

# Bucknell Parish Council

Minutes of the Bucknell Parish Council on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 19:15  
in Bucknell Village Hall

## Draft

**Present:** Dan Blakey (Temporary Chair), Derek Hedges, Andrew Parsons, Chris Wells

**In attendance:** Megan Savins, Sheena Buck, Clr. Ian Corkin (CDC)

### **1 Apologies**

1.1 Alexander Bowden, Neil Wainman, Clr. Lawrie Stratford (County)

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

2.1 None declared

### **3. Minutes from the meeting held on the 14 March 2016**

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

### **4 Matters arising from the minutes of the 14 March 2016**

4.1 Hazel Watt's (HW) partner, Stephanie, has offered to support the village in the purchase of a automated electronic defibrillator out of HW's estate and to act as a tribute and memorial to her service to the village. DB has investigated this matter. The Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) provides support for groups purchasing such devices. Total costs are likely to be between £1400 and £2200 depending on specifications. The council resolved to progress this matter, although whether this will be the formal tribute to HW will be decided at a later date.

DH reported that the Village Hall committee are prepared to permit the device to be fitted to the Hall.

Actions: DH to contact Stephanie to enquire about the level of contribution and whether additional funds will be required. DB to contact the CHT to initiate the project.

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

5.1 Having been recently re-elected Clr. Corkin provided a report on Cherwell matters.

i. The new ward structure means that 3 councillors represent c. 2500 electors in the Caversfield ward. It is likely that one will be allocated to be Bucknell's primary point of contact, although others may attend for specific matters.

ii. The planning application for c. 5000 houses at Lower Heyford has been dropped.

iii. The plans for county and district devolution are under scrutiny by the Department for Communities and Local Government in Whitehall. IC believes that the planned reorganisation will save money and deliver better services across Oxfordshire. It is not clear how the decision will be ratified – e.g. referendum?

iv. A bus service may be rerouted to run a service through Bucknell if there is demand.

**6. Finance**

- 6.1 Account details were provided in the Annual Meeting.
- 6.2 A cheque for the clerk's salary requires signature but was not signed during the meeting.
- 6.3 The council resolved to agree a further year's licence for the use of the Old Playing Field by the Somervilles. The council were informed that Mr and Mrs Somerville would still like to consider purchasing the land, however this was viewed as undesirable unless an alternative permanent or very long term play area was acquired.

**Action:** DB to inform Mr Somerville and instruct solicitors.

**7. Standing Items.**

**7.1 Traffic Calming and village car parking**

- 6.1.1 We require a meeting with A2D dominion to discuss the actuality of section 106 money to support a 20mph zone throughout the village.

**Action:** DH to contact A2D

- 6.1.2 Car parking around the southern end of the village near the pub, pond and New Row is still an issue. DH has provided cones which have been placed on the road around the corner between New Row and the Bicester Road.

AP reports from a casual (rather than formally on behalf of the PC) conversation with the landlord of the Trigger Pond that the owning brewery is hoping to purchase the small parcel of land adjacent to the pub's car park to increase its capacity roughly twofold.

DB reported concerns of a village resident about the car parking near the pond which could be dangerously close and lead to an accident. Given the PC may be seen to be liable for such an accident action is required.

**Action:** AP to raise parking with the landlords of the Trigger Pond and investigate suitable signage.

**7.2 Bicester Developments**

- 7.2.1 No further matters have arisen since the March 2016 meeting. IC reports that CDC councillors will be informed of further details on the Local Plan 2 on 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**7.3. Incinerator**

- 7.3.1 NW, DH and IC attended tour of the incinerator bottom ash (IBA) treatment centre. This is not run by the primary operator, Viridor, as this part of the process has been sub-contracted to Raymond Brown. A number of concerns were raised including: leachate is not being used for IBA damping as it was not suitable being too dirty; opening doors at each end of the facility mean that loose ash is blown from the building; no damping equipment is being used on the machinery; and the general condition and quality of the plant is significantly lower than the primary incinerator plant.

Letters have been written to express concern to Clr. Lawrie Stratford and Victoria Prentice MP. The latter will be writing to the CEO of Viridor to raise

her concerns.

Action: DB to write to Oxfordshire County Council to request a précis of the planning requirements / enforcements wrt IBA processing.

DH to following up with Clr LS and relate information from VP MP when we receive it.

7.3.2 Pictures of the night-time illumination of the incinerator were circulated. Some parishioners felt that the presence of the incinerator on the horizon was a welcome addition, the council generally disagreed and felt that the interior lighting escaping from the building was excessive. It was agreed that further views from the village should be solicited and passed to Viridor at the next liaison meeting [in July].

Action: CW to publish the photographs on the village website and request views  
DH and NW to feed back to Viridor at the next liaison meeting.

7.4 **Thames Water**

7.4.1 After heavy rain in April, running water was again present on the north side of Bicester Road [outside the village limits] from the manhole where the sewer joins the road. DH had contacted TW about this, and the engineering had attended but refused to undertake any repair as this was deemed “out of his jurisdiction”.

7.5 **Planning**

No applications had been received for consideration.

8. **AOB**

The Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

8.1 A vote of thanks was given to all those involved in the lighting of the Queen’s Birthday beacon.

8.2 The Council approved spending on a newspaper advert for our new clerk.

8.3 The Council organised spring clean was a success; thanks were extended to Mark Gammond for the loan of the equipment. The date for the 2017 clean has been set: 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**The next meeting will be on 11th July 2016 starting at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**

The meeting was closed at 20:25

Signed .....

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