

Bucknell Parish Council Parish Meeting

14 January 2019r

MINUTES

Present at the meeting

Cllr Andy Parsons {Chairman}, Cllr Chris Wells (CW), Cllr Alexander Bowden (AB), Cllr Neil Wainman (NW), Cllr Juliet Hope (JH), Cllr Christine Desborough (CD)

In attendance

Sue Mackrell (clerk)

Cllr Lawrie Stratford (OCC)

9 members of the public

Public participation:

- Amount of litter and dog mess at Trow Pool. Possibly needs a second dog bin. SM will contact CDC officers to request assistance to resolve the matter. **ACTION SM**
- Speeding especially along the Ardley Road, where it has been necessary to euthanize deer after they have been involved in accidents with cars. SM to contact highways to seek advice on possible reduction to speed limits. **ACTION SM**
- Use of speed gun - will need to be used on all 3 roads in and out of Bucknell, not just one.

1. **RESOLVED** that apologies were received from Cllr Ian Corkin (CDC)

2. **RESOLVED** that declarations of interest were received from

- Cllr Bowden re planning application for Thorn Cottage as a neighbour.
- Cllr Wainman re planning application for Dove Cottage as a neighbour

3. **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the meetings held on 11 November.

4. **RESOLVED** to note the following from the minutes not elsewhere on the agenda:

- Investigations by Cllr Hope re combining insurances indicated that it would not be possible. However, since the same insurance company is used by the Playing Field Committee and the Parish Council there may be a discount available at next renewal.

it will be necessary to approve delegation of fireworks display organisation to the relevant people at the September parish council meeting.

5. District and Councillors reports.

Cllr Stratford reported the following:

- Budget for 2019/2020 holds challenges again with constantly reducing government funding. There has been some good news with an extra £16m being made available for highways improvements.

- Oxfordshire has been declared the best county for recycling.
- London Road Crossing is still an issue with no resolution. County and District cllrs have met with the MP to garner support to find a solution. Finance is an issue, with the construction alone of a tunnel or bridge likely to cost £75m without the necessary further expenses.
- Cllr Stratford has a fund to support small local projects and invited applications from Bucknell for projects up to approx. £5k. Cllr Parsons asked the members of the public to let the clerk know if they had any ideas for this funding.

Cllr Corkin had sent in a report that was read out by the clerk. Copy attached.

6. Landscaping issues;

Awaiting report from OCC technical engineers to determine details of what can be done in terms of the pipes etc to be used.

7. Standing agenda items

a. Thames Water and village flood water

Cllr Bowden has a meeting in early Feb with the dedicated customer support team from Thames Water. There are concerns that the pumping station is running at full bore even though there has been very little rain.

A member of the public reported that the drains that run along the Bicester Road were blocked over the Christmas period and she had attempted to clear them.

It was noted that there had not been the issues with flooding that had plagued the village last year, but that there has not been the severe weather as yet this year.

Cllr Bowden will continue to progress matters with Thames Water.

ACTION AB

b. Ardley Incinerator

Next liaison meeting is scheduled for next week and Cllr Wainman will attend.

Jasper Von Thor's details have not yet been obtained to add to the distribution list.

Cllr Wainman to continue to report back to the council.

ACTION NW

c. Traffic Calming

AP has yet to engage with Cllr Stratford but will action this as soon as possible.

ACTION AP

Use of speed gun- Cllr Wells will continue to look into the TVP guidelines which have changed since the last time. It was noted that there will be a need for

volunteers to help, needing 3 people at each outing.

ACTION CW

Cllr Hope has successfully arranged for traffic sensors to be installed at 3 sites and it was suggested by a member of the public that a 4th site would be beneficial. It was reported that one of them is already in place. Three sites had been identified, Bainton Road (Manor farm/Yew Tree Close), Bicester Road and the long straight between the church and the monkey puzzle tree.

A member of the public reported that he had obtained statistics about traffic movements each year from 2008 to 2018 and they show considerable increases over the years.

It was noted that the peripatetic signs were the worse for wear and could do with replacing. Cllr Hope will look into getting them replaced. **ACTION JH**

Cllr Stratford suggested that a portable SIDS unit might be effective. This could be purchased by the Parish council and could possibly be funded by the grant money available from Cllr Stratford. Cllr Parsons will talk further with Cllr Stratford about this when they meet. **ACTION AP**

- d. Trigger Pond parking – Still a problem. Wadsworth Brewery will not purchase Stan’s land at the price requested by the owners. Suggested that they be asked to try to negotiate the leasing of the land. Cllr Wells will draft a letter to this effect, stressing the effect that the inconsiderate parking is still having on the lives of the local residents and including statistics and photos of relevant matters to reinforce the case. It was agreed that members of the public would be happy to sign the letter as well to add weight. **ACTION CW**

8. Planning:

- 18/02025/LB Thorn Cottage – no objections.
- 18/02071/LB Dove Cottage – no objections

ACTION SM

9. Finance:

- a) Payments made between meetings – none made.
b) **RESOLVED** to approve Payments as follows:

1) Mrs S Mackrell	£326.56	clerk salary x 2 months
2) Linux	£ 71.86	annual fee for website hosting

10. Budget/Precept 2019/2020

RESOLVED to request the same precept as last year from CDC, £5545.00.

Member of the public requested that the purchase of a defibrillator be brought back to the table.

RESOLVED to include on next agenda.

ACTION SM

- Correspondence received: Letter from Mrs Wallington declining any further financial support for the village newsletter. **RESOLVED** to note the letter, respecting the decision and acknowledging the hard work undertaken by those producing a very good and useful newsletter.
- Broadband update – noted
- Bicester Police Rural Community Resilience Group meeting – **RESOLVED** that Cllr Bowden will attend. SM to respond and accept invitation on Cllr Bowden’s behalf. **ACTION SM**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MARCH 11 2019 7.30PM

