**Minutes of the meeting of the Bucknell Parish Council held on11th September 2023 in the Village Hall**

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| **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) |
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| **Apologies received**  |  |
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| **County/District Councillors present**  |  |
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|  | Cllr Nigel Simpson – CDC |
|  | Cllr Donna Ford - OCC |
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| Members of the public present  | There were 4 members of the public present  |

**09.23.01 Apologies for Absence**

 Apologies had been received from Cllr Barry Woods

**09.23.02 Requests for Dispensations, Declarations of Interest, Gifts and Hospitality**

* Cllr Hedges as a riparian owner and owner of Playing Field Lane 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

**09.23.03 Public Participation**

 **Councillor Vacancy**

No progress has been made with identifying a suitable candidate

**09.23.05 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2023 were checked for accuracy and content, agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

**09.23.07 Communication**

Previous discussions had been held regarding the purchase of a silhouette of commemorate ‘Tommy’. 2 options - 6’ high at £600 smaller one with a plaque £175. The majority of councillors were in favour; there was discussion as to location of the memorial. **AB will discuss with the church if it could be located there**. An alternative could be by the bus stop. The PC agreed to fund it.

**Reports from District & County Councillors**

OCC Cllr Ford reported that most committees do not meet during the summer. Cllr Ford and Cllr Hedges had met to discuss flooding. There is a proposal at full council tomorrow to ban cars from the centre of market towns on Sundays, There is an early proposal to provide a bus service for the village. She also mentioned the lack of weeding etc and with rain forecast is concerned that vegetation will increase.

Dewers Farm objection submitted by Cllr Hedges has not been to committee yet,

**09.23.08 Village matters**

 **Valencia -**

**Ardley –**Solar panels are being discussed

1. **Cherwell District Plan**

Richard had written to Victoria Prentis and Rupert Harrison - suggest getting him to come to a meeting. Letter from Ian Bowl - CW had responded.

Jasper has written to National Highways who responded that they had insufficient info and are working with applicants.

CW and RJ (sub planning group) working on responses. Suggest Jasper joins the group.

Budget for Hawkwell - to include having an expert to assist with drafting a response to the local plan - JA to find consultant. The PC will allocate £5K . All in agreement .

John Knightly to check availability of VH for meetings

**09.23.09 Old Playing Field Lease**

Cllr Bowden reported that no progress has been made with registering the land but that he will revert to the lawyer to progress. He will also contact Cridlands

**09.23.10 Ownership of Parish Land**

No longer an agenda item

**09.23.11 Highways**

Potential crossing outside village hall and road closure on Bainton Road to prevent through traffic have been discussed. A member of the public spoke of the suggestion of chicanes instead of a road closure – Chair explained that village feedback had indicated that this was not a favourable option. After considerable discussion it was agreed

**09.23.12 Finance** The following payments were approved for payment:

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| 11-Sep-23 | 1 |   | Bicester Print | Hawkwell flyers | Debit |   | BACS | 45 |
| 11-Sep-23 | 2 |   | Cathy Fleet | Clk Sal Aug | Debit |   | S/O | 180.3 |
| 11-Sep-23 | 3 |   | Rob (?) | Firethorn Consultant | Debit |   | BACS | 100 |
| 11-Sep-23 | 4 |   |   | Playing Field grant | Debit |   | BACS | 600 |
| 11-Sep-23 | 5 |   |   | Churchyard Maintenance | Debit |   | BACS | 600 |
| 11-Sep-23 | 6 |   | HMRC | PAYE Q2 | Debit |   | BACS | 135 |
| 11-Sep-23 | 7 |   | Cathy Fleet | Clk Sal Sept | Debit |   | S/O | 180.3 |
|  |  |  |  | Coronation | Debit |  |  | **300.00** |
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It had been previously agreed that Barclays Bank are not providing the required services and that the PC should switch to Unity Bank.

JA 1st DH 2nd

The forms had been completed and JA proposed and DH seconded that Clerk should progress the application. CW to transfer funds from savings account to current account ahead of the switch to Unity.

Grant application - approved but to be amended

£300 added to payments list for coronation celebrations,

**09.23.13 Planning**

**23/01170F Dove Cottage** - Sub division of existing plot to facilitate conversion of existing detached annexe ito independent dwelling an erection of extension to annexe.

Highways have objected.

DH to draft comment - Clerk to submit

**Date of next meeting** **– Monday 13th November 2023** at 7.30pm, in Bucknell Village Hall

**Signed …………………………………. Dated ……………………………**

**Other matters:**

Grass verges - OCC are not cutting the grass - to be reported on FMS

By Trigger Pond – Vanessa has been cutting but other area are overgrown – used to be cut - is PC property **. AB to ask the team who cut the churchyard if they will quote to carry out this work in the future**. Overgrown trees by pub causing problems for vehicles - **JR to report on FMS and revert to Cllr Ford if no response.**

JA had sent an email to councillors outlining his intentions for tidying up in front of gates of former playing field and to lay hardcore to provide additional off road parking. Owners of The Coachhouse will also do the same and fund between them . The land is not owned by PC and is unregistered.

**ACTION LIST SUMMARY**

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| **No** | **Action** | **Owner** |
| Sept23.01 | AB to discuss with church if ‘Tommy’could be located there | AB |
| Sept23.02 | Hawkwell - JA to engage a consultant  | JA |
| Sept23.03 | AB to ask the team who cut the churchyard if they will quote to carry out work around Trigger Pond in the future | AB |