

Bucknell Parish Council Meeting

9 March 2020

MINUTES

Present at the meeting

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

In attendance

Sue Mackrell (clerk)

Cllr Lawrie Stratford

5 members of the public

Matters raised by members of the public:

- Corona Virus – Community Resilience updates are being issued by Neighbourhood Watch. Also information and guidance can be found on OCC website. Tips from Neighbourhood Watch will be shared with villagers including buddy system for vulnerable people. Cllr Wainman said that the parish council's Emergency plan needs to be updated and should be put onto a future agenda.
- State of Bainton Road. – raised by a member of the public and by an email received by the chairman whose author wished to remain anonymous. Raised verges, tree stumps potholes etc all make the roadway difficult and unpleasant to walk along. Cllr Hedges reported that the tree stumps have been left deliberately to stop people parking. Also the raised verges have been created for the same reason. The large pothole is a spring, not a pothole. Cllr Stratford offered that an officer could be invited along to give options in regard to stopping parking etc. Cllr Hedges would be willing to lower the banking a bit to allow for pedestrians to step back out of the way of passing traffic and will meet with the concerned resident on site to discuss options. Cllr Parsons will respond to email. ACTION AP
Landscaping of Bainton Road to be discussed under landscaping on next agenda.

1. **RESOLVED** to note apologies from Cllr Wells and Cllr Corkin.
2. **RESOLVED** that declarations of interest were received from Cllr Bowden as a neighbour of The Trigger Pond.
3. **Presentation by Jasper von Thor. Ardley EFW facility and related health issues.**
Matters arising from presentation:
 - **RESOLVED** that the presentation is endorsed by Bucknell Parish Council for presentation to the Liaison Committee at a suitable date.
 - **RESOLVED** to invite the local MP and the new Director of Health at OCC to the presentation and that it is imperative to engage with EA to attend.
4. **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting held in January 2020. A request was received to make sure that the minutes are posted onto the website, marked 'Draft' if published before formal approval. ACTION CW
5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda:
 - a) VE day going ahead as previously reported.

6. **RESOLVED** to note the report sent via email by Cllr Corkin:

- *Significant infrastructure activity Continues in the division. I have attended several meetings with HS2 recently and it is apparent that jnc 10 will feature heavily in the HGV routes when the build begins. Ditto East West Rail. It is not clear yet how those two events will coincide in time, nor the emerging plans for a redesign to accommodate the growth at Heyford Park. I continue to progress and will update as I get new info*
- *Still no news on the expressway, but look out for an announcement in the budget. My best guess is the idea of a brand new expressway between the two cities will be scrapped, in favour of ironing out current pinch points, possibly including the A34.*
- *I have a meeting later this month with OCC, CDC & Dorchester to discuss the traffic plans associated with the emerging masterplan. I will update afterwards*
- *District and County partnership savings are coming along nicely, with restructuring & innovative service redesign freeing up £1M of projected savings.*
- *If you have not already done so, I would be grateful if you could confirm that you are happy to continue to support the Comet Community Bus for another 12 months. All of the other parishes have responded now and are happy to do so. Costs will be the same as last year.*
- *Next Viridor liaison meeting will be booked soon, with some time for presentation from Jasper. It will be important that we approach this correctly and we will need the Environment Agency at that meeting too. I will liaise with Sue and Shey re dates etc.*
- *I am in touch with Thames Water about a number of issue in the area, including a specific complaint I have had from a Bucknell resident.*

RESOLVED to note the report delivered by Cllr Stratford:

- Emergency plans being worked up relating to Corona Virus
- Expressway – moves to get improvements along the road network if not the actual expressway.
- Women’s cycle race starting at Bicester. Route to be advised.
- Cllrs Priority Fund continues
- Questions from the floor regarding lack of storm drain cleaning by OCC. Cllr Stratford will follow up with officers.

7. Landscaping Issues:

- Cllr Bowden is continuing the beatification of village entrance project, and suggests forming a subcommittee to work up suggestions and prices. John Kightley volunteered and Rachael Parsons was suggested. Cllr Parsons will ask her.

ACTION AP

Cllr Bowden to forward and set up a meeting.

ACTION AB

8. Standing agenda items:

- a) Thames Water and village flood water. A meeting is set for March 17th. Cllr Bowden will report back at next meeting. **ACTION AB**
- b) Ardley EFW Facility. Still no invite to the Smiths Liaison group meeting. Will chase at next EFW meeting.
- c) Traffic Calming. Cllr Peck will lead a subcommittee to investigate all the possibilities and the wishes and ideas of the village and report back to the Parish Council. An email received from a parishioner was read out and handed to Cllr Peck to respond to and invite the author to the group. **ACTION LP**

- d) Trigger Pond parking. Nothing further to report. Cllr Parsons to chase the brewery re recent letter. **ACTION AP**

9. Planning: No applications received.

10. Finance:

- a) **RESOLVED** to note no payments made between meeting.
- b) **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:
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| i) Mrs S Mackrell | £326.56 | Clerk salary |
| ii) OALC | £140.42 | Annual subscription |
- c) **RESOLVED** to note Bank balances as at 22 Jan 2020:
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| a) Community Acc | £16,187.20 |
| b) Savings Acc | £1,332.64 |

11. Parish Council Vacancy

RESOLVED to appoint Stephen Messenger to the council. Cllr Messenger joined the table.

12. Correspondence

- i) **RESOLVED** to note the OALC update
- ii) **RESOLVED** to note Chesterton's response to the Wolf development application.

12. AOB

- Broadband is now up and running in the village hall.
- Grass cutting around the pond – agreed to contact Tony Cannon **ACTION DH**
- **RESOLVED** to grant £500 to assist the upkeep of the churchyard.
- **RESOLVED** to grant £500 contribution to the playing field committee

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - MONDAY MAY 2020

