

Bucknell Annual Parish Council Meeting

Via Microsoft Teams

10 May 2021

MINUTES

Present at the meeting

Cllr Chris Wells (CW), Cllr Derek Hedges (DH), Cllr Lee Peck (LP), Cllr Neil Wainman (NW) and Cllr Stephen Messenger (SM)

In attendance

Sue Mackrell (clerk), and 2 members of the public

Before the meeting proper started it was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Order 3.1 to enable meeting to be held remotely via Microsoft Teams due to the Covid 19 pandemic lockdown measures in place.

1. **RESOLVED** to confirm Cllr Lee Peck as Chairman and he confirmed acceptance of office.
2. **RESOLVED** not to appoint a Vice Chairman at this time.
3. **RESOLVED** that all remaining councillors confirmed their acceptance of office for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Parsons has now resigned as a parish councillor. Cllr Peck thanked him for all his hard work over his years of service especially latterly as Chairman.

Notice of casual vacancy will be displayed as soon as possible for 14 days.

4. **RESOLVED** to note apologies from Cllr Bowden and Cllr Corkin.
5. **RESOLVED** to note the Chairman's report as submitted by previous Chairman. Thanks again expressed to Mr Parsons for his dedication to the council.
6. **RESOLVED** to note the minutes from previous meeting (March 2021) For clarity it was confirmed that the withdrawal of Planning Application 20/02925/LB referred to the Listed Building part of the application and that the actual planning application has now been approved.
7. **RESOLVED** that there were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
8. **RESOLVED** to note annual report submitted by Cllr Corkin.
9. **Landscaping issues:**

- a) It has been suggested by members of the parish that the siting of the bench could be by the bus shelter. Land ownership would need to be confirmed and permission gained. Mr Parsons has sent a duplicate letter to Sanctuary Housing requesting permission to site the bench by the pond and this has still to be confirmed. **RESOLVED** to await response from Sanctuary before making a final decision.

10. Standing agenda items;

- a) Thames Water and village flood water. Thames Water are still conducting surveys. There have been suggested improvements by Thames Water but they are waiting for their spending review to take place before they can be approved. Concerns that TW still do not know the full extent of the issues. Need to keep pressure on OCC re storm water control. Residents on Manor View may need to make sure that water on their properties can reach the drains etc. Cllr Peck will take this forward with Rachael Blakey.

ACTION LP

- b) Ardley Incinerator. Last liaison meeting was in March. It was poorly attended from the parishes. Next meeting is scheduled for July 8th 2021 at 1400.
- c) Traffic Calming. Resolved to pursue the 20mph possibility through the village. Cllr Peck will liaise with Mr Parsons for his actions to date on this matter. Mr Parsons has the speed gun which he will pass on. Also, Cllr Peck will arrange a smaller working party to pursue the matter coupled with the parking issues. A village meeting will be needed to gain general opinion on speed limits etc. **ACTION LP**
- d) Trigger Pond parking as associated issues. Problem now getting very bad again as the pub reopens. Cllr Peck will combine this matter with the village traffic calming for a smaller working party to explore.

ACTION LP

It was reiterated how important it is to always report inconsiderate or dangerous parking to 101 since it is a matter of numbers of complaints that will get reaction. Message to be put out on Facebook reminding residents to do this.

Approaching the licensing authority at CDC could be a worthwhile action since it is usually a condition of granting a license that no antisocial behaviour should affect the local residents.

It could be useful to approach OALC for advice or seek other villages that have suffered in the same way to find out how they dealt with it.

11. **Planning;** No comment re application 21/01093/F or 21/01094/LB Bainton Manor.

12. **Finance;**

- a) **RESOLVED** to approve Exemption form Limited Assurance review.
- b) **RESOLVED** to approve Annual Governance Statement
- c) **RESOLVED** to approve End of Year accounts to March 2021
- d) **RESOLVED** to note no payments made between meetings
- e) **RESOLVED** to approve cheques for signing -
 - i) CDC £60.14 dog bin emptying
 - ii) Mrs S Mackrell £326.56 2 months' clerk salary
 - iii) PCC £500.00 contribution to graveyard upkeep
 - iv) Playing Field £500.00 Contribution to playing field upkeep
 - v) Came and Company £383.08 Insurance
- f) **RESOLVED** to note bank balances as at 03.05.21
 - i) Community acc £19,636.99
 - ii) Savings acc £1,334.24

13. **RESOLVED** to note Correspondence received;

- i) OALC April update
- ii) Spring Clean 2021 – Cllr Wells has the litter pickers etc.
- iii) Cllr Wainman updated on the recent PTR meeting. Is it possible to have timetables in the bus stop which might encourage more use of the buses. Cllr Wainman will follow this up. **ACTION NW**
- iv) **RESOLVED** to note that Sue Mackrell has submitted her resignation to cease as Bucknell parish Clerk with effect from May 31st 2021. Thanks expressed for her work and support during her tenure.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY July 12 2021 7.30pm