

**Minutes of the meeting of the Bucknell Parish Council held on  
13<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

<b>Councillors present</b>	Cllr Chris Wells (CW)
	Cllr Derek Hedges (DH)
	Cllr Mrs Emma Evans-Roberts (EER)
<b>County/District Councillors present</b>	
<b>Members of the public present</b>	There were no members of the public present

**01.25.01 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Donna Ford and Cllr Grace Conway-Murray.

The resignation, with immediate effect, of James Alcock was reluctantly accepted and he was thanked for his work with the PC

The resignation, with immediate effect, of Alexander Bowden was reluctantly accepted and he was thanked for his work with the PC. He will continue to be a signatory on the bank account until a replacement is found.

The resignation with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> March (tentative), of Chris Wells was reluctantly accepted and he was thanked for his work with the PC. Chris will continue to carry out work on the Puy du Feu proposal.

The Clerk will inform CDC of these resignations and there are now 4 vacancies on the parish council so urgent recruitment is required. CW to send out Mailchimp request for volunteers and also place on website.

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

- Cllr Hedges as a riparian owner and owner of Playing Field Land and Trustee of Playing Field and Village Hall charities
- Cllr Hedges as part owner of Manor farm

**01.25.03 Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present

**01.25.04 Minutes and actions**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were checked for accuracy and content and agreed as a true record of the meeting.

**Actions from last meeting**

No	Action	Owner	Update
Sept24.01	Cllr Johnson will install the dog bin	RJ	The bin has been installed, but in the wrong place. The <b>VH will be approached by DH for agreement for it to be on the corner of the</b>

			<b>village hall.</b> Update – will be discussed at the village hall meeting on 16 <sup>th</sup> January.
Sept24.02	Cllr Ford will investigate the possibility of getting a weight restriction on the road through the village and Middleton Stoney Road to prevent HGVs using it.	DF	Outstanding
Sept24.05	Clerk to re-submit application form to add signatories JA, RJ, DH) to Unity Bank account	CF	On hold until further councillors are recruited.
Nov24.01	Clerk to update Emergency Plan	CF	On-going To be updated once additional councillors are in place
Nov24.02	Clerk to apply for £2.5K from the Councillor Priority Fund	CF	Completed Clerk to chase up
Nov24.03	Fencing around the pond - EER to investigate	EER	On-going

**01.25.05 Communication**

All communication received had been dealt with elsewhere

**01.25.06 Reports from District and County Councillors**

Banbury Road – roundabout has been taken away and will be replaced by 8 way traffic lights.

A report from Cllr Nigel Simpson had been circulated ahead of the meeting.

**01.25.07 Village Matters:**

- ***Flooding*** - *Thames Water have been on site but findings are unknown*
- ***Traffic calming*** – *Nothing to report*
- ***Puy du Feu*** – *no update*

**01.25.08 Old Playing Field Lease**

This is being dealt with by Cllr Bowden and is currently in the hands of solicitors. To be discussed by email and a councillor allocated to take this forward.

**01.25.09 Highways**

Fly tipping on Bainton Road had been reported to the Clerk. EER to provide clerk with W3W locations and she will report to OCC.

**01.25.10 Broadband in village hall**

Clerk had conversations with John Kitley regarding payment of broadband fees and agreed that he will send 6 monthly invoices for the PC to pay ½ of the broadband fee.

**01.25.11 Finance**

The budget/precept spreadsheet had been circulated prior to the meeting. The figure of £15343.5 was reached (a 75% increase due to funding required to fight Puy du Feu proposals) The information and an explanation of the increase will be circulated to residents, with the assurance that the figure will decrease next year, by Mailchimp and subject to councillor confirmation by the end of the week will be submitted to CDC.

The payment schedule was approved.

The bank mandate will be updated once new councillors are in place.

**Items for information or next Agenda only** – all items for the next agenda to be submitted to Bucknell.clerk@gmail.com by **4<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Date of next meetings –second Monday of alternate months at 7.30pm, in Bucknell Village Hall**

**Dates for 2025:**

**10<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> May (APM and AMPC), 14th July, 8<sup>th</sup> September, and 10th November**

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

**Action list summary**

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Sept24.01	Cllr Johnson will install the dog bin	RJ	The bin has been installed, but in the wrong place. The <b>VH will be approached by DH for agreement for it to be on the corner of the village hall .</b> To be discussed at VH meeting 16.1.25
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	Stoney Road to prevent HGVs using it.		
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Nov24.02	Clerk to apply for £2.5K from the Councillor Priority Fund	CF	Completed
Nov24.03	Fencing around the pond - EER to investigate	EER	
Jan25.01	New councillors – CW to send out Mailchimp message and place item on website	CW	completed
Jan25.02	Old Playing Field Lease – councillor to be identified to take this forward	??	
Jan25.03	Fly tipping - EER to provide Clerk with W3W locations	EER	
Jan25.04	Precept – CW to send Mailchimp message to all residents explaining increase and requesting feedback	CW	Completed