



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 14th September 2021 at 7.30pm in Five Ash Down Village Hall.**

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
- 2 Declarations of members' interests in respect of items on this agenda
- 3 Minutes of the 10th August 2021 meeting (previously circulated) to be confirmed and signed
- 4 Co-option of Val Wilson onto Buxted Parish Council
- 5 ESCC/WDC report
- 6 List of Grant Applications for financial year 2022/23
- 7 Outstanding matters – For Information Only unless otherwise stated:
 - Mobile Phone Coverage
 - Public footpaths
 - Trees
 - Road Safety
 - Wealden Local Development Framework – Local Plan
 - Property issues
 - Reading Room – Update
 - Communications Matters: Website
- 8 Correspondence – as listed and subsequently updated and circulated at the meeting:

P1 Local Resident – would like to the PC support to campaign for the 40mph zone to be extended beyond Howbourne Lane.
- 9 Committee meetings - None
- 10 Finance:
 - i. appointment of Mulberry & Co to carry out the audit for the year ending in 31/3/2022 this

will include an interim audit in December 2021 where the procedures and policies are examined and the year end audit in summer 2022 whereby all finance figures will be examined.

- ii. to approve invoices for payment in September 2021- to be tabled and attached to the minutes
- iii. to approve the bank reconciliations for June 2021, July 2021 & August 2021 (available on the finance section of the parish council website)
- iv. to receive the RBS reports: EMR, Cash & Investment Reconciliation, Receipts and payments to June 2021 (available on the finance section of the parish council website)
- v. to receive the RBS reports: EMR, Cash & Investment Reconciliation, Receipts and payments to July 2021 (available on the finance section of the parish council website)
- vi. to receive the RBS reports: EMR, Cash & Investment Reconciliation, Receipts and payments to August 2021 (available on the finance section of the parish council website)
- vii. Accounts summary – circulated separately to councillors, to be attached to minutes
- viii. To consider the grant applications received for the financial period of 2022-2023

11 Reports on other meetings attended by members

12 Members questions

13 Announcements – a) Chairman of the Council; b) Clerk to the Council

Location of future Parish Council meetings



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 ONGOING	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 ONGOING	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

			<p>looking into being able to switch off lights</p> <p>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</p> <p>19/7 – clerk chased an email sent asking for further clarification as to why lights cannot be switched off</p>
21/01/2021 ONGOING	00539076	Blocked drain outside St Mary's Church, Church Road, Buxted	25/1 – passed to officer to investigate
27/01/2021 ONGOING (HEDGE ISSUE)	00541323	Width of pavement between St Raphaels and Toll Farm Triangle, Buxted	<p>27/1 – passed to officers.</p> <p>9/2 – officers could not identify location they need a better description! Email response sent.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>20/4 – Cllr Galley confirmed hedge and width of pavement will be investigated by Highway Steward</p> <p>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.</p> <p>May 2021 – edged of overgrown pathway cut back along with some of the hedges alongside the road. Other hedges remain overgrown.</p> <p>July 2021 – ESCC Enforcement writing to all owners of overgrown hedges</p>
09/06/2021 ISSUED CLOSED	00585063	Junction of Howbourne Lane/A272, Buxted	Overgrown verge making visibility dangerous. Reported to Highways ESCC agreed to cut verge
10/06/21 ISSUE CLOSED		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. Memorial Update