



BUXTED

PARISH COUNCIL

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6th December 2023

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 December 2023 in Five Ash Down Village Hall directly following 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

Prior to the meeting Cllr Coxon to provide information on the threat of Asian Hornets

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declarations of members' interests in respect of items on this agenda
- 3 Minutes of the 14th November 2023 meeting (previously circulated) to be confirmed and signed
- 4 ESCC/WDC report
- 5 **Disposal of Reading Room – update**
- 6 Outstanding matters – For Information Only unless otherwise stated:
 - Mobile Phone Coverage
 - Public footpaths
 - Trees
 - Road Safety
 - **VAS – Five Ash Down – update**
 - Wealden Local Development Framework – Local Plan
 - Property issues
 - Communications Matters: Website
- 7 Correspondence – as listed and subsequently updated and circulated at the meeting
 - P1 – Resident of Gordon Road – request for a dog waste bin on verge on corner of Gordon Road/High Street next to existing rubbish bin**
- 8 Committee meetings
- 9 Finance:
 - (i) To approve the 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) members to formally approve transfer of £85,000 from Natwest account to Unity Trust account.
- (v) High Hurstwood Village Hall Committee – request for s £200 contribution to pay for Christmas Tree at village hall.

Internal Audit – November 2023

- For members to confirm receipt of the interim internal audit report from Mulberry & Co
- For member to consider the recommendation of increasing the Clerks emergency spending from £500 to at least £1,000.

10 Reports on other meetings attended by members

11 Members questions

12 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 Shaw

See below: ongoing issues reported to ESCC Highways:

DATE RAISED	CASE NO	DESCRIPTION	OPEN/CLOSED RESOLUTION
03/07/2023 ONGOING	GRC000971	Overgrown grass verge corner of Court Lane/Five Ash Down road	03/07 – reported to ESCC Highways Highways claim verge has been cut – it has not been cut since last Autumn 29/08 – clerk has requested a site meeting and sent photographs to Highways as proof 25/9 – Highways cut FAD verges after Cllr Humphrey chased ESCC a number of times 30/9 – Cllr Humphrey continues to chase Highways to ascertain when verges will be cut October 2023 – continued communication between Cllr Humphrey, ESCC and Cllr Galley 3/11 – ESCC advise verges are rural and will only receive two cuts per year (despite the Highway Steward advising different at a site meeting) 21/11 – email from ESCC confirming verges are rural. Cllr Humphrey replied to advise this would only apply to one verge in 40mph zone, not all other verges in 30mph zones. Also emailed Cllr Galley to request what has happened to formal complaint. Again offering a site visit 4/12 – following more email ESCC have agreed to a site meeting

Ionides Trust Update 12th December 2023

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Buxted Scouts:**
 - **Scout Hut – License to alter and Landscaping information**