

Bucknell Parish Council Parish Meeting

10 September 2018

MINUTES

Present at the meeting

Cllr Alexander Bowden (AB), Cllr Christine Desborough (CD), Cllr Derek Hedges (DH), Cllr Neil Wainman (NW)

In attendance

Sue Mackrell (clerk)

Cllr Lawrie Stratford (OCC)

Cllr Ian Corkin (CDC)

3 members of the public

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

- The fence by the Trigger Pond is broken. This needs to be reported to OCC in terms of H&S. **ACTION AP**
 - Thanks to Ms Wallington for the new sign at Manor View.
 - Parking on the bend by the Trigger Pond has been recorded and reported to TVP. Community Officers are aware and on the case.
1. **RESOLVED** that apologies were received from Cllr Andy Parsons (AP), Cllr Chris Wells (CW) and Cllr Juliet Hope (JH)
 2. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Hedges declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10 c.
 3. **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the meetings held on 9 July with the following amendments: all references to the words tenancy or lease regarding the land adjacent to Thorne Cottage be amended to read 'licence'.
 4. **RESOLVED** that no matters on the previous meeting minutes not covered on this agenda were raised.
 5. District and Councillors reports.
Cllr Corkin reported on the following:
 - CDC and SNC are to end their formal partnership arrangements because of the financial situation surrounding Northamptonshire County Council. There will be a joint working Partnership with OCC that should see efficiencies across several services.
 - Oxford Cambridge Expressway due to announce preferred corridor in two days' time.
 - Dorchester masterplan (Upper Heyford) is trying to resolve issues surrounding the M40 Junc 10 to Middleton Stoney road traffic implications.
 - Castle Quay work set to start soon seeing cinema, supermarket and restaurants.

- Comet Bus is still running on trial basis. Unsure about what happens after trial period ends.
- Viridor Liaison Group – Communication has improved but meetings are poor; attended by key personnel.
- Railway Crossing at Eco Town site – nothing will happen until 2021 at the earliest. There are still challenges about coming to an agreement with the rail companies.

Cllr Stratford reported on the following:

- The new partnership with CDC should see both councils 'Fit for the Future'. There will be a reduction of approx. 900 jobs over 3 years but many will be achieved by expected normal leavers and voluntary redundancy. There will be more digital and automated services.
- A level results across have been very encouraging.
- The effect of Carillion going bust has resulted in a substantial financial commitment to OCC for rectifying unfinished or substandard work.
- Numbers are reducing for the transfer of care.
- Cllr Stratford is taking on the portfolio for Public Health.
- OCC councillors have a local budget to spend to meet local needs with £15,000 to spend in their own area. Now inviting small schemes to compete for consideration of funding.
- Traffic calming – A2D seem have gone cold. LS happy to take this on offline.

6. Landscaping issues;

- a. Land by bus shelter – Bob Dixon reported that the ditch fills up. A request for a survey and further consent has been sought from OCC.

7. Standing agenda items

- a. Thames Water and village flood water

Cllr Bowden had a meeting arranged for 13 September but this has been postponed until later in the month. However, the current liaison officer from TW is very good and seems keen to help.

RESOLVED to seek advice re next steps after the meeting has convened.

ACTION AB

- b. Ardley Incinerator

Cllr Hedges reported on last liaison meeting. Dust monitoring has been done. Odour monitoring has been done. Rubbish from lorries continues to be a problem. Jasper Von Thor, a Bucknell resident and an expert on particulation has volunteered to attend the liaison meetings. **RESOLVED** to agree to this very helpful offer.

- c. Traffic Calming

AP has received a response from A2D regarding his letter sent after last meeting. In light of this and Cllr Stratford's offer to help with this matter, it was resolved to arrange a meeting with LS to further the issue. **ACTION AP**

AP has the speed gun ready to use.

Letter to Lower Farm Barns was well received by the landlord who will speak with his tenants.

- d. Trigger Pond –AP has written to the brewery regarding the status of 'Stan's Land' stating that BPC would support the use of the land for overflow car parking as long

as the wall and first row of trees remain to prevent changing the character of the centre of the village.

Bouncy castle noise not so intrusive now that the summer is effectively over. Need to find out what the status of the marquee is with regard to planning permission.

ACTION SM

8. Christmas Event – **RESOLVED** that BPC should not be funding such an event, and since there are already two Christmas events (9th and 16th December), a further event (funded by the Parish Council) is not required. However, BPC would be supportive if another organisation came forward to organise something.

9. Planning:

- 18/01367/LB and 18/01383/LB both Mr James Alcock of Thorn Cottage for improvements to windows and stone pillar. **RESOLVED** that BPC has no objections and welcomes these applications.
- OCC. MW. 0102/18 Smith and Sons (Bletchington) Ltd. **RESOLVED** to enquire the exact meaning of 'restoration' in this application before comments submitted.

ACTION SM

10. Finance:

a) Payments made between meetings – none made.

b) Payments approved as follows:

1) Mrs S Mackrell	£326.56	clerk salary x 2 months
2) Microshade Business Consultants	£10.00	VAT of internal audit fee
3) Ms S Wallington	£54.00	August newsletter

c) 1. **RESOLVED** that BPC are happy to honour the previously made decision to contribute £400 per annum to the Playing Field.

2. **RESOLVED** to agree the payment of a contribution of £400 for current year (18/19) and previous year (17/18) to the Playing Field. Playing Field Committee to arrange for a formal request to be made to BPC.

3. **RESOLVED** to pursue for the unpaid rental amount from the previous occupants of Thorn Cottage after having checked out the details on the licence.

ACTION AP

11. Bonfire Night Saturday 10th November – Joe Warren presented the plans for the event to BPC for which he was thanked. The Playing Field Committee will be asking for volunteers. Contact Joe if interested.

12. World War 1 Centenary celebrations – Cllr Wells did not succeed in SPARK funding but has secured contribution of £500 by CDC from another budget. It was proposed to hold an earlier church service, followed by bell ringing, light refreshments and beacon lighting. Perhaps a more permanent item such as a plaque in the church or similar could be supplied.

RESOLVED to encourage a village led subcommittee to further the arrangements. **Action CW**

10. Correspondence received.

- OALC monthly update - noted

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: **12 November 2018 7.30pm, Bucknell Village Hall**