



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 11th October 2022 in Five Ash Down Village Hall directly following the planning committee meeting (starting at 7.30pm).**

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

- 1 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Coxon, Johnson and McQuarrie
- 2 Declarations of members' interests in respect of items on this agenda
- 3 Minutes of the 12th July 2022 meeting (previously circulated) to be confirmed and signed
- 4 ESCC/WDC report
Britts Farm lights – response by ESCC Highways
- 5 List of Grant Applications for financial year 2023/24
- 6 Reading Room Planning Agreement/New Hall Project – update from previous meeting
- 7 Resilience and Emergency Plans – working with a project manager to form a new plan for the parish
- 8 Outstanding matters – For Information Only unless otherwise stated:
 - Mobile Phone Coverage
 - Public footpaths
 - Trees
 - Road Safety
 - Wealden Local Development Framework – Local Plan
 - Property issues

The Dene, Uckfield – update

Play Equipment – consideration of quote for repairs and maintenance for swing and zip wire

Fingerposts – update

Allotment track – repair works update

➤ **Communications Matters: Need to recruit more councillors for Buxted Parish Council**

- 9 Correspondence – as listed and subsequently updated and circulated at the meeting
- 10 Committee meetings
- 11 Finance:
- I. to approve invoices for payment - to be tabled
 - II. to receive bank reconciliations
 - III. To receive the following RBS reports: Ear marked reserves, Trial Balance, Receipts and Payments, Cash and Investment Reconciliation
 - IV. to appoint Mulberry & Co as our internal auditor for the financial year 2022-2023
 - V. consideration of one off cost of living payment to clerks
 - VI. Noting of conclusion of 2021-22 Audit. Section 3 of AGAR returned without any advisories. To Note: Notice added to website and boards before deadline of 30th September 2022.
- 12 Reports on other meetings attended by members
- 13 Members questions
- 14 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

See below: ongoing issues reported to ESCC Highways:

DATE RAISED	CASE NO	DESCRIPTION	OPEN/CLOSED RESOLUTION
21/12/2020 ONGOING	00527587	Switching off of streetlamps in Britts Farm alleyway, or at least switching off one on 24 hours	<p>21/12 – passed to officers</p> <p>26/1 – still being discussed by officers</p> <p>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)</p> <p>10/3 – apologies from ESCC for slow response. Explanation of why lamp was changed to white light. Still looking at putting timers on lights</p> <p>11/3 – Response by clerk. Crossed wires, we want the lights turned off not on timers.</p> <p>23/3 – ESCC confirm they are still 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> <p>22/9 – clerk forwarded email to Cllr</p>

			<p>Galley to help chase</p> <p>06/10 – ESCC response explaining why lights cannot be switched off and that new lamps would be better and can be fitted with guards</p> <p>11/10 – local residents do not accept this response and still wish to have lights switched off. Clerk responded to ESCC with the suggestion of a site meeting to show that it is not a used footpath during the dark</p> <p>Jan 2022 – Highways officer offer to change lighting to reduced light and to switch off from midnight to sunrise. Residents do not agree to this and still want lamps removed or permanently switched off</p> <p>7/3/22 – Highways agreed to make investigations with a view to removing lights</p> <p>16/5/22 – Highways responded advising they require an anonymous survey of all residents of Britts Farm Road to prove it is what is wanted but they do not have the resources to carry this out. Clerk has asked exactly what format the questionnaire should be in so the PC/local residents would undertake task</p> <p>25/5 – ESCC response they do not have an anonymous survey as they have never carried one out before. Clerk to draw up a survey which will be circulated by a local resident</p> <p>9/6 – 13 anonymous letters hand delivered to 13 most affected residents</p> <p>26/6 – 9 letters returned. 61% agreeing lights should be switched off. Email to Roy Galley providing info before it is sent to Highways.</p> <p>20/9 – results of survey sent to ESCC. Notification of receipt and passed to Asset Management Team</p> <p>22/9 – Email received from Asset Management Team advising they are not therefore able to agree to completely turn off or remove the streetlights from this location. However, they are happy to reduce the lighting time from the current switch off time of 1am to 11pm to reduce the impact on residents adjacent to the path.</p>
21/01/2021 ONGOING	00539076	Blocked drain outside St Mary's Church, Church Road, Buxted	25/1 – passed to officer to investigate
17/02/2022		A272/Budletts Lane is deteriorating again and needs resurfacing. It is now becoming dangerous when vehicles are trying to avoid potholes are going onto the wrong side of the carriageway. Etchingwood Lane is	Roy Galley visited each site with Highway Steward

		absolutely dreadful Millwood Lane is getting terrible towards the timber yard.	
28/03/22	00673252	Licence application to install a dog waste bin on highway verge in Five Ash Down	28/3 – application for licence submitted to ESCC – confirmation received and passed to Licencing department 28/6 – No response received from Licencing so a chasing email sent August 2022 – site meeting with ESCC to agree location of new bin. September 2022 – Location agreed with WDC. Clerk completing licencing forms for ESCC

Ionides Trust Update:

1. Play equipment repairs and maintenance – cost implications to Ionides Trust
2. Cutting back of hedge on Ionides Land - completed
3. Covid memorial Cherry Trees – current state of trees
4. Request by Buxted Scouts to use site for Bonfire Event Saturday 12th November – Risk Assessment and Insurance details received
5. Moving of Table Tennis table to Football Club