

# BUCKMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

## Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Present:

Councillor Liz Exton Chairman  
Councillor Jill Arnold  
Councillor Graham Exton  
Councillor Kate Bygott  
Councillor Gemma Hiam

Borough Councillor Malise Graham

## MINUTES

- 31/19-20     **Introduction** – Introductions were made for Councillor Gemma Hiam, attending her first meeting.
- 32/19-20     **Apologies for non-attendance** – Councillor Bird had apologised for his non-attendance
- 33/19-20     **Apologies for absence** – County Councillor Rhodes and Police Constable Roscoe had apologised for their absence
- 34/19-20     **Approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 9 July 2019**  
The minutes were approved without amendment
- 35/19-20     **To receive declarations of interest both personal and prejudicial on matters arising on the agenda** – No declarations were made
- 36/19-20     **Public Participation** – Members of the public were not present
- 37/19-20     **To receive reports –**

### **Borough Councillor Malise Graham**

August had been a period of relative quiet for the Council. The civic service for the Mayor would be held at St Bartholomew's Church, Sproxtton at 1100 on 22 September.

### **PC Roscoe**

There had been no reported crimes or incidents in Buckminster or Sewstern since 1 August. There had been a theft of a pick up from Garthorpe that belongs to owners in Buckminster.

Extra vigilance should be taken around oil deliveries now that the seasons are changing as the police see a spike in fuel thefts when fuel is delivered ready for the winter. In rural villages such as Buckminster and Sewstern where residents are more likely to be on oil fired central heating thefts are more likely.

I previously reported that the shop in Buckminster was subject to a distraction burglary and concerns were raised about the Police response. There have been some evidential difficulties with the victims and we have done everything we can to support them and to identify the offenders.

### **The Clerk**

#### **Installation of Airfield Memorial Plaque**

Plans for the installation of the airfield memorial plaque provided by the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust have not yet been received from the resident.

#### **Planning Consultancy – Skillington Quarry Development**

A decision on the planning applications for which the Parish Council acted in a consultancy role is still awaited.

#### **BMFA**

The environment department at the Borough Council had contacted the clerk and the Sewstern resident who had raised the earlier noise complaint and explained that should such issues become a regular occurrence the department would take action.

#### **Closure of Roads in Sewstern**

It had been confirmed that the placements of the road closure signs in Sewstern were not due to any cycling events. The County Council's assumption is that an event took place that required the road closure and that the event organiser had their own signage; apparently some Council signage is occasionally 'lost'. It might have been reused in this case or the organiser of the event may have had a Traffic Management Company provide the signs.

## **Flooding in Sewstern**

The Estate Land Agent had responded to the concerns raised by the Parish Council and confirmed that the Estate is aware of the flooding predicament in this part of Sewstern. The Estate was in contact with the County Council at the end of last year regarding their proposals to dig a ditch around the edge of the semi-detached cottages. The agent advised that apparently there are differing views as to exactly what is behind this flooding issue, whether it is an inadequate culvert or lack of flow in the ditch (that may well be unregistered to anyone in particular). The agent is checking Buckminster's and their Tenants' liability as far as the field ditch is concerned, and will then take appropriate action in the autumn to ensure that those responsibilities are being met.

The agent wondered whether at a future flooding event it might be possible to establish a more definitive answer as to exactly why the flooding is occurring and welcomed the Parish Council's help in this aspect.

## **Overhanging Trees**

Concerns that some overhanging trees were affecting highway visibility had been reported to the Estate. The Estate Land Agent confirmed that the Estate has a roadside tree management policy and, coincidentally, the Estate had just completed this year's inspections; these should raise any issues that required attention.

## **VAT Recovery**

A claim for VAT paid between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019 has been submitted to HMRC.

## **The Chairman**

It seemed appropriate to ask Highways to survey the adequacy of road markings in both villages. The vice chairman referred to a recent accident involving a motor cycle and a photographer taking photographs on the B676. The vice chairman referred to repair needed to one of the bollards.

The vice chairman had also noted issues affecting public rights of way, e.g. a broken footbridge. The vice chairman offered to provide the clerk with photographs so that the clerk could take the appropriate action to address the issues.

38/19-20 **Planning Matters**

New Planning Applications – listed below:

19/00750/FUL – Grange Farm Buckminster – Biomass boiler installation

19/00817/FUL – Estate Office – new gable to rear elevation, extension of existing roof and installation of fire escape

19/00822/FULHH – Homestill, 1a Gunby Road, Sewstern – Relocation of existing vehicular access

Planning Applications awaiting approval – as above

Applications Refused – None

Planning Consultancy Skillington Quarry – SKDC decision awaited

39/19-20 **Invoices for approval** – None

40/19-20 **To Approve and Sign the bank reconciliation for the current period**

Current (Community) Account - £5979.47

Deposit (BMM) Account - £1155.68

Total account balance including unresented payments - £7135.15

The bank reconciliation was approved and signed.

41/19-20 **Correspondence received** – None

42/19-20 **Next meeting of the Parish Council**

19 November 2019

E Exton  
Chairman

Date