



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 13th December 2022 in Five Ash Down Village Hall directly following the planning committee meeting (starting at 7.00pm).**

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 – Cllr Wilson
- 2 Declarations of members' interests in respect of items on this agenda
- 3 Minutes of the 8th November 2022 meeting (previously circulated) to be confirmed and signed
- 4 ESCC/WDC report
- 5 **To consider the recommendations from the Finance Committee for the budget setting for 2023-2024**
If agreed to approve the budget
- 6 **To consider the precept request recommendation from the Finance Committee for 2023-2024, and approve for the Chair and Clerk to sign the precept forms once received from WDC**
- 7 **New Hall/Reading Room – update**
- 8 **Outstanding matters – For Information Only unless otherwise stated:**
 - Mobile Phone Coverage
 - Public footpaths
 - Trees
 - Road Safety/Highways
 - Wealden Local Development Framework – Local Plan
 - Property issues
 - **Fingerposts – consideration of quotes for repair/replacement/refurbishment**
 - **Consideration of quotes to register unregistered land owned by the Parish Council**
 - Communications Matters
- 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. **Wealden CAB grant application**
 - V. **To note the conclusion of the intermediate internal audit for 2022-2023, to receive the internal auditors report and consider any recommendations.**
 - VI. **For council to agree the opening of additional bank accounts in order to move funds for purposes of Financial Services Compensation Scheme which covers up to £85,000 per bank.**
- 12 Reports on other meetings attended by members
- 13 Members questions
- 14 Announcements – a) Chairman of the Council; b) Clerk to the Council
- Poppy display in Buxted



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 CLOSED	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 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</p>

			<p>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> <p>1/11/22 – Cllr Galley confirmed after discussion with ESCC that this is the final decision. Local residents is not happy with this decision. Parish Council to consider any further action at its meeting on 8/11/22</p> <p>8/11 – Parish Council concluded it had taken this matter as far as possible and accepts the compromise of switching lights off at 11pm instead of 1pm. Clerk to request this is done by ESCC</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	Roy Galley visited each site with Highway Steward

		<p>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>	
28/03/22	00673252	<p>Licence application to install a dog waste bin on highway verge in Five Ash Down</p>	<p>28/3 – application for licence submitted to ESCC – confirmation received and passed to Licencing department</p> <p>28/6 – No response received from Licencing so a chasing email sent</p> <p>August 2022 – site meeting with ESCC to agree location of new bin.</p> <p>September 2022 – Location agreed with WDC. Clerk completing licencing forms for ESCC</p> <p>November 2022 – Costing being agreed at PC meeting and payment for licence being made</p> <p>8/11 – costing agreed and cheques sent to ESCC for licences</p>

13th December 2022 - Ionides Trust Update:

- 1. Set date for Ionides AGM in February**
- 2. Bonfire site following Buxted Scouts Bonfire Evening**
- 3. Amendment to Charity Commission registration to remove individual councillors to ensure 'Buxted Parish Council' is the sole Trustee**