



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 12th April 2022 directly following the Planning Committee (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. Any Police update will be given at this point.

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence – Cllr Marshall, Roberts and Rose
 - 2 Declarations of members' interests in respect of items on this agenda
 - 3 Minutes of the 8th March 2022 meeting (previously circulated) to be confirmed and signed.
 - 4 ESCC/WDC report
 - 5 Annual Parish Assembly – update from Reading Room Working Party and plans for theme for Annual Assembly
 - 5 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**
 - Boarding up of building – quote
 - Storage of Parish Council records
 - Buxted Recreation Ground**
 - Unregistered footpath to the rear of Buxted Football Club and ideas for improving boundary line behind Buxted Football Club – update
 - The Dene, Uckfield – Request for handrail**
- Communications Matters

- 6 Correspondence – as listed and subsequently updated and circulated at the meeting:
- P1 – Over Development Lobby Group** – invitation to attend meeting on Friday 8th April Horam Village Hall 7pm
- 7 Committee meetings
- 8 Finance:
 (i) to approve invoices for payment - to be tabled
 (ii) to receive bank reconciliation
 (iii) To note the following RBS reports: Earmarked reserves; Summary 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
- Support for Ukraine – can the Parish Council help?

R Macklen, Clerk to the Council

Copy to ESCC Cllr R Galley, WDC Cllr Illingworth

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	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 22/9 – clerk forwarded email to Cllr Galley to help chase 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>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>
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> <p>January 2022 – ESCC confirmed private hedges now cut back. Highways hedges will be cut by ESCC</p>
13/12/21 CASE CLOSED	00640939	Drains between White Hart and Buxted School	<p>Blocked drains and unsafe walk to school</p> <p>31/12 – email from ESCC - ongoing drainage issues on the A272, Buxted being discussed with Drainage Manager</p> <p>22/2 - Our engineer has advised there is no issue with our drainage here in normal rain fall. For your information, localised flooding maybe caused during periods of heavy rainfall. The rainwater will not be able to flow through the drainage system as the system maybe full to capacity. Excess water may take up to 3 hours to dissipate after the rain has stopped.</p>

17/02/2022		<p>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.</p> <p>Etchingwood Lane is absolutely dreadful</p> <p>Millwood Lane is getting terrible towards the timber yard.</p>	Roy Galley visited each site with Highway Steward
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

Ionides Trust Update:

- 1. Insurance – consideration of broker insurance quote**
- 2. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – update and clarification of points raised following the meeting**
- 3. Use of Ionides Charity vehicle for Ukrainian refugee help**
- 4. Sign for COVID memorial to restrict a footfall through the area**