



# **BUXTED**

## PARISH COUNCIL

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The Chairman and Members of the Council,

### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

**You are summoned to attend the meeting of Buxted Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Church Road, Buxted**

The public have a right and are welcome to attend and at the discretion of the Chairman, members of the public may ask questions prior to the commencement of the business proper. Any Police update will be given at this point.

### **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for absence – ESCC Cllr Galley
- 2 Declarations of members' interests in respect of items on this agenda
- 3 Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 meeting (previously circulated) to be confirmed and signed
- 4 ESCC/WDC report
- 5 Outstanding matters – For Information Only unless otherwise stated:
  - Mobile Phone Coverage
  - Public footpaths
  - Trees
  - Road Safety
    - Parking issues on Buxted High Street and Police response
  - Wealden Local Development Framework – Local Plan
  - Property issues
    - Reading Room – Response from Insurance company and way forward
  - Communications Matters: Website
- 6 Correspondence – as listed and subsequently updated and circulated at the meeting:
  - P1 Local Resident - Request that the parish council contact Nus Ghani MP with regards the lack of parking enforcement by the Police (see Road Safety above)
  - P2 Local Resident - Request for a larger dog bin at Buxted Park (clerk has asked Buxted Park if they are prepared to replace the existing one)
  - P3 Buxted Allotment Association - Request that the PC help with filling holes on the allotment track.
- 7 Committee meetings - None

- 8 Finance:  
 (i) to approve invoices for payment - to be tabled  
 ii) to receive bank reconciliation  
 iii) to receive and note RBS reports (EMR, Trial Balance, Receipts and Payments, Cash and Investment reconciliation).
- 9 Reports on other meetings attended by members
- 10 Members questions
- 11 Announcements – a) Chairman of the Council; b) Clerk to the Council



**R Macklen, Clerk to the Council**

Copy to ESCC Cllr R Galley, WDC Cllr Illingworth

DATE RAISED	CASE NO	DESCRIPTION	OPEN/CLOSED RESOLUTION
21/12/2020 <b>ONGOING</b>	00529461	Britts Farm Alleyway – access through difficult due to blocking by vegetation and fallen fence	21/12 – passed to officers 31/3 – map received by clerk showing part of alleyway in ownership of Highways and part Rights of Way Team. Clerk written to Rights of Way Team to ask that trees on their part (footpath 67) be assessed. 31/3 Rights of Way Team confirm the trees are on ESCC land however could be the responsibility of the landowner which ESCC are not. I wait to be advised. 19/7 – drainage works taken place in footpath – clerk chased an update on overgrown vegetation issues
21/12/2020 <b>ONGOING</b>	00527587	Switching off of street lamps in Britts Farm alleyway, or at least switching off one on 24 hours	21/12 – passed to officers 26/1 – still being discussed by officers 22/2 – resident advised that the orange light has now changed to a bright white light and is still on 24 hours (so worse situation) 10/3 – apologies from ESCC for slow response. Explanation of why lamp was changed to white light. Still looking at putting timers on lights 11/3 – Response by clerk. Crossed wires, we want the lights turned off not on timers. 23/3 – ESCC confirm they are still looking into being able to switch off lights 15/4 – ESCC confirmation that lights cannot be switched off for safety reasons but will be replaced with different bulbs and will not be on all night. Works will take place late summer 19/7 – clerk chased an email sent asking for further clarification as to why lights cannot be switched off
21/01/2021 <b>ONGOING</b>	00539076	Blocked drain outside St Mary's Church, Church Road,	25/1 – passed to officer to investigate

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27/01/2021 <b>ONGOING</b> <b>(HEDGE ISSUE)</b>	00541323	Width of pavement between St Raphaels and Toll Farm Triangle, Buxted	27/1 – passed to officers. 9/2 – officers could not identify location they need a better description! Email response sent. 31/3 – after more correspondence between Cllr Galley, ESCC Officer Johnson and Local Resident, Cllr Galley has confirmed this matter cannot be pursued any further. Pavement is a fair width, and the hedge has been recently cut back. Engineering works and cameras will not be installed by ESCC on this section of road. 20/4 – Cllr Galley confirmed hedge and width of pavement will be investigated by Highway Steward 30/4 – Highway report that one owner of the hedge is disputing that it is their responsibility to cut the hedge. Passed to Enforcement. Until hedge cut back Highway Steward cannot ascertain if siding works are required. May 2021 – edged of overgrown pathway cut back along with some of the hedges alongside the road. Other hedges remain overgrown. July 2021 – ESCC Enforcement writing to all owners of overgrown hedges
09/06/2021 <b>ISSUED</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	00585063	Junction of Howbourne Lane/A272, Buxted	Overgrown verge making visibility dangerous. Reported to Highways ESCC agreed to cut verge
10/06/21 <b>ISSUE CLOSED</b>		Verge west of Station along pathway	Overgrown verge partially blocking pavement and causing visibility issues when leaving station car park. ESCC agreed to cut verge

## **Ionides Trust Update**

- 1. Sale of surgery land**
- 2. Annual return and YE account Balance sheet etc (as per Claude's' request)**
- 3. Request for a wildflower meadow on the Ionides land**
- 4. Update on COVID memorial**

## **Finance**

- 1) To note that the Annual Return for 31.3.2021 has been submitted to the Charities Commission.**
- 2) To note the end of year accounts sheet**