

# Bucknell Parish Council

Minutes of the Bucknell Parish Council on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
at 7:30 in Bucknell Village Hall

## Draft

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

**In attendance:** Lawrie Stratford (County Councillor), Mandy Stewart (Parishioner), Amanda Vardy (Parishioner)

### **1 Apologies**

1.1 Ian Corkin (District Councillor), Andy Parsons

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

2.1 None declared

### **3. Minutes from the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

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

### **4 Matters arising from the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

4.1 A contact of DH will clear the ditch by the bus shelter for £100 and Derek will take the soil away.

4.2 Parking on the grass by the Trigger Pond. AB has spoken to the Landlord about this.  
**Action:** Clerk to look into getting a sign (e.g. an A-frame blackboard) stating no parking and AB/CW to let the Landlord know.

4.3 **Action:** Clerk to look into the possibility of a memorial for the late Hazel Watt.

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

5.1 LS was present and read the appended report. In addition to this the following issues were raised with him:

- New Bicester Studio School. This should open in September 2016. A discussion was had on the county's provision of Further Education particularly in relation to vocational skills training. The Studio School will provide some additional access, but further resources are needed to align with apprenticeships .
- Waste recycling. The County Council has proposed to reduce the number of sites across Oxfordshire, which will include the closure of the Ardley site. They are running a consultation on this which closed in early October.  
**Action DB to circulate link and garner responses from councilors.**
- Howes Lane re-sighting and boulevard. There are 5 applications around the eco-town due to be submitted soon. LS believes this should be the first one. He will let us know when they have been sent out.
- Overuse of rural roads, e.g. the Bicester to Ardley road through Bucknell. The weight and speed of traffic on this stretch through the parish continues to be a concern for Bucknell, and the disparity between the reduction of the speed limit on wider roads (e.g. B4100) but national speed limit on this road was highlighted. LS is continuing to lobby on this.

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

6.1 **Traffic Calming**

- 6.1.1 The Council are awaiting a meeting with A2D on this once they have finished their discussions with the council. **Action: Clerk to Confirm**
- 6.1.2 LS offered to look into the issue of light pollution on the B4100 from the exemplar site.

6.2 **Bicester Developments**

- 6.2.1 The next Garden City Villages meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> October at Wendlebury. **Action: AB and DB/DH to attend and report back in November**

6.3. **Incinerator**

- 6.3.1 DH has discovered that although it is recommended that the bottom ash at the incinerator is covered it is not a strict legal requirement. However this leads to the question of whether Viridor monitor the amount of dust leaving the site and whether there is evidence of what happens to the dust when handled. He will take this to the next incinerator liaison meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October.
- 6.3.2 Light pollution from the incinerator will also be discussed at the meeting and fed back to the Council at the next meeting.

6.4 **Thames Water**

- 6.4.1 **Action:** The Clerk continues to contact TW and arrange a meeting.
- 6.4.2 LS will chase the cleaning of the drains with OCC as this still has not been done.
- 6.4.3 **Action:** DH to speak to the Malins about cleaning the ditches on their land.
- 6.4.4 **Action:** The Clerk will look into getting forecourt drainage for Manor View

6.5 **Planning**

- 6.5.1 Application 15/01193/F. Discussed and response finalized for the Clerk to submit. This was considered to be inappropriate development of formerly agricultural buildings.

**7. Correspondence**

- 7.1 Naming of the new primary school on the Eco-town. The short list was Thurlington Primary Academy, Alchester Primary Academy, Gagle Brook Primary Academy, Goody Poel Primary Academy. No strong feelings were found on any, but 2 councillors preferred Alchester Primary.
- 7.2 The Chair has received a request from the Parochial Church Council asking for a donation of £400 towards the mowing of the churchyard. This was in the precept and was agreed. A cheque was signed for the full amount.

**8. Finance**

- 8.1 In addition to the above a cheque was also signed for the Clerks salary and expenses.
- 8.2. The bank reconciliation shows a total amount of £5355.07 in both the savers and current account.

**9. Public Participation**

- 9.1 Mandy Stewart stated her concern over the flooding and Thames Water issues in the Parish.

**10. A.O.B**

- 10.1 Precept discussion to be added to the next meeting's agenda.

**Date of the Next Meeting**

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

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