**BUCKLAND PARISH**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Parish Council held on Monday 26 July 2021**

**Present:**

Alex Wildman (chairman), (AW) Roger Podbery(RP), John Connolly(JC), Mark Jepson)(MJ), Chris Langham (CJ) Bethia Thomas(BT) David Page(clerk)

**In attendance:**

Joe Turner

The Chairman started the meeting by welcoming the new County Councillor

Bethia Thomas

1. **Apologies for absence**

Fiona Bartholomew & Jerry Avery

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None

1. **Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2021 having been circulated, were approved and signed.

**4 Matters arising from the previous minutes**

* 20mph speed limit -After much discussion it was decided not to pursue.
* Queen’s platinum Anniversary - Noted
* Emergency Plan -AW to finalise and send to OCC

1. **Oxfordshire County Council**

Bethia referred to her written report that she had sent earlier in the day.

She particular referenced the footpath along the A420 which she had taken up with officers and was awaiting a reply. She also encouraged councillors to attend FATAC in Faringdon which concerns itself with the A420 between Shrivenham to Botley. There followed a discussion where councillors informed Bethia of Buckland’s needs regarding this Road. The clerk was asked to contact the Faringdon clerk to be added to the mailing list.

1. **Vale of White Horse DC**

Written report

1. **Road Closure**

The road closure in October for sewer cleaning in Summerside/Orchard Road

was noted

1. **Blocked Service Drains**

The clerk reported on blocked drains in the village and had reported them via ‘Fix my street’.

**9 DOG BIN**

The clerk requested more dog bins for the village, and it was agreed to request 2 to be positioned at Bampton Turn and the A420 end of the gullop

footpath

**10 BPC WEBSITE**

No further action required at the moment.

**11 AOB**

* RP Requested that we purchase a salt spreader, and this was agreed MJ will mention at the next NAG meeting about aggressive door to door salesmen.
* Joe Turner: Reported that the S6 now runs at 20min intervals Mon to Fri and 30min at weekends. He also mentioned that some white lines in the village needed painting. AW asked him to send him the locations.
* JC brought up the quality of the grass cutting by the contactors and suggested that this should go to tender. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that RP would have a meeting with BGG to see if the service could be improved.
* JC also mentioned that he had sorted out the phone box library and removed a lot of old and unsuitable material.
* RP said that Dan Westmorland would be working for his D of E award under the guidance of JC.

**12** The next meeting of Buckland Parish Council will be on Monday November 15th at 7.30pm in Buckland Village Hall.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_