

Buckden Parish Council News

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Silver Street Development and the Roundabout

The Silver Street development has received outline planning permission. However, for the development to progress there remains a dependency upon finding a solution to problems at the A1 roundabout. We have been meeting regularly with National Highways (NH) who are still reviewing the proposals made by the developer's traffic consultants. This is taking longer than anticipated. We have asked that NH also take account of the impact of both the new 'Black Cat/A428' development and the expansion of the Shell garage in their analysis. We are concerned that speeding up the throughput of traffic at the Black Cat will result in even longer queues at Buckden.

Cancelling the 66 Bus Route

This route links Huntingdon with Brampton, Buckden and St. Neots, including Hinchbrook Hospital. This is a serious deterioration in local services at a time when our village is growing and the proportion of elderly people without cars is increasing. We have raised these concerns with the relevant Authority. Please make your views known to:

- Jonathan Djanogly MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA
- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority Dr Nik Johnson, Mayor, 2nd Floor, Pathfinder House, St. Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN
- Stagecoach Customer Services, 10 Dunkeld Road, Perth PH1 5TW
- District Cllr Martin Hassall

Email: Martin.Hassall@huntingdonshiredc.org.uk

- County Cllr Ken Billington

Email: ken.billington@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The more people protest about this the more likely they may reconsider.

Cemetery Mapping

We now have a new application which is available on our web site. This enables you to search for a grave using name, date of birth etc. and avoids potentially lengthy paper searches. We will also be putting up a notice board in the cemetery providing better guidance about how to locate graves.

Christmas Lights and the Christmas Market

All of the papers and reports for Council Meetings are available on the Thursday before meetings on Council website www.buckdenpc.org.uk. This provides the opportunity to see the agenda, reports of work carried out by the Council as well as reports from our County and District Councillors. Any questions or comments on this report should be addressed to the Parish Clerk at: Buckden Parish Council, Buckden Village Hall, Burberry Rd, Buckden, PE19 5UY. Telephone 01480 819407
Email: clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk.

We have sourced new Christmas lights for this year. They use LED bulbs which are cheaper and more sustainable, and will, we hope be more reliable than the previous lights which failed several times last year. We are keen to reuse the existing lights elsewhere in the village. We have also made funds available to pay for the traffic management costs of closing the High Street for the lights switch on and market.

Flooding

We meet regularly with the Cambridgeshire Flood Agency to try to identify solutions to the various flooding issues in the village. Funds have been secured to explore what can be done to the west of the A1, to stop water flowing downhill rapidly and flooding both the A1 and the High Street.

Councillors

We would like to welcome Catherine Grigg as a new Councillor.

We regret that Josh Harris and Pam Fraser have resigned as Councillors. Thank you to both for their contribution to the Council.

We have two vacancies for Parish Councilors. We still need more capacity on the council to take forward a variety of initiatives to improve the village. Please join us. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk for further details.

Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 8th November. The meeting will include a 15-minute open forum. If you want to speak at the meeting, please let us know what you want to say, by contacting the Parish Clerk. You will get a three-minute slot. The Council Planning Committee will also meet if required. Agendas for these meetings are posted on the Parish notice boards no later than the Saturday preceding the meeting.

Office opening hours

The Clerk is operating flexibly between the office and home. If you wish to meet with the Clerk, please call on 01480 819407.