

# Bucknell Parish Council Annual Meeting

09 Sept 2019

## MINUTES

Present at the meeting

Cllr Andy Parsons, Cllr Alexander Bowden (AB), Cllr Neil Wainman (NW), Cllr Derek Hedges (DH), Cllr Lee Peck (LP)

In attendance

Sue Mackrell (clerk)

2 members of the public

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- The verges still have not been cut. OCC to be contacted to find out what the situation is.

**ACTION SM**

- Graffiti on the water tower at Trow Pool has been a problem but has been dealt with quickly and efficiently by CDC once they had been notified of the problem. CDC to be contacted to thank them for their prompt action but also to ask if further security measures could be taken to prevent access to the tower.

**ACTION SM**

1. **RESOLVED** to note apologies from Cllr Wells, Cllr Corkill and Cllr Stratford.
2. **RESOLVED** that Declarations of Interest were received from:
  - Cllr Bowden as neighbour of Trigger Pond
3. **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting held in July 2019.
4. Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda:
  - a) Cllr Peck has had success in having one of the two abandoned cars removed. The remaining one is fully legal in terms of MOT, tax and insurance, is not illegally parked and nor causing an obstruction therefore cannot be removed. Cllr Peck is trying to find out the owner in order to make direct contact.
  - b) Signed copy of the licence agreement for the land next to the playing field is now held by the parish council.
  - c) The tress by the layby on the B4100, previously subject to a TPO have been removed. The TPO was lifted by CDC. Concerns that the trees were not felled legally. Enquiries to be made at CDC, or an FOI to be made if necessary.
  - d) An application was made to Cllr Stratford's Community Fund to support Mrs Wallington's newsletter costs. Result still awaited.
5. **RESOLVED** to note the report sent via email by Cllr Corkin:

**ACTION SM**

• *Various holidays have delayed setting the date for the next liaison meeting, but my PA is back now and we will get something in the diary ASAP. I met with Viridor to discuss the wishes of the liaison committee and they are keen to reboot the relationship too. I am, however, sorry to inform the PC that Chris Hodgkinson from OCC is now on long term leave of absence from work due to ill health. I know councillors will join with me in wishing him well and thanking him for all his hard work on behalf of the community.*

- *Chesterton PC continue to lead the way on the Great Wolf proposal. I know they are very appreciative of the support Bucknell has given them and I would urge you to continue to liaise closely as it develops.*
- *I am currently finalising the Comet Community Bus costs to see us through from October to March 2020. Final figures will be circulated soon, but they are unlikely to be hugely different to last time if you are able to make a decision in principle*
- *Victoria Prentis will be with me at The Red Cow in Chesterton from 6 to 7.30pm this Friday to discuss local issues, including Gt Wolf if anyone wants to come along, they are more than welcome*
- *I met with Dorchester a couple of weeks ago and their Masterplan continues to make its way through the system, with the expectation it will reach the planning committee before the end of this year. That will include the proposed solution for jnc 10.*

6. Landscaping Issues:

- a) Area by bus shelter. Bob Dixon has put weed killer down and will add top soil. Cllr Peck offered help with manpower for this.

**RESOLVED** to write to OCC to remind them that there are continuing flooding problems along Manor View. Cllr Parsons to draft a letter. **ACTION AP**

**RESOLVED** to record a Vote of thanks to Bob Dixon for all his hard work on this project.

- b) Village gateways. Cllr Bowden will investigate the costs of roadside planters and other options at the village entrances. **ACTION AB**

7. Standing agenda items:

- a) Thames Water and village flood water. Cllr Bowden had been in contact with Thames Water and will arrange a meeting for September/October. **ACTION AB**

It was noted that the drains along the Bicester Road are blocked. Highways to be contacted to resolve. **ACTION SM**

- b) Ardley EFW facility. No meeting yet held. Cllr Corkhill trying to arrange one for end September.

- c) Traffic Calming. Cllr Parsons will be meeting with Cllr Stratford.

There has been road measuring activity observed. Reason unknown.

**RESOLVED** to further the request for a 20mph limit along Bainton Road. Letter to be written to highways. **ACTION SM**

Cllr Parsons will revisit previous correspondence with an OCC officer where portable speed cameras amongst other matters were discussed. **ACTION AP**

- d) Trigger Pond parking. Letter to brewery still not sent. **RESOLVED** to restart the issue, revisit the letter and get 20/30 signatures to back it up. Original letter to be retrieved and amended. **ACTION SM**

8. Planning:

- a) MW/0081/19 Smith and Sons (Blechingdon)

**RESOLVED** to Strongly object. Cllrs Wainman and Hedges to draft a response and get to SM for submission by 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. **ACTION NW/DH**

- b) 19/01575/F 1-2 Lower farm Barns

**RESOLVED** to strongly object. Concerns that this is disproportionate and inappropriate in the rural area and will cause increased traffic issues in an already problematic area. This will increase traffic movements by more than 50%.

**ACTION SM**

9. Finance:

- a) **RESOLVED** to approve payments made between meetings
  - i) 100894 Bucknell PCC £500.00 Contribution
  - ii) 100895 CSB Electrical £60.00 Supply to defib
  
- b) **RESOLVED** to approve the following cheque payments;
  - i) Mrs S Mackrell £326.56 Clerk salary
  
- c) **RESOLVED** to note bank balances as at 23.08.2019:
  - i) Community account £14,702.50
  - ii) Savings account £1,331.85

10. Parish Council Vacancy

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Wainman has a potential candidate and he will approach the individual. If that contact does not achieve success, Cllr Hedges also has a possible candidate that he will approach afterwards. **ACTION NW**

11. VE Day Anniversary plans

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Bowden will set a date for an open meeting and poster the village inviting interested parties to attend. **ACTION AB**  
Cllr Peck will check availability of the village hall for the meeting. **ACTION LP**  
Cllr Parsons will speak at the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. **ACTION AP**

12. i) **RESOLVED** that Cllr Peck will attend the next joint meetings at Chesterton regarding 'Fighting the Wolf'.
- ii) **RESOLVED** to note the OALC update
  - iii) **RESOLVED** to note correspondence from Mrs Wallington re Water tower at Trow Pool.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - MONDAY November 11th 2019**