**BUCKLAND PARISH**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Parish Council held on Monday11th Sept 2023**

**Present:**

Alex Wildman (Chairman)(AW), John Connolly (Vice Chairman) (JC), Fiona Bartholomew( FB ), Neil Brown, (NB) Mark Jepson (MJ) Mark Skipworth (MS) Bethia Thomas (BT), Mark Coleman (MC) & David Page (clerk)

**In attendance:**

11 members of the Public

1. **Apologies for absence**

None

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

1. **Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2023 having been circulated, were approved and signed.

**4 Matters arising from the previous minutes**

* Film Night - MS reported that this was a great success taking a full RWMT mini-bus to Longworth
* Pavements and Potholes (on Agenda)
* 20mph speed - JC reported that he heard from Jeff Barrel that Buckland was unlikely to go to 20mph until late January 2024. He also said that all

the white lines had been painted as well as the dragon teeth on the

entrance to the village and also the yellow markings outside the school.

At the moment there is a problem in the siting of the electronic speed

signs in Gainfield which is yet to be resolved. A resident of Buckland

Marsh requested a 20mph on Tadpole Bridge and 40mph on the approach, this was not supported by the PC nor MC.

1. **Oxfordshire County Council**

BT referred to her written report that she had sent earlier. She referred to various speed restrictions including Buckland Village 20mph occurring by the end of January 2024. Buckland Marsh now has a 40mph limit. She is waiting for updates re the repairs to Tadpole Bridge, and also for Gainfield regarding speed signs. On the issue of Pavements she reported they were scheduled for works which was contrary to what the PC had understood, AW to follow up with her in October if works still not done .

BT also made mention to the fact that there was no NHS dentist now in Faringdon, the county council would be discussing this at their next meeting.

1. **Vale of White Horse DC**

MC referred to his report circulated that day. He is unable to secure the 2 extra dog bins BPC had requested, but he had secured extra visits by the Environmental Enforcement Team.

MC explained the review by the Local Government Boundary Commission of the wards in the Vale with the aim of making each ward 10% plus or minus of the average. The implementation of any new electoral arrangements would be in May 2027. MC also said he would like to hold regular surgeries in each Parish and at FB’s suggestion will be put in touch with the WI.

1. **Defib at Gainfield**

MS to explore the possibility with residents.

1. **Tadpole Bridge**

Already discussed in Matters arising.

**9 State of Roads and Pavements**

Already discussed with BT’s report.

**10 BPC WEBSITE**

NB said he is busy working on the new site and he would expect to have positive news within the next couple of months.

11 **AOB**

* + MS presented a written plan from Mike Sheil regarding setting up a Community Led Plan independent of the Parish Council. The councillors agreed to read the report and MS to report further at the next meeting.
  + JC raised a suggestion for a communal village skip to be arranged on occasion by the PC. This was discussed and it was agreed not to proceed with the idea as:
    - There is no suitable location in the village (the Hall had already confirmed it was unwilling to host this in its car park)
    - There is a well-used, large recycling depot/tip at Standford in the Vale
    - There would be no means of monitoring/regulating its fair usage
  + JC reported on his meeting with Louise Warren at the school along with the Clerk and Mark Francis from Highways concerning traffic and parking in Summerside. After the meeting a further email was sent out to the village with some suggestions and asking for a response. JC reported that there was little response previously particularly with regard to helping with speed watch. It was agreed to resend the email as some residents said they had not seen it when originally sent in July.
  + JC reported on another matter that he cleaned the bus shelter windows but long term they may need replacing, solar lights had now been fitted.
  + It was reported that Richard Tuffill had resigned as a trustee of the Charity of John Southby & Others. After discussion it was agreed to be a sensible and prudent approach to have a second trustee join from the PC and JC was appointed to the board of the charity effective 11 September.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

12 The next meeting of Buckland Parish Council will be on Monday November 6th

At 7.30pm in Buckland Village Hall.

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