Buckden Parish Council News

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Flood Advisory Group
Cllr Allan Jones representing, the BPC Flood Group, recently attended the Alconbury Flood Resilience Event. The centre piece was the "Flood Mobile", a trailer displaying multiple gadgets and fitments, from totally waterproof front doors, and automatically closing air bricks to toilet return blockers.
Information was available on many issues including the government scheme "build back better" after a flood. Representatives of the Environment Agency's Flood Resilience team, including Tamsyn Ellway and Stamatia Christianou, CCC's Senior Flood Risk Officer offered advice and guidance. Leaflets and information from the event are available from the BPC Flood Advisory Group, via the Clerk.

Highways and Sustainable Transport Advisory Group

It is good to see that the double yellow lines at Hunts end are now completed so the buses can get around to the stop more easily. Unfortunately, there have been several instances of vehicles selfishly ignoring the lines, particularly outside the NISA shop, making access for mobility scooters extremely difficult.
The Speedwatch group are continuing to monitor speed around the village. Data from the speed monitoring cameras (MVAS units) showing the speed of all traffic is sent regularly to the Police. Despite the cameras we are still seeing some instances of very high speeds particularly on Mill Road.
Representatives of the group met with our District and County Councillors, Martin Hassell and Ken Billington and two representatives from Cambs Council Highways to look at the state of roads, signs, and footpaths around the village. We are hopeful of better progress with repairs going forward.
On 12th June the A1 Safety group met with Allan Trille and Martin Fellows of National Highways, our District Councillor, Martin Hassell, MP Jonathan Djanogly and representatives from Southoe Parish Council and Thornhill Estates. The likely increase in traffic queueing at the Buckden Roundabout resulting from development, commencing later this year, at the Black Cat roundabout was discussed. Jonathan Djanogly was insistent that the impact on Buckden must now be looked at seriously.

Councillors

Caroline Underwood has resigned as Chair of the Council. We would like to thank Caroline for all the work she has undertaken on behalf of Buckden. A new Chair will be elected at the September meeting. In the meantime, the Vice Chair Anne Howell-Jones will deputise.
Sue Ashwell has stood down as Chair of the Planning Committee to take on several other duties within the Council. Our thanks to Sue for undertaking this position for several years. Peter Clarke has been elected as the new Chair of Planning.
We have one vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you might be interested, please contact the Clerk for more information.

Churchyard and Cemetery

The Parish Council will be soon begin safety testing of the memorials in the Cemetery and Churchyard. It is our responsibility to make sure memorials do not pose a danger to the public or our staff. If they are unsafe, we are required to take temporary measures to make them secure. We will be contacting family members directly where possible to make them aware if a memorial is unsafe and to discuss next steps. If you have any queries about memorial safety testing or where responsibilities lie, please contact assistant.clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk. More information can be found on our website.

Council Meetings
The next Council meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 11th July. 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. 07483 033357.

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 out 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.