

Planning Applications

Both Aylesbury Vale District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council are required to consult the Parish Council about planning applications. The Parish Council holds public meetings to discuss its response and everyone is welcome.

The Open Forum at the start of each meeting is a time when the details of the plans may be examined, questions asked or comments made, thereby making Councillors aware of residents' views. The Parish Council cannot itself approve or refuse planning applications – that is the responsibility of AVDC/Bucks CC – but we can support, have no objection or oppose.

Individual villagers can and should also respond in their own right to any application they feel strongly about, and the Council tries to make everyone who could be affected aware of the meetings via the noticeboards and website.

Police, Public Order, Neighbourhood Watch and NAG

Residents are encouraged by the police to report all incidents to them as soon as they occur.

A **Neighbourhood Watch** scheme has operated successfully in Weedon village for many years, and we are sure a scheme for Buckingham Park would be welcomed. If you are interested in getting involved in establishing one, please contact the Clerk or a member of the council who can help get the ball rolling.

After discussion with the police, we have suggested that Buckingham Park join with the Quarrendon and Meadowcroft **Neighbourhood Action Group** (NAG) – a county-wide police/community initiative based on local community “clusters”. We think this is a more appropriate grouping for Buckingham Park than the rural cluster of Weedon village.

Contact the police as follows:

- **Serious incidents – Local police** on **0845 8 505 505**
- If you know who the culprits are, contact **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 111**
- If you **witness a crime in progress** ring **999**

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Weedon Parish Council Newsletter

Buckingham Park Edition

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This yearly newsletter gives information to assist you to contact a Councillor or attend a Parish Council Meeting. **If you have any concerns, please call a Councillor or, better still, attend a meeting.** It also contains some information about the issues currently being considered by your Council.

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Regular Parish Council Meetings

The Council meets on the third Wednesday of odd-numbered months at 8pm in the Weedon Village Old Schoolroom and Methodist Chapel alternately. The meetings are open to the public and there is an Open Forum at the beginning at which any parishioner may raise an issue of concern.

Other recurring agenda items at regular PC meetings are:

- Correspondence – letters received and sent by the Council
- Planning – review of any current applications
- Financial – review of income and expenditure

Occasional Parish Council Meetings – Planning

Additional meetings are held from time to time especially to consider planning matters. Notices of meetings are placed on the noticeboards and on the website. If applications are for Buckingham Park, we will try to meet in the Community Centre (depending on availability). Again, the meetings are open to the public and preceded by an Open Forum.

Minutes

Minutes of each meeting are issued by the Clerk to the Council and are presented for approval or amendment at the next Council meeting. The unapproved minutes are posted on the Weedon village main Parish Council noticeboard, and on the Buckingham Park Community Centre PC noticeboard shortly after meetings, and on the website. An archive of approved minutes is also accessible on the website.

Formation of new Buckingham Park parish

Weedon Parish Council fully supports the process to create a new parish at Buckingham Park, which is expected from May 2011. The split will benefit both communities, as we feel they are too different to be successfully managed by one parish council in the future.

Our recent parish council vacancy has been filled by Mark Horton from Buckingham Park, who will provide a much needed connection with the area and provide the foundation for the new Parish Council.

Until the separation, Weedon Parish Council will do its very best to continue to represent both Weedon village and Buckingham Park in its liaison role with AVDC and Bucks CC.

Parish Council Noticeboard

We have bought and erected a new noticeboard outside the Community Centre and doctors' surgery to help residents to become involved in their community.

Keeping Up Appearances

In the current growth phase of Buckingham Park, the developers (in partnership with AVDC and Bucks CC) have the prime responsibility for establishing and maintaining the environment.

However, if there are areas in which the Parish Council can help with liaison between agencies, please do contact us, or come along to a meeting.

Improving Communications

If there are any community events or functions you would like to advertise on the Weedon website, please contact the Clerk.

If anyone is interested in setting up a new Buckingham Park website, we are sure funding could be made available. Contact the Clerk or a councillor.

Other News

There will be a Residents' Meeting at Berryfields Medical Centre on Wednesday 13th January 2010 at 7.30pm.

In case you have not yet attended one of these meetings, we would like to clarify that they are open to both Social and Owner Occupier residents, ie. ALL residents of Buckingham Park.