

BUCKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear New Resident(s),

As current Chair of Bucklesham Parish Council, and on behalf of the Council I would like to welcome you to the village of Bucklesham. We believe you have made an excellent choice in deciding to live here. You will find that Bucklesham is a friendly and very active village, and if life changes necessitate a move away from Bucklesham it is usually with great regret, and many people continue to be 'honorary' residents!

Bucklesham has a friendly community, and while there is no longer a shop or Post Office, there is still plenty to do. There is an excellent pub in the village, the Shannon; and the Village Hall is the venue for several clubs and activities. At the Playing Field there is a children's play area, table tennis tables, football goals and outdoor gym equipment. The Playing Field is held in trust and managed by the Parish Council with the help of a group of volunteers called the FOPs (Friends of the Playing Field) who manage the field for the benefit of us all. There are many footpaths in Bucklesham, some leading to neighbouring villages, and many through beautiful farms and woodland. We are very lucky to have the fantastic asset of St Mary's Church and the excellent Church community who work tirelessly for the village in so many ways.

The Parish Council holds meetings every two months (on the first Wednesday) and any resident is very welcome to attend. The agenda is always posted on the Parish Council website five days in advance and displayed on the notice board outside the Village Hall. This gives details of the location of the meeting and items to be discussed. The minutes of previous meetings are available to read on our website. The Parish Council has some statutory duties, and has a role in the general maintenance of the village, but our real aim is to enable Bucklesham to continue to be the wonderful village we all love, and to respond to any ideas to further improve it.

There is a lot more detailed information on the pages of the website, so please do take the plunge and join in some of the things going on in the village and meet your new neighbours – if not all 525 of them, then at least some!

With best wishes,

David

Cllr David Brinkley

Chair of the Parish Council