

Minutes of the meeting of the Bucknell Parish Council held on

13th December 2023 in the Church

Councillors present	Cllr Chris Wells (CW) [Chair
	Cllr Derek Hedges (DH)
	Cllr James Alcock (JA)
County/District Councillors present	No county or district councillors were present
Members of the public present	There was 1 member of the public present

12.23. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Alexander Bowden, Cllr Emma Evans-Roberts and C/Councillor Donna Ford, Cllr Richard Johnson

12.23.02 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

12.23.03 Public Participation

John Knightly attended the meeting

12.23.04 Councillor vacancies

No update

12.23.05 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2023 were checked for accuracy and content, agreed as a true record of the meeting with minor alterations to items 9,10 & 11 and signed by the Chair.

12.23.06 Communication

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

12.23.07 Reports from County/District councillors

No reports were available

12.23.08 Village matters

1. Trigger Pond parking and associated issues **To be removed from future agendas**
Thames Water – flooding – a lot of recent activity on Bainton Road, . DH reported that a new sewer is required but wont be done It's a historical problem going back to the 1970s – 1st contractor went bankrupt 2nd contractor carried out poor work. Ground water is getting into the

sewer and overloading the pumps. To be reported immediately there is a problem. **Message to be put out on Facebook.**

2. **Hawkwell Village 21/04275/OUT** - on-going
- 3 **Valencia** - Exhibition of solar array at Ardley Quarry – pre consultation tomorrow
- 4 **Cherwell District Plan** - all comments submitted - thanks to external support. Many residents also commented but not yet visible on website

12.23.09 Old Playing Field lease

The Licence has been lapsed for 3 years. Not paid 2nd half of this year but there is still no licence. Cllr Bowden is getting the licence revised with additions. **Deferred to next meeting,**

12.23.10 Highways

Flags outside Village hall wrapped around electricity pole. **Clerk to report on FMS**
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12.23.07 Finance The following payments were approved for payment:

Date	Payee	Detail	Amount
13-Dec-23	Cathy Fleet	Nov salary	180.3
13-Dec-23	CDC	Dog bins	133.85
13-Dec-23	Chris Wells	reimbursement for stamps & envelopes for Local Plan response	284.64
13-Dec-23	Bicester Print	Hawkswell	99
13-Dec-23	Bicester Print	Hawkswell	361
13-Dec-23	HMRC	PAYE Q3	135
13-Dec-23	Anna Sabine	response to Local Plan	600
13-Dec-23	Church grant	was on hold, form now rec'd	600
		TOTAL	2393.79

The Barclays account is now closed with a final cheque for interest received

All councillors to be added to unity account **CF to action with bank mandate to be signed at the next meeting.**

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The accounts to date had been circulated. Balance of £22365.05. It was agreed to transfer £18K to the Savings Account.

Savings Account fund allocation

Election £5K

Complete £1K

Arnold Barker - remove

£500 Jubilee remaining - £300 paid to VH for coronation celebrations. £200 remaining

Traffic calming £5K Bainton Road . CF to ask Dave Catlin for prices of SIDs ones that record speed & keep data

Training £2K

Repairs to items on asset register £2K

Supply of CDC councilor if non quorate £2K

Sundry £600

TOTAL 17620

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03.23.13Planning

23/01170/F Dove Cottage, 30 New Row **Approved**

23/03201/F Crossroads, 2 Middleton Road - Comment – gates should be stained not painted so as to match similar gates in vicinity

23/02469/F The Granary, Ardley Road - Approved

Fol request for planning process for Hawkswell received and all correspondence received. **CW to send to Jasper Van Thorn**

The Church has confirmed that they don't want the Tommy silhouette **Agenda item for March**

Signed **Dated**

Date of next meetings – second Monday of the month at 7.30pm, in Bucknell Village Hall
8 Jan, 11 March, 13 May, 8 July, 9 Sept, 11 November.

ACTION LIST SUMMARY

No	Detail	Owner	Update
12.23.01	Flooding – message to be put on Facebook	CW ??	
12.23.02	Removal of Flags around pole outside VH - report on FMS	Clerk	completed
12.23.03	Clerk to create bank mandate for signature at next meeting	Clerk	
12.23.04	Clerk to instruct payroll re salary increase	Clerk	completed
12.23.05	23/03201/F Crossroads – Clerk to submit comment	Clerk	
12.23.06	Clerk to inform CDC of precept demand	Clerk	completed
12.23.07	Results of Fol request re Hawkswell to be sent to Jasper Van Thorn	CW	
12.23.08	Clerk to speak to OCC re grasscutting maps and grant	Clerk	Awaiting response