

**Minutes of the meeting of the Bucknell Parish Council held on
8th July 2024**

Councillors present	Cllr Chris Wells (CW)
	Cllr Alexander Bowden (AB)
	Cllr Derek Hedges (DH)
	Cllr Richard Johnson (RJ)
	Cllr Mrs Emma Evans-Roberts (EER)
	Cllr James Alcock
County/District Councillors present	Cllr Nigel Simpson - CDC
	Cllr Donna Ford - OCC
Members of the public present	14 members of the public

05.24.01 Apologies for Absence

No apologies had been received

05.24.02 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 Cllr Alexander Bowden as Riparian ownership and neighbour of Trigger Pond pub and Stans Land. Also as neighbour to the OPF and owner of its boundary wall.

05.24.03 Public Participation

Most members of the public were attending to discuss the Puy du Feu development but as this is not an agenda item was deferred to a separate meeting.

It was requested that the dog poo bin was changed - **Clerk to order new bin to be delivered to CW**

It was also noted that the bus shelter is in a poor condition,

The footpath outside the old Bakery is rapidly deteriorating - Donna to chase

05.24.04 Minutes and actions

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2024 were checked for accuracy and content. The minutes of the March meeting were also signed off,

There was discussion about the accuracy of the May minutes. it was agreed that they would remain as written (amended by Cllr Alcock) in respect of the incinerator and waste disposal . Members of the public felt that there is proof that the claims are accurate. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting, Following the absence of CW at the Annual Parish meeting, his election as Chair was confirmed at this meeting and he and all councillors signed the Acceptance of Office.

Actions from last meeting

No	Action	Owner	Update
May24.01	FoI request to CDC - AB to discuss results with Chris Wells, which the member of the public present had requested	AB	
May24.02	Communication re speeding - Clerk will inform resident that a meeting is being arranged with Highways to discuss speeding issues	CF	completed
May24.03	Clerk to arrange meeting with Kathryn Gash (OCC Highways)	CF	in hand
May24.04	Old Playing Field Lease – AB to arrange Zoom meeting to discuss	AB	Completed

05.24.05 **Communication**

All communication received had been dealt with elsewhere

05.24.06 **Reports from District and County Councillors**

Cllr Ford reported that Bainton Road is now closed and confirmed that this is now reflected on Wayz and Google Maps.

Cllr Simpson spoke of the recent elections and had nothing to report.

05.24.07 **Village Matters:**

Thames Water and village flood water - discussed above – no decisions made.

Hawkswell – Decision has been deferred, probably due to the recent election

05.24.08 **Old Playing Field Lease**

A letter has been sent to the owners proposing:

- to renew the license agreement using the current language, to expire at the end of March 2025
- by the end of November 2024, the Council will revert to you with proposals for a revised agreement, taking into account the requests you have highlighted regarding clauses 4.8.4 and 6.2
- over the period December 2024 to March 2025, to work through the proposals to agree a new agreement that should be able to begin on 1 April 2025.

05.24.09 **Highways meeting with Kat Gash, Head of Highways**

- Any issues with highways should be reported on FMS

05.24.09 **Finance**

The payment schedule was approved.

Date	Description	Payee		amount	Notes
31/05/2024	grasscutting	Primrose Landscapes	debit	144	paid 31/05/24
31/05/2024	Clerk salary May	Cathy Fleet	debit	200.05	paid S/O
30/06/2024	Clerk Salary June	Cathy Fleet	debit	200.05	paid S/O
08/07/2024	payroll	TP Jones	debit	62.38	

08/07/2024	PAYE	HMRC	debit	150	
08/07/2024	clerk expenses (postage)	Cathy Fleet	debit	3.25	
08/07/2024	grasscutting	Primrose Landscapes	debit	70	
				485.68	

The bank reconciliation was received and approved

05.24.10 Planning

[24/01682/F](#) The Old School 2 Middleton Road Conversion of existing garage/store into
Bucknell OX27 7LX a habitable room
Decision 24/00978/F The Granary, Ardley Road APPROVED

Other matters

Drain by Old Manor House Drive blocked

Drain by Old Rectory blocked

Pond - Ash tree is low and needs trimming . Willow tree – John Knightly to trim.

Access to ditch by the Pond need to be trimmed -. **Clerk to contact Primrose Landscapes**

Items for information or next Agenda only – all items for the next agenda to be submitted to Bucknell.clerk@gmail.com by **1st September 2024**.

**Date of next meetings –second Monday of alternate months at 7.30pm, in Bucknell Village Hall
9 Sept, 11 November.**

Signed **Dated**

ACTION LIST SUMMARY

No	Action	Owner
July24.01	Clerk to order new dog waste bin to be delivered to CW	Clerk
July24.02	Clerk to contact Primrose Landscapes asking them to trim around the ditch by the Pond	Clerk

The Parish Council meeting closed and Cllr Derek Hedges left the building. An informal meeting followed to discuss the recently received information from the developer. The proposal is to create, on land at Manor Farm currently owned by Cllr Hedges, a

'destination' which will involve theatrical productions in a woodland setting and the provision of hotels.

The developer, Puy du Feu, will be holding a series of consultation meetings commencing on 17th July in Bucknell village hall, followed on 18th July in Bicester and 19th July in Oxford. It was agreed that an Action Group should be set up as a sub-committee of the parish council and an Emergency meeting of the parish council will be held on 29th July in the village hall to arrange this and to discuss any funding which may be required.