provide a 'first response' to specific medical emergencies where there is an immediate threat to life prior to an emergency ambulance arriving on scene.) The trial has been a success with crews attending approximately 1500 medical emergency calls per year. To further support communities Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service are working in partnership with SCAS towards all fire engines within communities being available for cardiac arrests, so that casualties across Oxfordshire can receive the quickest available defibrillator and casualty support.

CADDY CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE OXFORDSHIRE'S FOOD WASTE

Residents are being urged to do their bit to make sure food waste doesn't end up on the scrap heap. At the moment it is thought that around 30% of the county's food waste is put in waste bins rather than the food caddy – a figure all Oxfordshire's councils hope to cut significantly.

To do this, the councils have launched a campaign with Agrivert, the company who process the county's food waste, to encourage residents to recycle more of the food they would otherwise throw away.

It is two and a half times cheaper to process food waste if it is put into a food waste caddy for recycling or composting than if the same waste is put in the general rubbish bin. There's lots of advice on how to reduce food waste and information on how it is recycled at www.recycleforoxfordshire.org.uk/lovefoodhatewaste



County Councillor David Nimmo Smith, Cabinet member for Environment, said: *"It is as easy to recycle food waste*

as it is to throw it in the main rubbish bin – but the benefits of recycling can be quite startling. Food waste collected for recycling is treated at Agrivert’s anaerobic digestion plants in Oxfordshire, and used to generate enough electricity for over 9,000 homes, as well as making fertiliser for use on local farms."

UNITARY UPDATE

At the end of January, OCC launched ‘A Fresh Start for Oxfordshire’, a draft of OCC’s intended proposal for DCLG on how and why a single unitary authority for Oxfordshire could work.

Since then, there have been further meetings with the Leaders of South Oxfordshire and Vale District Councils, and a further public consultation.

It has now been agreed that the three councils will move forward with a new joint proposal for a single unitary council called ‘Anew Council for a Better Oxfordshire.

The principal change from the earlier version is that the proposed five area boards would be replaced by 15 to 20 area boards, based on the county’s main market towns and their surrounding villages.

In addition Oxford (the city itself) would have a strengthened model of governance including an autonomous local council and area boards covering different parts.

SPECIFIC REPORT FOR Bucknell Parish Council

N W BICESTER et al.

Local County members continue to try and track the various applications as the whole site comes forward. We continue to have serious concerns about the capability of the existing road network to cope with the increased traffic volumes, and the increasing tendency for drivers, and in particular HGV’s, to seek alternative and frequently inappropriate routes both through adjacent villages, and Bicester Town.

Gagle Brook Primary school opening has been delayed until Sept 2018, primarily due to not enough children. County continue to liaise closely with the Academy to try and enable some ‘community use’ of the building later this year. That could include nurse provision.

Bridleway 27.

A diversion application has been made under the provisions of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 to ‘divert’ Ardley Bridleway 27 permanently to the north of the ERF.

However this cannot be progressed until a suitable route can be finalised across the landfill area pending final restoration of the site.

The current temporary diversion of Bridleway 27 to the south and west of the site will expire on Sept 18th 2017.

Viridor is applying to make an application to extend the temporary diversion before the route can be diverted to its final position.

As soon as the application is received OCC will begin consultations.

Contact: Andy Sylvester – Rights of Way Officer