



Buckland & Chipping Parish Council

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MEETING No 339 of BUCKLAND & CHIPPING PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting

Monday 1st September 2025, 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Buckland

Attending: Cllrs Jeff Kenyon(Chair), Penny Baxter-Newman (Vice), Robert Arkle, Helen Dauris

Present: C Scott (Clerk), DCllr V Burt, HCllr T Smith, 4 parishioners

Minutes

Meeting opened, 19:30

339.1 Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence. **None**

339.2 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

- 1. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda**
 - 2. To receive and consider members' written requests for dispensations for declarable interests (if any)**
 - 3. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate**
- None**

339.3 Minutes:

- 1. To confirm the minutes of Buckland and Chipping Parish Council Meeting [338 14th July 2025](#) as an accurate record of proceedings **resolved** proposed Cllr R Arkle, seconded Cllr P Baxter Newman, unanimously agreed**

339.4 Reports to the Council

To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies, local authorities and agencies

- 1. Crime report [August 2025](#) - **Noted****

339.5 Public Comments: Limited to 15 minutes

Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern.

Parishioner was glad to see the new Chipping gateway sign, funded by the previous HCC J Jones's Highways Locality Budget. Parking on the verge along the A10 near the Whiteley Lane turning is illegal and blocking sight lines for people turning on to the A10 from Whiteley Lane, it is also damaging the verge. Can the parish council send a letter to residents. This was concurred by fellow parishioners and they also highlighted the parking on the pathway.

A parishioner thanked the council for the clearing of the common area on Back Lane, but had hoped they could have cut it lower, they also noted there has been an amount of earth left on the grassed area east of Hawthorns.

Bins have not been collected in Rectory Close (the part which joins the Barkway Road) for 4 weeks, since the new refuse system was introduced at the beginning of August. DCllr V Burt confirmed she will take it straight to the authority directly.

339.6 Policies

- 1. Bonfire event Risk Assessment – delete Portaloo**

339.7 Finance

- 1. To note receipt of income - **noted****
- 2. To receive summary report of receipts and payments against budget - **noted****
- 3. To receive bank reconciliation - received**
- 4. To receive quotes – HCllr T Smith advised that a new salt bin can be obtained from HCC. Deadline is next week. contact HCC to replace bin – contact T Smith**

5. Clerk salary – annual increase in accordance with NALC £13.05 to £13.47/hr, 18hrs/month. Back dated to April 2025 - **resolved** proposed Cllr R Arkle, seconded Cllr J Kenyon
6. To authorise payments of Invoices made in accordance with the budget **resolved** proposed Cllr P Baxter Newman, seconded Cllr R Arkle, unanimously agreed

339.8 **Planning**

To receive a planning report on applications and decisions – **None received**

339.9 **Reports from Working Parties and Committees**

1. Bonfire Night – to confirm details Saturday 8th November 2025, parishioner has offered a donation towards the fireworks evening, Clerk to contact Parishioner. Working party is underway. HCC Cllr T Smith offered £250 from his locality Budget towards the costs of the Event. Burns First aid kit to be purchased, and a flyer printed A5 - **resolved** proposed Cllr P Baxter Newman, seconded Cllr J Kenyon, unanimously agreed
2. Recent road accidents in the villages – 2 incidences in Chipping, 1 in Buckland. Discussion about speed cameras being placed within the village. Speed cameras are hard to get placed as they are normally placed where fatal accidents or casualties have taken place. HCCllr T Smith will look into this.
3. Reducing the speed limit on the Barkway road between the A10 and the Buckland village signs to 30 mph – HCCllr T Smith will look into starting the process of lowering the speed limit, Clerk to send a marked up map of lane
4. Requesting that the speed limit on the A10 through the villages of Buckland and Chipping is reduced to 30 mph – A discussion was had with the idea of lowering the speed limit within the villages and derestricting the speed between the villages, it was reminded that the access to the pumping station means that the road is not able to be derestricted between the two villages.
5. Raising the Buckland name on the southern Gateway signs (as it is on the Chipping ones) so that it is more visible to drivers. – Clerk to note to HCCllr T Smith
6. Chipping sign on north-west side of the A10 from Chipping – noted
7. Parking in Buckland along the A10 verge – discussed in public matters, Clerk to circulate letter to councillors for agreement
8. Litter picking and bin collections – Paid-for litter pickers should have an extra bin provided to them. Bin collections discussed in public matters, DCllr V Burt to look into.
9. September/October Newsletter:
 1. to discuss content – Deadline for newsletter contributions is Friday 26th September. bonfire, parking on the green outside Whiteley Lane, small editorial correction from last newsletter, Carol service
 2. to agree an editor – PBN & Clerk
 3. to agree delivery date as Saturday 4th October

339.10 **To note items for future agendas:** and to receive any other items for future consideration Councillor vacancies

339.11 **Date of next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting: 7.30pm, Monday 3rd November 2025, Manor House, Buntingford**

Meeting closed 20:37