

Bucknell Parish Council Annual Meeting

11 May 2020

MINUTES

Present at the meeting

Cllr Andy Parsons (AP), Cllr Chris Wells (CW), Cllr Alexander Bowden (AB), Cllr Neil Wainman (NW), Cllr Derek Hedges (DH) Cllr Lee Peck, Cllr Stephen Messenger

In attendance

Sue Mackrell (clerk)

Cllr Ian Corkin (CDC)

1. **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Order 3.1 to enable meeting to be held remotely via Microsoft Teams due to the Covid 19 pandemic lockdown measures in place.
2. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Andy Parsons be elected as Chairman of the Parish Council.
3. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Chris Wells be elected as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.
4. **RESOLVED** that all councillors agreed to their acceptance of office verbally. Forms to signed at a late date.
5. **RESOLVED** to note that there were apologies from Cllr Stratford.
6. **RESOLVED** that Declarations of Interest were received from:
 - Cllr Bowden as a neighbour of the Trigger Pond
 - Cllr Hedges as owner of verges along Bainton Road.
7. **RESOLVED** to note the Chairman's report. (Attached to this document)
8. **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on March 9 2020
9. Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda:
 - Cllr Hedges owns the verges alongside his property on the Bainton Road. He had offered to meet with concerned residents at last meeting but no-one has come forward. The word 'stump' on the minutes should be amended to read 'pieces of wood'.
 - Emergency Plan must be brought forward to be reviewed as a matter of urgency. To be included on next agenda. **ACTION SM**
10. **RESOLVED** to note the report delivered by Cllr Corkin.
 - Both CDC and OCC are moving to crisis management stage of pandemic response. He offered a huge 'well done' to all volunteers in communities who have helped their residents. There is funding available from Cllr Corkin to help. The pandemic has had an exceptionally severe effect on the council's finances, both from additional spend and loss of income. Help expected from central government.
 - Viridor Liaison Group – meetings suspended due to lockdown. May now be possible to explore holding a remote meeting.
 - Comet suspended due to lockdown. Social distancing measures mean that it has a problem resuming anytime soon.
 - Dorchester Masterplan – there are plans to signalise the junction of Bucknell Road with Station Road, Ardley since traffic issues are expected at that

location. Also a speed reduction along Station Road is proposed.
Recommended that Bucknell PC make a submission on this plan. Cllr Wainman to explore.

ACTION NW

- Moves to improve cycling – grants are available for this. Cllr Wells expressed concerns about getting Bucknell children to school once they re-open. Cllr Corkin will bring the issue to the attention of OCC officers. **ACTION IC**
- Great Wolf – planning application was refused.
- E/W Expressway – no further news at this point.
- Cllr hedges expressed concern over the quality of road repairs on Bainton Road. Cllr Corkin will ask Paul Wilson to visit site **ACTION IC**
Cllr Parsons will also contact Paul Wilson regarding other issues including the sign on the B4100
- Cllr Wainman is keen to get the Viridor Liaison meetings back up and running, and to have the presentation from Prof Jasper von Thor to be facilitated. Cllr Corkin feels that the liaison meeting is not the right environment for the presentation and that it needs to be made to those at policy making level. To this end, Cllr Parsons will write to Victoria Prentice MP to get a date in the diary for her to hear the presentation. **ACTION AP**

11. Landscaping Issues: Nothing to report.

12. Standing agenda items:

- Thames water and village flood water. Previous meeting postponed. Levels in sewers in Bainton Road very high and reported to Thames Water. Matter of testing the water is becoming more urgent. Viridor has also agreed to rest the water. Agreed to ask both Thames Water and Viridor to test, both at Bainton Road and Middleton Road. Cllr Bowden will contact Thames Water to test for chemicals and leachate. **ACTION AB**
- Ardley Incinerator. Nothing further.
- Traffic Calming. New Road had been resurfaced. White lining is next. Cllr Parsons will contact relevant officers to forward the radar speed indicator, and to report the state of the speed humps that need repair. **ACTION AB**
Cllr Peck had been unable to forward traffic calming subcommittee because of lockdown.
- Trigger Pond parking. Pub closed at the moment so no issues.

13. Planning: no plans received.

14. Finance:

- a. **RESOLVED** to approve signing the Exemption from Limited Assurance review
- b. **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Governance Statement
- c. **RESOLVED** to approve the End of Year accounts to March 2020
- d. **RESOLVED** to approve the following cheque payments:

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| i) CDC | £60.06 | dog bin emptying |
| ii) Mrs S Mackrell | £326.56 | clerk salary x 2 months |
| iii) PCC | £500.00 | Churchyard upkeep |
| iv) Playing Fields | £500.00 | Contribution to upkeep |
| v) Came and Co | £373.38 | Insurance |
- e. **RESOLVED** to note bank balances as at 24.04.24
 - i) Community acc £18,671.24

ii) Savings acc £1,333.64

15. **RESOLVED** to note OALC April update

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY JULY 13 2020