

Bucknell Parish Council
Minutes of the Bucknell Parish Council on Monday 11th July 2016 at
19:30 in Bucknell Village Hall

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Present: Dan Blakey (Chair), Neil Wainman, Andrew Parsons, Alexander Bowden

In attendance: Megan Savins, Sheena Buck, Christina Desborough

1 Apologies

1)a Clr Chris Wells, Clr Derek Hedges, Clr. Lawrie Stratford (County), Clr. Ian Corkin

2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

2)a Clr AB is a neighbour of Coach House Stores, see item 7e

The Parish Council owns land neighbouring Coach House Stores, see item 7e

3. Minutes from the meeting held on 9th May 2016

3)a AB and AP confirm. Chairman signs.

4 Matters arising from the minutes of 9th May 2016

4)a The matter of the purchase and installation of an automated electronic defibrillator.
CB has confirmed the CHT will provide support, although not necessarily financial.

Action DH to continue discussions with Stephanie.

4)b Recruitment of a Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

Action DB to continue exploring avenues for recruitment

4)c Co-option of a Parish Councillor

i. Resolution 1. The PC will decide on this matter at this current meeting.

Not passed.

ii. NA due to outcome of 4)c)i.

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

5)a Neither Clr Corking nor Clr Stratford attended the meeting.

Action AB to contact Clr Stratford to enquire whether changing the meeting dates would mean he could attend more frequently.

6. Finances

6)a Reconciliation of accounts.

This was not possible as necessary bank statements had not been received.

Action NW to go to Barclays in Bicester to request statements.

6)b Cheques were signed as follows:

Mrs S. Maxa	£200
D Reeve	£250
Village Hall	£42.50

- 6)c Renewal of the playing field lease
Documents to be signed and provided to Mr and Mrs Somerville

Action DB to obtain countersignatures from Mr and Mrs Somerville.

7. Standing Items

- 7)a Traffic Calming and village Parking

- 7)a)i. AP reported on his most recent meeting with the Landlord of the Trigger Pond PH to discuss the parking of pub customers on the grass surrounding the Trigger Pond opposite the pub.

The PC noted that we understand this position and do not want to damage the business. Harwood also understands the PC's concerns: damage to a village amenity, potential liability, and safety.

Harwood suggested four courses of action

1. Marking the car park bays to increase capacity
2. Longer-term acquisition by the pub / brewery of the land adjacent to the car park to further increase capacity.
3. Brewery will provide funding for signage to put around pond.
4. Staff will park elsewhere in the village.

With regard to no. 3, there has not been agreement between the pub and PC for the wording on the signs. The landlord suggests "Please be considerate of our neighbours", whereas the PC favour a stronger message which explicitly request parking elsewhere.

- 7)a)ii DB reported on a brief meeting with Mr Mark Gammond regarding the pond area. MR Gammond was involved in the development of the site and continues to maintain the area on a voluntary basis. He raised concerns regarding the cars parked on the area around the pond, on at least one occasion he intended to mow the area but could not due to cars blocking access. He suggested that we could continue to allow parking around the pond in exchange for the pub arranging and paying for maintenance.
- 7)a)iii The PC approved further investigation into the possibility of applying for Village Green status, this includes necessary spend to obtain plans for the site and a search of the Land Registry to ascertain ownership.

Concerns were raised by both Councilors and public regarding the knock-on effect on street-parking throughout the rest of the village. There has already been a noticeable increase around New Row.

The PC agreed to give Harwood three months to take the actions agreed. At the same time the council will take preparatory steps in the matter of village green status, but not apply for this yet.

7)b) Bicester Developments

Applications for Wretchwick Farm and Town Centre

A meeting with A2D is required as the PC has not met with them in several months.

Action DB to arrange.

7)c) Thames Water

Action AB will pursue meetings with Thames Water.

7)d) The Incinerator

7)d)i Response from Oxfordshire County Council regarding planning permission conditions for the operation of the Incinerator Bottom Ash facility.

An email from Mary Thompson had been received with details of the conditions. No mention is made in either the planning permission for the entire site or the specific conditions for the IBA facility of continuous wetting mechanisms.

7)d)ii Public response to the lighting from the incinerator

The majority of people who have discussed the matter with the members of the PC indicated that they felt that the lighting was excessive. However, at the meeting alternative views were expressed.

Action NW to attend the Viridor liaison meeting

7)e Planning applications

7)e)i Coach House Stores. Reference 16/00898/F. The PC held an open meeting in June to discuss this application. Overall the view was to object on the grounds of overdevelopment, urbanisation, and problems with access / parking.

7)e)ii Woodlands Farm barns. Reference 16/01054/Q56. This was discussed at the meeting and objections to the development of modern agricultural were raised in line with previous applications for this site.

8) Correspondence

8)a) Police and Crime Commissioner survey. An email was received inviting the PC to respond to a survey.

Action AP to take forward

8)b) Subsidised Buses. Mrs M. Savins has written to the District Council to express her concerns about the withdrawal of this vital service, however she has received no response. DB requested a copy of the letter that this could be followed-up by the PC.

9) Public participation not linked with any other agenda item.

Mrs Buck raised the issue of visibility of the Council and its work. Thought will be given to this including revisiting the PC section of the Bucknell Matters web-site and the use of the notice board.

10) Date of the next meeting: 12th September 2016

The meeting was closed at 21:00

Signed _____

Dated _____