

**Minutes of the meeting of the Bucknell Parish Council held on
13th March 2023 in the Village Hall**

Councillors present	Cllr Chris Wells (CW) [Chair Cllr Derek Hedges (DH) Cllr Richard Johnson (RJ) Cllr James Alcock (JA) Cllr Mrs Emma Evans-Roberts (EER)
Apologies received	Cllr Alexander Bowden
County/District Councillors present	Cllr Barry Wood - CDC Cllr Patrick Clerk – CDC Cllr Nigel Simpson – CDC Cllr Donna Ford - OCC
Members of the public present	There were no members of the public present

03.23.01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Alexander Bowden

03.23.02 Requests for Dispensations, Declarations of Interest, Gifts and Hospitality

- Cllr Hedges as a riparian owner and owner of Playing Field and Trustee of Playing Field and Village Hall charities
- Cllr Alcock as tenant of the old Playing Field land and association with Smiths of Bletchingdon
- Cllr Wells as Treasurer of the Playing Field Association

03.23.03 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present

03.23.04 Councillor vacancies

There remains one vacancy for a councillor. There will be an election on 4th May and all prospective councillors should submit nomination papers to CDC by 4th April.

03.23.05 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2023 were checked for accuracy and content, agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

03.23.06 Clerk position

Cathy Fleet had accepted the position of Clerk & RFO and was attending this meeting. The job description and contract will be provided to her in due course.

03.23.07 Communication

No communication had been received which had not been dealt with elsewhere.

03.23.08 Reports from District and County Councillors

OCC updates :

- OCC has increased council tax by 5%
- 20mph signs are now installed in Bucknell
- Bucknell will be provided with a tree as part of OCC's planting scheme. It will be a flowering cherry tree with no financial implication to the parish council. The planting site has been identified.

CDC updates:

- The Local Plan consultation has been deferred. It will be re-presented after scrutiny. There will be a 2nd consultation which will include engagement with parishes.
- Fees for the brown bin collection are entering the 2nd year and is now aligned with changes in neighbouring districts and has shown an increase in re-cycling.
- The CDC council tax increase has been through scrutiny,
- The books are balanced and no services have been cut
- There have been a huge number of objections to Hawkwell. Developers are lobbying CDC
- Funding is available for Coronation celebrations

Parish councillors questioned councillors on a variety of topics including lack of transparency of processes, views on Ardley Rail Freight proposal, Warehouseing proposals, Roads, Waste collections.

The outcome was that Cllr Wood pledged to provide a copy of the CDC Executive Forward Plan to the PC once a month

03.23.09 Village matters**1. Trigger Pond parking and associated issues**

Parking bays or fencing are not wanted. Ownership of the land needs to be identified before financial commitment is made.

Outcome: Cllr Alexander Bowden is looking at registering the land with the Land Registry for the parish council.

2. Hawkwell Village 21/04275/OUT

Discussed under Agenda Item 8

3. Cherwell District Plan

Discussed under agenda item 8 .

03.23.10 Old Playing field lease

The renewal for the lease of the playing field is under review and no update was available.

03.23.11 Ownership of Parish land

Searches and applications with the land Registry are ongoing

03.23.12 Finance

The following payments were approved for payment:

Web hosting	£100.66
Stop Hawkwell hosting	£14.01

OALC subscription £156.00
 Broadband £74.97

03.23.13**Planning**

There were no new planning applications for Bucknell.

Date of next meeting: 15th May 2023 – agenda items to be submitted to Clerk by 2nd May

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES/ACTIONS

No	Outcome/Action	Owner	Update
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