

Bucknell Parish Council Meeting

Via Microsoft Teams

09 Nov 2020

MINUTES

Present at the meeting

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

In attendance

Sue Mackrell (clerk), Cllr Ian Corkin

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** to note that there were apologies from Cllr Parsons and Cllr Stratford
3. **RESOLVED** to note declarations of interest from
Cllr Bowden as a neighbour of the Trigger Pond and Stan's Land.
Cllrs Wells and Hedges as members of the Playing Field Committee
Cllrs Hedges and Wainman as members of the Village Hall Committee
4. **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
5. Matters arising not covered on elsewhere on agenda:
 - a) Dorchester Master Plan – Ongoing. An update has been received from Cllr Corkin
 - b) School transport issues still pending. CW will draft an email to LS to express concerns particularly after a recent near miss outside a local primary school. **ACTION CW**
6. **RESOLVED** to note the report by Cllr Corkin:
 - Test and Trace now active in the area and seems successful.
 - There is still some funding available through his Cllr Priority Fund. Finances in the next financial year will be particularly stretched and there may not be any further funding available from this source. Suggest that consideration is made to the precept request for 2021/2022 since additional funding will be very tight and there may well be added pressure on parishes to fund matters previously funded by the District and County Councils as well as the possibility of the need to engage professional services eg against planning matters etc.
 - Great Wolf has put in an appeal against the application refusal in Chesterton.
 - Heyford Park application is in process and Traffic modelling is a very important issue for neighbouring parishes.
 - Recent flooding issues – Thames Water has been contacted and brought to task. Maybe Community Resilience Equipment needs to be purchased eg pumps, to alleviate at the worst times. These could possibly be funded at least partially through the Councillor Priority Funds.
 - A virtual meeting of the Liaison Group for the Ardley ERF facility was held in September and a further one will be arranged for Dec.

7. Landscaping Issues:

- a) Bus shelter – Nothing more to action. Item can now be taken off the standing agenda items.
- b) Bench –AB still seeking quoted for installation of bench. CW has a possible contact. If three quotes can be obtained the matter can be dealt with in between meetings. **ACTION AB**
In the absence of Cllr Parsons, it is unknown if permission has been obtained from Sanctuary Housing for the siting of the bench.
- c) Pebble garden. Appeals have been circulating the village for the painting of pebbles to be installed using Remembrance as a theme, although it had previously been agreed that the area would not be a Remembrance site.

8. Standing agenda items:

- a) Thames Water and Village Flood Water
It is felt that a point has been reached where the meetings between BPC and TW are no longer useful since TW do not actually do anything to alleviate the problems with the infrastructure or the problems caused by Viridor. It is accepted that better responses are received from the Emergency Crew, but this does nothing to resolve the underlying issues.
It was resolved to investigate a formal complaint route. AB will investigate the best route and report back. **ACTION AB**
It was further resolved to get testing done of the substances in the Middleton Road manhole where it is known that leachate can be found, but needs to be proved. AB will contact Thames Water to request this testing and will also investigate a suitable independent lab to undertake the task on behalf of BPC. **ACTION AB**
A strongly worded letter to be drafted to send to TW and copied to Victoria Prentis, CDC, OCC and EA. **ACTION AB**
Further resolved to contact Cllr Corkin and accept help in purchasing pumps for the worst affected residents. **ACTION SM**
- b) Ardley Incinerator
A virtual meeting was held in September. New limits are being introduced for new and existing incinerators that will reduce emissions by 20%. The EA reports were received too late for scrutiny at that meeting and so will be held over to the next one, to be arranged for Dec. Ardley ERF is now under new ownership. When asked about installing a carbon capture filter, Viridor declined, saying that they did not emit carbon. The overdue application to restore the landscaping and bridle paths has been submitted.
Correspondence has been happening between Jasper Von Thor and Victoria Prentis with very little positive reaction so far.
- c) Traffic Calming. Nothing to report in the absence of Cllr Parsons.

- d) Trigger Pond parking and associated issues. No news on the status of Stan's' land. AP top draft al letter to the brewery to offer support to a planning application to use the land as parking. **ACTION AP**
NW to circulate previous correspondence from the brewery to other cllrs for their information. **ACTION NW**

9. Planning:

- a) 20/02558/The Old Granary **RESOLVED** that there is no comment.
b) MW0130/19 Resolved that there is no comment
c) Decision – 20/02232/F approved Resolved to Note.
d) 20/02607/TPO felling of 4 x trees to be replaced by suitable 3m high **RESOLVED** to comment that BPC are unhappy for mature trees to be felled but accept the decision if it is for genuine Health and safety reasons. **ACTION SM**

10. Emergency Plan Review. CW will review the document and make it more relevant to a post pandemic situation. He will circulate the draft once complete. **ACTION CW**

11. Finance;

- a) **RESOLVED** to approve the request from Village hall committee for 50% of the cost of refurbishing the notice board Amount to be reimbursed is £47.30.
b) Request from playing Field Committee for contribution. Since the last contribution was made in May 2020, it was **RESOLVED** to respond that any further contribution cannot be made until the next financial year. Also it was requested that a summary of what the contributions are spent on is furnished to the council for their records. **ACTION SM**
c) **RESOLVED** to approve payments made between meetings to Mr D Reeve (£250.00) and CDC (£120.12).
d) **RESOLVED** to approve the following cheque payments;
• Mrs S Mackrell £326.56 Clerk salary x 2 months
• Village Hall Committee £47.30 contribution to notice board
e) **RESOLVED** to note bank balances:
i. Community Acc £18,564.28
ii. Savings Acc £1,334.18

12. Correspondence received;

- i. OALC update – Noted
ii. Email from Mrs Wallington – Share correspondence with Cllrs

DATE OF NEXT MEETING MONDAY JANUARY 11 2021

