

# Bucknell Parish Council Parish Meeting

11 March 2019

## MINUTES

Present at the meeting

Cllr Alexander Bowden (AB), Cllr Neil Wainman (NW), Cllr Juliet Hope (JH), Cllr Derek Hedges (DH)

In attendance

Sue Mackrell (clerk)

Cllr Ian Corkin (CDC)

2 members of the public

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Cllr Bowden was elected as Chairman for this meeting.

Public participation:

- A member of the public expressed concerns about the way she felt that another member of the public was spoken to at the last meeting. Cllr Bowden offered apologies on behalf of the council. It was explained that no disrespect was intended, merely a wish to move the meeting along. It was reiterated that public attendance and participation at Parish Council meetings is a vital part of the process and completely supported.

1. **RESOLVED** that apologies for absence were received from Cllr Andy Parsons {AP}, Cllr Chris Wells (CW), Cllr Christine Desborough (CD) and Cllr Lawrie Stratford (OCC)

2. **RESOLVED** that no declarations of interest were received.

3. **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the meeting held on 14 January 2019.

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

- SM has contacted CDC re the litter and dog mess at Trow Pool. The problem of dog mess is common around the village too and it was felt that it was everyone's responsibility to remind fellow villagers to be courteous in this matter.
- AB attended a Police Rural Liaison Group meeting where speeding was a common problem amongst local villages. This matter to be followed up with Cllr Stratford along with other speed issues. **ACTION AP**

5. District and Councillors reports.

Cllr Corkin reported the following:

- Suggestion to ask Cllr Stratford about getting a traffic survey to initiate County action regarding reducing speed limits around the village Cllr priority funding could fund a VAS. Useful contact is Colin Wilderspin, Community Safety Manager at OCC.

## **ACTION AP**

- CDC has set their budget and has had to increase council tax for the first time in 9 years. This reflects the ending of the partnership arrangements with SNDC.
- Levels of traffic are a constant issue across the district. The growth of Bicester and Heyford park has a particular impact on Bucknell. It is recognised that the satellite villages get the impact of growth but with no help. This will be worsened by HS2. Levels of HGV movements has increased greatly and is impacting such villages as Middleton Stoney particularly where the air quality is now significantly worse than recommended levels.
- There are several avenues open for community funding, currently the Calor Gas Fund. Cllr Corkin will keep updates coming through as and when new opportunities are identified.
- Castle Quay 2 has begun.
- Joint working with OCC is moving ahead apace with a 6-month review imminent.
- Comet Bus Service is going well. Needs to be promoted more in Bucknell.
- Elections May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cllr Corkin's CDC seat will be up for re-election.
- Questions re Rodney House roundabout – it is recognised that the traffic lights and road markings are unpopular. There is a safety audit due imminently to review the scheme.
- Question re the realignment of Howes Lane - Finance is in place; work is in the Network Rail schedule. It may be being held up now by the speed of build out.
- Question re involvement with S106 arrangements – Advised that there is an Infrastructure team which goes out the parishes for their input and involvement. Lead officer is Jacqui Cox.

### 6. Landscaping issues;

Still awaiting report from OCC technical engineers to determine details of what can be done in terms of the pipes etc to be used. To be chased. **ACTION AB**

### 7. Standing agenda items 20

#### a. Thames Water and village flood water

Cllrs Bowden, Hedges and Wainman attended a meeting in Feb with the dedicated customer support team from Thames Water where progress was made. The wider network has been upgraded and improved and it was recognised that there is a problem with the permitted discharge which was running even in the driest period, proving that water was ingressing the pipework somewhere it shouldn't. Thames Water will investigate and report back. Cllr Bowden will chase up results of the survey. **ACTION AB**

TW are reticent to investigate the discharge from Ardley EFW facility and so it is necessary to keep the pressure up regarding the leachate.

#### b. Ardley Incinerator

Meeting held in January with Cllrs Hedges and Wainman attending with a resident of Bucknell with specialist knowledge. Many questions were asked and not many answers given straight away. Cllrs Hedges and Wainman to meet to chase up responses before next parish council meeting. **ACTION NW and DH**

c. Traffic Calming

AP was not at the meeting and so no report of any meeting with Cllr Stratford. To be followed up at next meeting. **ACTION AP**

Cllr Hope reported that following the request from a member of the public at the last meeting, a sensor was located on Middleton Road in addition to those on Bainton Road; all the results should be available for next meeting.

Funding may be available to help with a SIDS unit, but it is important to decide what exactly the village wants/needs in terms of traffic calming measures. This will be more fully discussed at the next meeting. A piece will be included in the next village newsletter to seek resident's views.

d. Trigger Pond parking – Cllr Wells draft letter to Wadworth Brewery regarding Stan's land was circulated and approved subject to a few more amendments. The revised letter will be recirculated for approval. **ACTION SM**

The letter will then be printed off and taken around for councillors and members of the public to sign before being posted. **ACTION CD**

The question of additional fencing was subject to the ownership of the affected land. Cllr Bowden will investigate. **ACTION AB**

8. Planning

**RESOLVED** as follows:

- 19/00292/F – 9 Bainton Road No objections **ACTION SM**
- MW. 0012/19 – Viridor No comment
- 19/00138/F Tom Carlton Farms Ltd – Cllr Wainman to draft a response **ACTION NW**

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) OALC	£138.97	annual subscription
3) OCC	£36.92	Comet contribution

10. Elections May 2019

The Clerk explained the process for the forthcoming election period and handed out nomination papers.

11. Provision of defibrillator

Cllr Hope outlined her research on providing a defibrillator for the village, highlighting the need for a heated cabinet to ensure it is stored at the correct temperature.

**RESOLVED** to pursue the purchase of an IPADSP1 with a funding application to the Councillor Priority Fund for a total of £2,250 to include the provision, installation, training and introduction event. If the funding is not approved, the matter will be revisited.

**A vote of thanks to Cllr Hope for her work in this matter.**

12. Details of costs involved with providing a VAS.

Discussed under item 7c

13. Email from S Wallington re fencing/no parking banner at Manor View

Discussed under item 7d

14. Correspondence received:

- Letter re village newsletter accounts. **RESOLVED** to thank Mrs Wallington for the details received. Bucknell Parish Council had contributed to the printing costs for three editions which are now covered by advertisements and other contributions. Bucknell Parish Council are very grateful to all those involved in making this very worthwhile publication available to every household in the village.
- Minutes of Police Rural Resilience Group held on Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Bowden attended the meeting and found it very useful. There are a number of common issues across the rural villages, including traffic, parking and crime. Thanks to Cllr Bowden for representing Bucknell.
- OALC monthly update – noted
- Oxfordshire Plan – noted
- Councillor remuneration board report – noted

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MAY 13 2019 7.30PM**