

# Bucknell Parish Council Parish Meeting

9 July 2018

## MINUTES

Present at the meeting

Cllr Andy Parsons (AP), Cllr Alexander Bowden (AB), Cllr Christine Desborough (CD), Cllr Derek Hedges (DH), Cllr Neil Wainman (NW), Cllr Juliet Hope (JH), Cllr Chris Wells (CW)

In attendance

Sue Mackrell (clerk)

2 members of the public

Public Participation; Matters brought to the council not covered elsewhere on the agenda:

- a. Sheila Wallington – items required for Bucknell Newsletter.  
Questions raised re governance of parish council sponsorship of newsletter. Agreed that a finance statement would be provided at the year end.  
Vote of thanks recorded to Sheila and Rachael for their work on the newsletter,
1. **RESOLVED** that apologies were received from Cllr Stratford (OCC) and Cllr Corkin (CDC)
2. **RESOLVED** that there were no declarations of interest received.
3. **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the meetings held on 23 May 2018. **RESOLVED** to distribute draft minutes to councillors earlier to enable actions to be undertaken in a timely manner.
4. **RESOLVED** that the following matters arising were raised:
  - a. Play Area and Open spaces review - CDC would welcome a comment from BPC. Councillors reviewed the map provided. **RESOLVED** to approve an email of response to be sent to CDC by AP. **ACTION AP**
  - b. Update on land adjacent to Thorne Cottage – AP has received the current document prepared by the previous chairman and has altered any reference to ‘tenancy’ to ‘lease’. **RESOLVED** to get the document reviewed legally and to get an agreement in principle from the current owners of Thorne Cottage. **ACTION AP**
5. District and Councillors reports.  
**RESOLVED** to note the reports received.
6. Landscaping issues;
  - a. Land by bus shelter - Concerns regarding any potential improvements making the situation worse. AP has asked for a survey and opinion from OCC and is awaiting a response. **RESOLVED** to chase the survey. **ACTION AP**
  - b. Mowing of grass by Trigger Pond – This is now complete and process working well.

Vote of Thanks recorded to Mr and Mrs Kightley for their work in altering the fencing to enable the work to be done. Item can now be removed from the agenda.

7. Standing agenda items

a. Thames Water and village flood water

Cllr Bowden has been in further contact with the Thames Water representative and is now awaiting the results of a survey. The water coming to the pumping station is to be tested because Thames Water does not think it looks like normal sewerage. Investigations will then potentially follow along the water course.

A further meeting with Thames Water is planned.

DH reported that the situation as it affects Bucknell is repeated in other parts of the country and needs involvement from the Local MP, Victoria Prentice, to be highlighted at the relevant time.

**RESOLVED** to wait for the report from Thames Water before considering any further actions. AB to chase. **ACTION AB**

In the meantime, some enquiries can be carried out to ascertain the procedure for carrying out our own testing if necessary. **ACTION CW**

AP to send the information held on this process to CW from the last time it was looked into. **ACTION AP**

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b. Ardley Incinerator

Meeting to be held on Wednesday 11 July. Cllr Hedges will attend.

DH has reported a lorry dropping refuse as it left the site. This will be brought up at the liaison meeting.

c. Traffic Calming

AP has written to A2D to chase traffic calming measures but no response received as yet.

Sub Committee met and reviewed the village re parking etc. Residents on Manor View are receiving abuse from inconsiderate drivers when being moved on by the police. Dangerous parking witnessed by the garden gate to the pub garden.

**RESOLVED** that CD will approach the landlord re the parking by the gate and ask that he put up a no parking sign. **ACTION CD**

Suggested that any abusive behaviour be reported to the police.

Speed limits on B4100 still with OCC for consideration.

Grass cutting on vision splays by junctions are a problem. Report any to OCC for action.

It has been observed that employees of businesses at Lower Farm Barns are inconsiderate when leaving at 5.00pm and use excess speed along Bainton Road.

**RESOLVED** to write a note to be distributed to the employees asking for consideration of speed limits and residents. **ACTION AP**

If this does not work then Speedwatch can be initiated again. This to be

investigated.

**ACTION CD**

Bicester Heritage's recent event, Flywheel, resulted in Bucknell being used as a ratrun for fast moving vehicles. **RESOLVED** to contact Bicester Heritage and request a copy of their traffic management plan and explain how their events affect Bucknell.

**ACTION AP**

- d. Trigger Pond – This has previously been removed from the Standing Items list, but circumstances have indicated that it is necessary to keep it on the agenda.

AP has written to the brewery regarding the status of 'Stan's Land'. No response received as yet.

There have been complaints regarding music noise after 11.30 and excessive noise from the bouncy castle. **RESOLVED** to contact the pub management and ask for consideration of neighbours particularly affected during the lighter evenings of the summer months.

**ACTION CD**

It was also noted that the stone wall is not in a good condition. **RESOLVED** to keep a watching brief on the matter.

8. Planning:

Applications and decisions noted.

9. Finance:

Payments approved as follows:

1) Mr J Kightley	£16.49	alterations to pond fence
2) Mrs S Mackrell	£326.56	clerk salary x 2 months
3) Came and Company	£367.77	insurance
4) D Reeve	£250.00	grass cutting etc
5) Microshade business consultants	£50.00	internal audit

10. Correspondence received.

- Parish Liaison meeting - noted

11. AOB

- a) Cllr Hope reported back on attendance at Liaison meeting. Spark Community Grant funding available. **RESOLVED** to look for funding needs eg Christmas event and Remembrance Beacon Lighting event.
- ACTION JH**
- b) NW has had complaints re a local village footpath across private land. **RESOLVED** to note the situation.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**10 September 2018 7.30pm, Bucknell Village Hall**

