

Bucknell Parish Council Parish Meeting

13 November 2017 7:30pm

MINUTES

Present at the meeting

Cllr Dan Blakey (DB), Cllr Andy Parsons (AP), Cllr Neil Wainman (NW), Cllr Alexander Bowden (AB)
Cllr Christine Desborough, (CD) Cllr Derek Hedges (DH), Chris Wells (CW)

In attendance

Mrs S Mackrell (SM) clerk, Cllr Ian Corkin (IC), Cllr Lawrie Stratford (LS) and 1 member of the public

1) Apologies for absence

None received

2) Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda.

From Cllr Bowden re the play area.

3) Minutes of the meetings held on 11 September 2017 and 9 October 2017:

Cllr Bowden requested that his declaration of interest as owner of Bucknell Manor be included in the planning application for 3 manor View.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the above meetings with the inclusion above, as a true record.

4) Matters arising from the minutes of the 10th July meeting and not covered elsewhere on the agenda;

a) Installation of defibrillator: A unit will be installed at Manor Farm and Cllr Hedges will continue to progress the Bucknell parish Council unit.

ACTION: DH to progress

b) Joint meetings with A2Dominion: Request that SM arrange a meeting with Steve Hornblow to give an overview of the whole project. DH will host.

ACTION: SM to arrange.

c) Drainage ditch: Still no progress with finding the correct contact in either council. Cllr Stratford will try to help. DB to send LS with the details.

ACTION: DB to email LS.

LS to locate correct department and officer to deal with.

d) Bury a Bulb. 25 people attended and planted crocus and daffodil bulbs in various locations in the village. Bucknell parish Council would like to formally thank Andy and Rachel for organising this and everyone that helped.

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

Cllr Corkin delivered a report on behalf of CDC:

a) Yellow lines – it is noted that currently there is no on- street enforcement in the district however there will be a CDC funded PCSO. There is a rollout of yellow lines at various locations in Bicester.

b) Community First Oxfordshire – Cllr Corkin is a trustee of CFO and reported that it is a good network resource. (On the agenda later in the meeting).

c) Castle Quay, Banbury – CDC own 15% and a private company owns 85%. The private company no longer want to invest and so CDC is planning to buy the 85% and then to redevelop the whole site to include a new cinema, and various leisure offerings rather than pure retail.

Cllr Stratford delivered a report on behalf of OCC:

- a) The OCC transformation project is ongoing. The local contact for Bucknell is Paul Wilson. There has been a reduction in staff numbers, which has had a knock on effect on delivery in some areas, eg yellow lining.
- b) The new road layout around the Bicester Village expansion is working well with no traffic problems reported so far.
- c) The new Westgate development in Oxford is now open, with 60% occupancy. More retail units will be open at end of November and again close to Christmas in a deliberate staged opening strategy. The library will be moving back to the Westgate site imminently.
- d) There is a major inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) looking at relationships with the NHS. This runs for 18 weeks and will result in a comprehensive report.
- e) London Road, Bicester: No further news at present. Still trying to identify adequate funding.
- f) Gagle Brook School. This will open September 2018. The currently empty site is hoped to be used for community use in the meantime. Councillors expressed an interest in having a tour of the property. Cllr Stratford will look into it. **ACTION: LS**
- g) Howes Lane/Eco Development. This is rolling out slowly. Bids are in to fund the breaking through under the railway line.
- h) Oxford/Cambridge Expressway. OCC are taking a neutral stance since there are three routes being considered. Cllr Stratford will source a map. **ACTION LS**
- i) Leader funding. There was a question about this last meeting. Cllr Stratford will follow this up. **ACTION LS**
- j) With regard to the Trigger Pond parking issues, Cllr Stratford will look into the costs of posts on the roadside and if OCC could contribute funding. Cllr Stratford will also help with identifying the correct officer to deal with yellow line requests. AP will contact LS directly. **ACTION LS.**
ACTION AP

6) Landscaping Issues

After a very successful 'Bury a Bulb' project, it was suggested that white entrance gates to the village would improve the look of the village. There would need to be 4 sets of gates. Cllr Bowden will look into this. **ACTION AB**

Also road humps might help with speeds through the village. Cllr Wells will liaise with Paul Wilson of OCC. **ACTION CW**

7) Standing agenda items:

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

- Having spoken to the relevant resident, AB confirms that a sign on the p[roperty wall will be possible. AB will arrange a letter to seek formal permission. AP will source signs once confirmation received. RESOLVED to approve costs involved in purchasing these signs.
ACTION AB ACTION AP
- Cllr Hedges confirmed that he does not have any rocks large enough to use.
- Suggestions for BPC to finance the posts. AP will source prices and bring them back to next meeting. He will also source the regulations about the post installation and positioning.
ACTION AP

❖ **Thames Water.**

- AB is expecting a response from Thames Water imminently regarding a meeting date.

- Cllrs will have a list of questions to ask ready for the meeting, including enquiries about flow metering and the progress of ingress of ground water into the system. Cllrs area asked to email any other questions directly to Cllr Bowden.

❖ **Ardley Incinerator.**

- The recently held liaison meeting was a fiasco. It was not supported by Viridor, which suggests that they are not taking the process seriously even though the consultation process is part of their planning permission.
- OCC needs to help enforce the matter.
- **RESOLVED** to contact Ardley and Middleton Stoney Parish Councils and invite them to join forces. **ACTION NW and DH**
- To enforce this, Cllr Blakey will send a letter to the chairmen of the other councils. He will liaise with Cllr Wainman to draft a letter. **ACTION DB and NW**

8) Sign posts to Village Hall: it has been mentioned that the Village Hall is hard to find. It was felt that a sign on the hall itself would be sufficient for the time being. Cllr Hedges will provide a sign.

ACTION DH

9) Refurbishment of the village notice board: A new back board and varnishing will be carried out at no cost to the council. **RESOLVED** to approve the work. **RESOLVED** to underwrite any further work necessary equally with the Village Hall committee.

10) Planning:

- *MW.0085/17 Viridor Harrison House – additional annual tonnage.* **RESOLVED** to agree with the comments circulated by Cllr Wainman prior to the meeting. **RESOLVED to object**
- **RESOLVED** to note the approval of Coach House and White Lodge applications.

11) Finance:

- **Cheques for signing:**

RESOLVED to approve:

i) Mrs S Mackrell	£326.56	clerk salary x 2 months
ii) Bucknell Village Hall	£ 42.50	additional meeting
iii) R Lort-Phillips	£ 87.46	spring bulbs

RESOLVED to approve payments made between meetings:

i) BDO	£36.00	external audit
ii) Microshade Business Consultants	£50.00	internal audit
iii) CDC	£96.10	dog bin emptying

- **BUDGET 2018/2019**

RESOLVED to consider budget requirements before the next meeting.

12) Correspondence:

- Caversfield Cluster Community Profile. **RESOLVED** to note. Deans Boot camp needs to be removed.
- Solicitors letter re the licence to rent the old playing field adjacent to Thorn Cottage. There is a personal arrangement currently with the current residents of Thorn Cottage. However, the property is sold and a request has been made to enter into another arrangement with the new residents. Cllr Blakey will write to the solicitor but it was felt that this must not become an automatic arrangement attached to the deeds of Thorn Cottage. **ACTION DB**
- NOTE the date of the Beacon lighting is 11 November at 7.00pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

15 January 2018 7.30pm, Bucknell Village Hall