

Bucknell Parish Council Annual Meeting

13 May 2019

MINUTES

Present at the meeting

Cllr Andy Parsons (AP), Cllr Chris Wells (CW), Cllr Alexander Bowden (AB), Cllr Neil Wainman (NW), Cllr Derek Hedges (DH)

In attendance

Sue Mackrell (clerk)

Cllr Lawrie Stratford (OCC)

4 members of the public

1. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Andy Parsons be elected as Chairman of the Parish Council.
2. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Chris Wells be elected as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.
3. **RESOLVED** that all councillors signed their acceptance of office forms.
4. **RESOLVED** to note that there were no apologies.
5. **RESOLVED** to co-opt Lee Peck to the Parish Council. Cllr Peck took his seat at the table.
6. **RESOLVED** that Declarations of Interest were received from:
 - Cllr Wainman as a member of the PCC
 - Cllr Wells as a member of the PCC
 - Cllr Bowden as member of the Village Hall Committee
7. **RESOLVED** to note the Chairman's report. (Attached to this document)
8. **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on March 11 2019
9. Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda:
 - a. Mrs Wallington reported that Trow Pool is now much cleaner. She has spoken to the local dog warden who will increase his patrols at Trow Pool and around the village. His contact details will be published in the next newsletter. Members of the public are encouraged to contact him with instances of dog fouling for him to deal with.
10. **RESOLVED** to note the report delivered by Cllr Stratford.
 - a. The relationship between OCC and CDC is progressing with joint appointments of Chief Exec and other significant roles. Cllr Corkin is the Lead Member for the transition.
 - b. A2D has pulled out of the North West Bicester development. They will complete the work already started. There are concerns about the future of the site. The agreements made with A2D may not be acceptable to any new developer. There is also concern about the rerouting of Howes Lane/Lords Lane boulevard and OCC are asking for it to be reconsidered. Cllr Stratford would be interested in hearing the views of Bucknell Council and residents. It was agreed to ask for an officer to address the council at its next meeting to go through the various issues relating to the development. **ACTION SM**
 - c. E/W Expressway – since the recent local elections have resulted in a change of political control in some areas, it is unclear how this will proceed.
 - d. There has been a representation at Bicester Town Council for the local parishes to be represented at the Bicester Traffic Advisory committee. This is to be debated at

BTC. Resolved to liaise with other clerks to form a group and to provide a representative as and when appropriate.

ACTION SM

11. Landscaping Issues:

- a. Mowing of area around pond is underway.
- b. Bod Dixon has been in contact with OCC and the drainage works by the bus shelter are scheduled for end June/beginning July.

12. Standing agenda items:

- a. Thames water and village flood water. The works scheduled for June/July should help alleviate the flooding along Manor View. Cllr Bowden to go back to Thames Water to challenge the effectiveness of the reported overflow that is supposed to take the overflow from the pumping station as well as surface water. **ACTION AB**
- b. Ardley Incinerator. At the March meeting, Jasper asked technical questions that were unable to be answered at the time. There has still been no response and it seems that the questioning has resulted in Viridor backing off from the liaison meetings in the current form. Next meeting is scheduled for July. If there is still no response to the questions, it can be assumed that they are not complying with the Planning requirement to be fully involved with a liaison group with affected villages. **RESOLVED** to contact the other affected parishes to seek their opinion on the effectiveness of the meetings. **ACTION SM**

If there is support from the other parishes, a letter to be sent to Cllr Constance at OCC reporting the situation and the lack of compliance from Viridor. **ACTION NW**

Cllr Stratford was asked about the level of gate fee. He will enquire. **ACTION LS**

Cllr Stratford will also follow up the situation with the Public Health Department. **ACTION LS**

- c. Traffic Calming. The speed survey figures on Bainton Road and Middleton Stoney Road were delivered by Kerry. They show that the figures are similar to those taken in 2011 and 2014, thus showing no real problem with speeding. She explained that often it is the perception of speed that leads to the belief that speeding is occurring.

AP had met with OCC officer Mike Wasley at the junction of New Road recently. A VAS could be purchased and erected on any lamppost which would flash as cars approach if they are exceeding the limit. The cost is likely to be in the region of £1500. This could be the subject of a funding application from the Priority Fund via Cllr Stratford. Road humps are not possible and Chicanes are contentious.

Cllr Stratford will talk to Mike Wasley about the costs and implications of a VAS.

Cllr Parsons will arrange a follow up meeting with Mike Wasley to discuss further.

ACTION AP

Cllr Wells has had an enquiry from a resident on the edge of the village whose property is just outside of the 30MPH zone. This would have to be referred to OCC and Thames Valle Police and could possibly result in the necessity for a Road Traffic Order. Cllr Wells will investigate and respond to the resident. **ACTION CW**

At last meeting a request was made for Warning signs for deer across the roads.

The clerk will investigate the situation with OCC. **ACTION SM**

- d. Trigger Pond parking. Cllr parson's meeting with Mike Wasley also included discussion about this issue. OCC will get the road surface at the junction patched, which would prove necessary if double yellow lined were to be introduced. Double yellow lines are possible, but enforcement would be an issue, although PCSO's could ticket cars parked on them. The costs to get double yellow lines would be £3,120 for the consultation and legal fees. However, there is a need to consider alternate parking since yellow lines would create displaced parking elsewhere. The matter of double yellow lines will be a separate issue next meeting.

Part of the responsibility of a licence holder of a licensed premise is not to cause a nuisance. This could be another route to take if all else fails although the Parish Council have always expressed the desire not to cause damage to the business. However, non-co-operation of the brewery or licensee may result in this course of action being necessary.

The letter to Wadsworth brewery has not yet been sent. It will be amended to stress the need for the brewery to take the longer view in terms of purchasing Stan's land and/or investigating the possibility of renting the land. Cllr Wells will forward the amended letter asap for signing and dispatch.

ACTION CW

Change of use of the land was raised. SM to investigate.

ACTION SM

13. Planning:

- a. 19/00618/F No objection
- b. 19/00665/F No objection
- c. 19/00770/F Concerns about possible flooding through this low lying area.
- d. S106 monies. This matter can be explained when an OCC officer attends a meeting as mentioned in item 10b.

RESOLVED to have the NW Bicester development as a Standing Item on the agenda going forward.

14. Finance:

- a. **RESOLVED** to approve signing the Exemption from Limited Assurance review
- b. **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Governance Statement
- c. **RESOLVED** to approve the End of Year accounts to March 2019
- d. **RESOLVED** to accept the renewal from Came and Company for the Inspire quotation and to take advantage of the 3 year agreement
- e. **RESOLVED** to include the defibrillator onto the insurance policy at no extra cost.
- f. **RESOLVED** to approve payments made between meetings
 - i) Welmedical £1500 defibrillator
- g. **RESOLVED** to approve the following cheque payments;
 - ii) CDC £48.05 dog bin emptying
 - iii) Mrs S Mackrell £326.56 clerk salary x 2 months
 - iv) Village hall £300.00 Hall hire
 - v) Juliet Hope £69.55 Expenses re defibrillator training event
 - vi) Mr D Reeve £250.00 Grass cutting

15. **RESOLVED** to approve a contribution to the upkeep of the burial ground. Cllr Bowden to liaise with the PCC re details.

ACTION AB

16. **RESOLVED** to approve a donation of £750.00 to the upkeep of the Playing Fields. SM to contact relevant person for details of payee etc.

ACTION SM

FURTHER RESOLVED for Cllr Parsons to renew the licence agreement with the occupants of Thorn Cottage.

SM to enquire costs of having a solicitor look over the 6 page licence document.

ACTION SM

17. **RESOLVED** to note correspondence from OALC

18. **NOTED** that the blue signs that have appeared in the village directing traffic to the new Elmsbrook development will be removed by OCC since they are not authorised.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY JULY 8TH 2019