



BUXTED

PARISH COUNCIL

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5th November 2025

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 November 2025 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

- 1 Apologies for absence – Cllr Mallett
- 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 14th October 2025 meeting (previously circulated) to be confirmed and signed
- 4 ESCC/WDC report
- 5 Budget and Precept Setting 2026-27
- 6 Request to amend Financial Regulations expenditure amounts
- 7 Outstanding matters – For Information Only unless otherwise stated:
 - Public footpaths
 - Trees
 - **Land/Trees Littlewood Lane** – trees/vegetation at end of road on land not belonging to the parish council – update
 - Road Safety
 - **Any feedback from SLR meeting** – hedge cutting regulations, highway signs
 - **Speeding in Buxted** – any update
 - Wealden Local Development Framework – Local Plan
 - Property issues
 - **Parish Council owned Land** – locations to register as Assets of Community Value
 - **Buxted Recreation Ground** – drainage improvements – update
 - **High Hurstwood Play Equipment repairs** - costs
 - **Buxted Allotments** - to consider the request from Buxted Allotment Association for the installation of a 10ft x 20ft shed and costs of up to £4,000 to come from CIL

- **BT Phone Box painting – update**
- **High Hurstwood Allotment field – review of rent charges**

➤ **Communications Matters: Website**

8 Correspondence

9 Committee meetings - None

10 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) **consider grant request of £800 from Holy Trinity Church, High Hurstwood for community events and youth work** (v) **consider grant request of £100 from East Sussex Vision Support for vital IT access and training for blind and partially sighted residents in Hailsham and East Sussex** (vi) **request from Buxted Together to purchase a further six hi-viz vests**

11 Reports on other meetings attended by members

ESALC Conference - feedback

12 Members questions

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

Next Meeting – Tuesday 9th December 2025 in St Marys Church Hall, Church Road, Buxted



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	ONGOING 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
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
April 2026	SLO001980	Sink hole outside of Buxted Primary School on Hurstwood Road	April 26 – reported by school to Highways. Various ongoing emails – some discrepancy on whose responsibility it is as there is a water leak underground 29/09 – Operations Supervisor visiting site to dig trial holes requiring emergency road closure (outside of peak hours) 02/10 – Confirmed the issue is with South East Water to passed to them to fix. No timescale given.
20/10/25	HED005343	Verge/hedge opposite Howbourne Lane	ONGONG 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
23/10/25	SIG002311	Verge on A272 between mini roundabout and bridge in Buxted	CLOSED 23/10 – reported overgrown hedge over low bridge sign 27/10 – Highway Steward cut back the hedge

Ionides Trust Update 11th November 2025:

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Barrier Repairs – confirm costs of £336**
- 4. New gate creating unauthorised access onto Ionides land and unauthorised cutting of hedge – any response from owner**
- 5. Registration of Land as a Village Green – update**
- 6. Hedge Cutting – the need to maintain**
- 7. Any update on long term vision of Ionides land (SF & PS)**