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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 9th December 2025 in St Mary's Church Hall, Church Road, Buxted directly after the planning committee meeting.

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.

AGENDA

Representatives from the A267/A272 Road Safety Group to provide information regarding the group

- 1 Apologies for absence**
- 2 To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial, and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members' register of interests**
- 3 Minutes of the 11th November 2025 meeting (previously circulated) to be confirmed and signed**
- 4 ESCC/WDC report**
- 5 For members to receive the interim internal audit report from Mulberry and consider the findings:**
 - For members to note (as above) that the FSCS limit increases from £85,000 to £120,000 per financial institution from 1st December 2025
 - For members to consider a transfer of funds from the Natwest Account to both the Unity Trust account and The Cambridge account to maximise the amount of funds covered under the FCSC limit as per agenda item
 - Members to consider fidelity limit and balances on bank accounts
- 6 Outstanding matters – For Information Only unless otherwise stated:**
 - Public footpaths
 - Trees
 - Road Safety
 - **Speeding in Buxted – any update**
 - Wealden Local Development Framework – Local Plan
 - Property issues

- **Buxted Recreation Ground** – drainage improvements – update
- **Tree Work to Council owned trees** – update
- **Allotment shed** – update
- **Bus Shelter Five Ash Down** - update

➤ **Communications Matters: Website**

7 **Correspondence**

8 **Committee meetings - None**

9 **Finance: (i) To approve the updated November 2025 payment list and the initial December 2025 payment list; (ii) To receive bank reconciliations; (iii) To note the RBS reports: Trial balance, ear marked reserves, summary receipts and payment, cash and investment reconciliation (iv) Holy Trinity Church High Hurstwood – request for annual grant 2026/27 of £400.**

10 **Reports on other meetings attended by members**

11 **Members questions**

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday 10th February in Five Ash Down Village Hall



R Macklen, Clerk to the Council

Copy to ESCC Cllr R Galley, WDC Cllr Shaw

Ongoing Highways Cases:

DATE RAISED	CASE NO	DESCRIPTION	OPEN/CLOSED RESOLUTION
November 2024	EA007FRAMFIELD	Culvert, Framfield Road, Buxted	ONGOING Collapsed drainage leading to culvert. Reported some time ago. Highway advised works need planning and extensive repair. 19/3 – Highways contacted PC to advise Structural Team will contact PC to arrange a site meeting likely to be in April. May – Cllr Furber attended meeting with ESCC/Balfour Beatty. Agreed work from culver to KSV would be carried out. Design for culvert currently being designed. Work to be carried out in next financial year. 10/06 – clerk to ask Highway if any remedial works will take place to stop the road falling away while a design is being drawn up.
17/02/25	CCY000737	Broken away tarmac (50cm) in Framfield Road/Limes Lane outside	REOPENED 20/02/25 – ESCC Highways do not consider work is necessary at this

		KSV and bollard fallen over	time but would continue to monitor – Raise again with Highways. 17/3 – Highway Steward revisited. Road still does not meet criteria, but bollard will be replaced. May – work should be carried out in conjunction with culvert repair works (as above EA007FRAMFIELD)
24/03/25	HED004006	Hedge at Totease House, High Street, Buxted	CLOSED Reported to highways by a Buxted resident Chased throughout following months by Cllr Galley. Some hedge cut back 20/08 – confirmed remaining hedge to be cut is owned by ESCC Highways and should be cut in 28 days. 30/09 – Cllr Galley confirmed the hedge has not been cut but is now scheduled to be cut within 72 days 25/11 – Buxted Together chasing cutting of hedge with Roy Galley (still not cut) 2/12 – photographs received showing cutting of hedge
27/08/25	Wealden District Council	Broken Court Lane street sign from UKPN works	ONGOING Reported to Highways. Highways advised this is the responsibility of Wealden 27/08 – reported to WDC 02/09 – WDC acknowledged and advised it is on list of works 3/11 – WDC advised new road signs are ordered quarterly. The road sign should be replaced by the end of November
20/10/25	HED005343	Verge/hedge opposite Howbourne Lane	ONGOING 20/10 – reported overgrown verge to Highways. It is a wildflower verge so cannot be cut. Also requested wildflower status is removed. 27/10 – Highways advised no overgrown verges/hedges, just fallen leaves which is WDC responsibility. Clerk to ask Lengthsman to clear leaves. Highways consulting internally on wildflower status 25/11 – Lengthsman cleared pathway. Still waiting for a response from Highways on classification as a wildflower verge. Further information from local resident passed to Highways.
10/11/25	HED005411	Hedge overgrown lamppost junction Britts Farm Road/High Street, Buxted	ONGOING 10/11 – reported overgrown hedge over lamppost 17/11 – Highway Steward inspected, does not need cutting back. Clerk

			queried who owns hedge as if not Highways, clerk would write to the owner to ask them to cut back. 25/11 – chased response from Highways
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Ionides Trust Update 9th December 2025:

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Land after Scout Bonfire evening**
- 4. Registration of Land as a Village Green – update**
- 5. Any update on long term vision of Ionides land (SF & PS)**