

# Bucknell Parish Council

## Minutes of the Bucknell Parish Council on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7:30 in Bucknell Village Hall

**Present:** Daniel Blakey (Temporary Chair), Rachael Blakey (Clerk), Neil Wainman, Chris Wells, Alexander Bowden, Derek Hedges

**In attendance:** Ian Corkin (District Councillor), Andrew Parsons (Parishioner)

### **1 Apologies**

1.1 Lawrie Stratford

### **2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda**

2.1 None declared

### **3. Minutes from the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

3.1 These were signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

### **4 Matters arising from the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

4.1 Mowing of areas of grass within the village has not been responded to by OCC

4.2 Parking on the grass by the Trigger Pond. Either DB or AB to speak to the pub.

### **5. District and/or Councilor's report:**

5.1 Ian Corkin was welcomed to the Parish Council and he reported on the following:

- The Local Plan has been published and is in a 6 week challenge period. Local Plan 2 is due to be published at the end of the year and will focus on smaller local development so worth keeping an eye on.
- Conservation area status is something we need to keep under review.
- Rural Children's centre's in Ambrosden and Heyford are under threat of closure.
- CDC's financial position as a result of being more prudent over the last few years is good. Amalgamating with other districts has helped.

### **6. Standing Items:**

#### **6.1 Traffic Calming**

6.1.1 Clerk has spoken to A2D and the section 106 is currently in discussion with CDC, hopefully there will be an update by the next meeting.

6.1.2 IC is going to follow up the cycle path to the new school.

6.1.3 The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with A2D.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Louise Caves at A2D

#### **6.2 Bicester Developments**

6.2.1 DB queried the status of the A2D applications. IC offered to chase this to find out.

6.2.2 AB updated the Council on the Garden City Villages meeting. The biggest issue for Bucknell is what will happen to Howes Lane and the implications of this. IC suggested Karen Curtain (CDC) would be a good person to talk to with regards to this.

6.3. **Incinerator**

6.3.1 NW/DH reported back on the last Ardley/Viridor Liaison meeting:

- There has been a reduction in external lighting. Viridor are working on the internal lighting but there are health and safety issues with this.
- The toxicity of the soil was raised, but they didn't know anything about this. Therefore NW will discuss this with Sheila.
- The gross limit of waste from the landfill and incinerator is 400,000 tonnes and 500,000 is the limit
- There is other clear information to report. The next meeting will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> October.

6.4 **Thames Water**

6.4.1 Clerk pursued correspondence with Gordon Hunt (OCC) who has offered to help with the costs of clearing the ditch by the bus shelter. DH said he can get someone to clear the ditch for a cost of £250. Clerk to ask Gordon Hunt if he can pay for this.

**Action:** Clerk to chase this up with Gordon Hunt

6.4.2 DH suggested looking into forecourt drainage for Manor View. No action was suggested with regards to this.

6.4.3 Some work has been going on at the pump station at Lower Barn Farm, but it is not clear what this is.

6.4.4 Clerk received correspondence from TW suggesting their work in Bucknell is complete. However it was agreed we need another meeting with them.

**Action:** Clerk to arrange a meeting with TW

6.5 **Planning**

6.5.1 Telephone mast - Vodafone. No action required.

**7 Vacancies**

7.1 There are currently 2 vacancies on the Parish Council. Andy Parsons (resident) put himself forward to be co-opted. All councillors agreed to co-opt him.

**Action:** Clerk bring information for Andy to the next meeting.

**8. Correspondence**

8.1 Winter weather feedback form. Clerk to ask for the free bag of salt only as we didn't use any last year.

8.2 Playing Field Committee asking for a donation to their cause. It was agreed to give them £400 towards maintenance as set in the precept and £490 from the rental of the Old Playing Field land. A cheque for this amount was signed.

**9. Reconciliation of accounts**

9.1 Current account balance of £5942.77 and Savings account balance of £1326.64. With cheques for £890 to the Playing Field committee the Clerks salary and expenses for £329.17, leaves a reconciled balance of £6050.24.

**10. A.O.B**

- 10.1 Anaerobic Digestion has been scrapped as it wasn't deemed feasible by CDC
- 10.2 The Manor are planning to cut back the trees on the Bicester Road.
- 10.3 NW mentioned the sad loss of Hazel Watt and the outstanding contribution she made to the village and the Parish Council. The Clerk is to look into a memorial to mark this.

**Date of the Next Meeting**

9th September 2015 starting at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Signed ..... Date.....