

Minutes of Bucklesham Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 29th May 2024 at 7:00pm
In Bucklesham and Foxhall Village Hall, IP10 0DZ

Present

CLlr Trevor Bickers
CLlr Clive Lenton

CLlr David Brinkley (Chair)
CLlr Gemma Marriage

CLlr Rhea Gardner
CLlr Lynda Seagroatt

Ruth Johnson (Clerk)

2 members of the public were present

1. Apologies for absence:

a. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from CLlr Roper (holiday).

b. To accept apologies for absence.

CLlr Brinkley proposed that CLlr Roper's apologies were accepted. This was seconded by CLlr Bickers and all were in favour.

2. To receive any:

a. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

There were none.

b. Declarations of Non-Pecuniary Interest.

There were none.

c. Applications for Dispensation on Agenda Items.

There were none.

d. Declarations of Gifts or Hospitality received over the value of £50.00

There were none.

e. Notification of Lobbying with reference to Planning Applications to be discussed.

There were none.

3. Public Participation – To receive:

a. Questions from any member of the public:

Two members of the public talked at length, explaining to the Council their grave concerns with regarding the planning application to be discussed at item 5a. The Chair thanked the members of the public for coming to the meeting and for sharing their concerns. They were encouraged to notify the planning authority of these in writing before the closing date for submissions.

4. To agree Minutes of meeting dated 8th May 2024.

All Councillors agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. CLlr Marriage proposed that the minutes should be signed, this was seconded by CLlr Bickers and all Councillors agreed.

The minutes had already been published on the website in draft form in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

Chair's initials:

5. Planning:

- a. To discuss DC/24/0412/FUL – Intensification of use at Twisted Oaks Bike Park to provide Outdoor Activity Park, Twisted Oaks Bike Park, Brightwell

The Parish Council had been contacted for comment from ESC as a Statutory Consultee. The Chair noted that all Councillors had studied the documents provided prior to the meeting. Councillors were reminded to align their comments to material planning considerations.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that there could be three possible responses to the application from the Parish Council: support for the application; no objection to the application; or objection citing relevant planning considerations.

Councillors made the following comments:

- I have had a good look at the installation and everything is already in situ.
- The site for this new activity is being run as a separate business by a third party.
- There are valid points made about the protection of wildlife.
- The application lacks in detail.
- An Environmental Impact Assessment should have been requested by ESC.
- I have concerns about the netting used and the implications for wildlife.
- I have concerns that this is taking too much out of the area.
- I share concerns about the area not being fenced off from the footpaths.
- There are better areas where these extra activities could be placed and I am not sure this is the right location for this.
- There are definitely protected species on the land contrary to what is stated in the application.
- The planning authority should be mindful of protected habitats also.
- I think there should be consideration for light and noise pollution, and we should recommend if planning permission is to be granted that the site is only operational after dawn and before dusk, with no artificial light.
- I question SCC's Ecology Report which states that it is 'unlikely to impact' the ecology in the area. We have accurate local knowledge which completely disputes this.

Cllr Lenton proposed the Council **Object** to the planning application. This was seconded by Cllr Bickers and all were in favour. The Clerk was asked to register the Council's objection on the ESC planning portal.

Action: Clerk

6. To receive agenda items for the next meeting of the Parish Council (Wednesday 10th July 2024).

Continuing discussions for the allocation of CIL money to various projects would be included in the next agenda, along with the progress of the CAT of the Bucklesham Allotments.

There were no other agenda items as at the meeting from the Councillors, but the Clerk reminded them that all projects going forward would be included and that any new items should be notified to her at least one week before the meeting.

Action: Clerk

Points of note not requiring debate or discussion:

- Despite numerous requests from the Clerk and Cllr Marriage, and the recent article in the East Anglian Daily Times, the path on the way to school has still not been cut. With the absence of any action from Cllr Mulcahy, Cllr Marriage explained that she had personally contacted Cllr Paul West, who has responsibility for Highways. Cllr West replied that an order had been placed to cut the vegetation but he was unsure when this would be done. Cllr Marriage requested that this be put on a regular schedule of works rather than ad-hoc once a year after several reports and complaints. Cllr West said he would ask Highways to consider programming this work but that this cyclical routine would only be once a year. It was noted that Cllr Mulcahy had been copied into each email but that the Council had received no response from her at all.
- Cllr Brinkley informed the Council that he had received no response from the head of Suffolk County Council, Cllr Matthew Hicks, with regards to his formal letter of complaint about Cllr Mulcahy, other than acknowledgment of the email.
- The Clerk informed the Council that the new Beacon Brazier was in place on the Field and looking magnificent. There had been a great team effort with many residents helping Mick Jackson with the installation. There will be a final planning meeting on Friday 31st at 6pm, for the lighting of the beacon on Thursday 6th June. The Community Council have everything in order for the Tea Party on Saturday 8th June.

The meeting closed at 7:50pm.

Signed:
Chair

Date:

Ruth Johnson
Clerk to Bucklesham Parish Council

Chair's initials: