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4th February 2026

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 10th February 2026 in Five Ash Down Village Hall directly after 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
- 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 9th December 2025 meeting (previously circulated) to be confirmed and signed
- 4 ESCC/WDC report
- 5 Outstanding matters – For Information Only unless otherwise stated:
 - Public footpaths
 - Trees
 - Road Safety
 - **Speeding in Buxted** – any update
 - **Accident at mini roundabout in Buxted** – action taken by PC
 - Wealden Local Development Framework – Local Plan
 - **WDC Draft 'Focused' Local Plan (Regulation 18) consultation**
 - Property issues
 - **Consideration of grass cutting quotes for 2026-2028**
 - **Buxted Recreation Ground** – drainage improvements – update
 - **Tree Work to Council owned trees** – consideration of quote
 - **Allotment Shed** - update
 - **Bus Shelter Five Ash Down** – update
 - **High Hurstwood Defibrillator** - update
 - Communications Matters: Website

- 6 Correspondence
- 7 Committee meetings - None
- 8 Finance: (i) To approve the updated December 2025 payment list (ii) to approve the January 2026 payment list (iii) to approve the initial February 2026 payment list (iv) to receive the bank reconciliations for December 2025 (v) to receive the bank reconciliations for January 2026, (vi) to receive the RBS reports for December 2025: Trial balance, ear marked reserves, summary receipts and payment, cash and investment reconciliation, (vii) to receive the RBS reports for January 2026: Trial balance, ear marked reserves, summary receipts and payment, cash and investment reconciliation (viii) **Grant request from Parish of Buxted & Hadlow Down for £1,740 for 2025/2026 financial year and Grant request of £2,500 for 2026-2027 for maintenance of St Marys Church Hall.**
- 9 Reports on other meetings attended by members
- 10 Members questions
- 11 Announcements – a) Chairman of the Council; b) Clerk to the Council
- Next Meeting – Tuesday 10th March in St Marys Church Hall, Church Road, Buxted
- 12 **Closed Session – Buxted Pavilion – Fire & Safety Report**

R Wadey

R Wadey, 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 KSV and bollard fallen over	REOPENED 20/02/25 – ESCC Highways do not consider work is necessary at this time but would continue to monitor –

			<p>Raise again with Highways.</p> <p>17/3 – Highway Steward revisited. Road still does not meet criteria, but bollard will be replaced.</p> <p>May – work should be carried out in conjunction with culvert repair works (as above EA007FRAMFIELD)</p>
20/10/25	HED005343	Verge/hedge opposite Howbourne Lane	<p>ONGOING</p> <p>20/10 – reported overgrown verge to Highways. It is a wildflower verge so cannot be cut. Also requested wildflower status is removed.</p> <p>27/10 – Highways advised no overgrown verges/hedges, just fallen leaves which is WDC responsibility. Clerk to ask Lengthsman to clear leaves.</p> <p>Highways consulting internally on wildflower status</p> <p>25/11 – Lengthsman cleared pathway. Still waiting for a response from Highways on classification as a wildflower verge. Further information from local resident passed to Highways.</p>
10/11/25	HED005411	Hedge overgrown lamppost junction Britts Farm Road/High Street, Buxted	<p>CLOSED</p> <p>10/11 – reported overgrown hedge over lamppost</p> <p>17/11 – Highway Steward inspected, does not need cutting back. Clerk queried who owns hedge as if not Highways, clerk would write to the owner to ask them to cut back.</p> <p>25/11 – chased response from Highways</p> <p>03/12 – Highways advised the issue would be dealt with within 28 days</p> <p>Jan 26 – confirmed hedge has now been cut by owner</p>
01/02/26	SLO003137/ THF005214/ THF005215	Damaged verges, Five Ash Down following road closures	<p>ONGOING</p> <p>01/02 – Cllr Humphrey reported state of verges to Highways</p> <p>02/02 – Highways confirmed this would be looked into</p> <p>03/02 – Highways confirmed they cannot take any action against utilities. Issue passed on to Highway Steward to inspect.</p>
24/01/26	DGD007711	Blocked Drains Orchard Lane to Nan Tucks Lane	<p>ONGOING</p> <p>24/01 – Highways advised a Highway Steward would visit the site</p> <p>03/02 – clerk chased as no response received</p>

Ionides Trust Update 10th February 2026:

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Consideration of quote for tree works**
- 4. Rifle Club grant request**
- 5. Friends of St Margaret The Queen, Buxted grant request for £2016**
- 6. Registration of Land as a Village Green – update**