

Bucknell Parish Council Parish Meeting

19 March 2018 7:30pm

MINUTES

Present at the meeting

Cllr Dan Blakey (DB), Cllr Andy Parsons (AP), Cllr Alexander Bowden (AB) Cllr Christine Desborough, (CD) and Cllr Derek Hedges,

In attendance

Mrs S Mackrell (SM) clerk,
One member of the public

1) Apologies for absence

RESOLVED that apologies for absence were received from Cllr Neil Wainman (NW), Cllr Chris Wells (CW), Cllr Stratford and Cllr Corkin

2) Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda.

Cllr Blakey re item regarding finance to Bucknell Parochial Church Council since he is a member of the BPC.

3) Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2018:

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the above meeting as a true record.

4) Matters arising from the minutes of the 15 January meeting and not covered elsewhere on the agenda;

- No response as yet from A2Dominion re briefing BPC about progress of the NW Bicester development. SM to continue to try to arrange a date for a briefing. **ACTION SM**
- Traffic calming. Since there is no progress from A2D or OCC regarding village traffic calming, it was **resolved** to make this a specific agenda item next meeting to allow for the residents of Bucknell to contribute and to write to OCC to request consideration of a 20mph limit through the village. **ACTION SM**
- Joint Parish meeting at Chesterton. This was attended by Cllrs Parsons and Wainman. Cllr Parsons reported that most parishes had relatively minor issues to deal with, unlike Bucknell. A common thread was the lack of consideration by the Planning Authority to Parish Comments on applications. A letter is to be produced and circulated for all Parish Council Chairmen to sign and sent to the Planning Authority complaining about this situation and requesting more consideration of local opinion. Next meeting will be in June and Cllr Parsons will attend.

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

Cllr Stratford sent a written report on behalf of OCC (Copy attached):

6) Landscaping Issues

- Cllr Bowden is working up a proposal for the entrance gates and will liaise with Cllr Stratford with a view to presenting at a future meeting. **ACTION AB**

- Cllr Parsons is working on a proposal for a Christmas event and will present at a future meeting.

ACTION AP

7) Standing agenda items:

❖ **The Trigger Pond parking and related issues.**

The fencing is now complete around the road edge of the pond and seems to have had the desired effect at the moment.

Mr Savins is happy for a sign to be erected on his farm building. He will be consulted with the details before going ahead.

Cllr Parsons and his wife have been excluded from the Trigger Pond pub and are no longer welcome there. This is an unfortunate situation and it is hoped that it can be resolved in due course. Cllr Blakey has written to the landlords and a copy of the letter is on record. No response has been received to date.

It was noted that previous discussions with the landlords has resulted in an undertaking from Bucknell Parish Council that were to be any proven significant effect on the pubs' business as a result of the parking measures, then the actions would be reconsidered.

RESOLVED to keep a watching brief on the situation in New Row with reference to safety and access.

❖ **Thames Water.**

The system is still not coping despite assurances from Thames Water that further pumps are now in operation. There is also a pungent smell emanating from the flood water and ditches. It is strongly felt that the EFW facility at Ardley had greatly contributed to the problem in Bucknell. **RESOLVED** to request another meeting. Cllr Bowden will arrange for a further meeting with Thames water.

ACTION AB

❖ **Ardley Incinerator.**

Cllr Hedges attended the recent liaison meeting. Reports from Viridor that the monitoring, dust levels, leachate levels and levels of litter are being carried out. However, litter on the B430 is at very high levels and Cherwell District Council, have been asked to litter pick the area. Cllr Hedges reported that the lighting levels at night have improved.

RESOLVED that monitoring levels are still not adequate, especially for matters concerning leachate, bottom ash handling etc. **RESOLVED** that a letter is to be sent to the local MP, Victoria Prentice, to garner support for a better result from Viridor. Cllr Bowden will draft the letter with technical support from Cllr Hedges.

ACTION AB

8) Planning.

MW.0008/18- Planning application by Viridor Waste Management Limited Unit 10, Astley Business Park, Astley, Manchester, M29 7LD for planning permission for the retention of 2x ISO containers to house equipment relating to waste heat storage trial at Electricity Generating Plant and Premises, Ardley Landfill, Station Road, Ardley, OX27 7PH

RESOLVED to respond with concerns that the temporary element of the application suggested by the trial aspect of the waste heat storage project be implemented and the containers removed after the trial has ended.

ACTION

SM

ii) *Proposed update to the Local List of Information Requirements for validation of planning and related applications.*

RESOLVED to comment that the Requirement should also include sewerage as well as surface water drainage since this is a particular problem in Bucknell.

9) Old Playing Fields Licence Arrangements

RESOLVED to issue a licence for one year once the new ownership of Thorn Cottage has completed.
FURTHER RESOLVED that advice will be obtained from the solicitor (Andrew Hardcastle) to make sure that the wording is legally correct and that the license does not imply any attachment to the ownership of Thorn Cottage.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the new licence will contain a clause that the boundary fence should be instated should the licence not be renewed in the future.

Cllr Bowden will action this matter.

ACTION AB

10) Finance:

a) Cheques for signing:

RESOLVED to approve:

i)	Mrs S Mackrell	£326.56	clerk salary x 2 months
ii)	OALC	£135.06	Annual subscription
iii)	Bucknell Parochial Church Council	£400.00	contribution to burial ground maintenance 2018

11) Correspondence received.

- EW Expressway letter from CPRE

RESOLVED to write to local councillor's MP, etc to request full public consultation on any proposed route.

ACTION SM

- Safety on B4100 – Two letters received

RESOLVED to write to OCC Highways to express residents' concerns and request that the speed limit be a consistent 40mph along the stretch.

ACTION SM

- Parish Liaison Group meeting dates at CDC

RESOLVED to note

FURTHER RESOLVED to liaise with the Chesterton Joint Parishes Group to explore sending a joint delegation.

- Letter from Sheila Wallington covering several matters including Foul smell, grass verge trimming and traffic calming. Cllr Desborough will arrange to visit Mrs Wallington and talk to her about the various issues as discussed at this meeting.

ACTION CD

12) AOB for note

- i) Cllr Hedges reported a water leak on the Ardley Road. This has been reported to Thames Water. **RESOLVED** to add this to the agenda at the next meeting with Thames Water.
- ii) Cllr Dan Blakey read out his letter of resignation as a councillor at Bucknell Parish Council. Due to his personal circumstances causing him to move to another location, he feels no longer able to serve the community of Bucknell as well as he would like to. His resignation is effective from 20th March.
Unanimously **RESOLVED** to offer a huge vote of thanks to Cllr Blakey for his unstinting efforts over a large number of years, as councillor, chairman and clerk at various times. Cllr Parsons, as vice chairman, will take on the role of Acting Chairman until the AGM in May.
Mrs Mackrell will contact CDC for the Vacancy Notice.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

AGM 14 May 2018 7.30pm, Bucknell Village Hall

Followed by Ordinary meeting