

Buckden Parish Council News

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Parish Council Annual Meeting May 2026

At its meeting on 12th May the Council elected its Chair and Vice-Chair and the Committees and Advisory Groups for the year.

The Chair is Peter Clark

The Vice-Chair is Anne Howell-Jones

The Committees are Planning and Village Maintenance and their Chairs are

Planning: Peter Clark

Village Maintenance: Anne Howell-Jones

The Advisory Groups, which will elect their own Chairs at their next meetings are:

Compliance, Finance, Flood, Large Scale Planning, Neighbourhood Plan, The Hub, Highways and Sustainable Transport, Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity, Allotments, and Communications

Vacancies for Parish Councillors

As we reported last month, there are now 13 Parish Councillors, leaving two vacancies.

If you are interested in joining us, or want to find out more, please contact our Clerk.

If you cannot give the time to being a Councillor, you may wish to join one of our Advisory Groups

Road Closure in Lucks Lane

We have been advised by County Highways that Lucks Lane between No. 38 and south of Cranfield Way will be closed to through traffic from 1st to 26th June to enable the gas main to be replaced. The alternative route will be via High Street, Church Street, Mill Road, Leadens Lane, and Stirtloe Lane (and vice versa), although access to properties affected will remain.

Repair Café, Sunday 21st June, 1.30 to 4.30 pm

Buckden Village Hall – it's Fathers' Day!

Details of the next Repair Café can be found elsewhere in "Roundabout". The Parish Council is pleased to be able to continue to support such a valuable service for the village.

Buckden Neighbourhood Plan Review

Buckden's Neighbourhood Plan came into effect in July 2021. It is therefore beginning to lose its legal effectiveness. Huntingdonshire District Council is preparing a new Local Plan. It expects that to come into effect early in 2028. When it does, it will take priority over our NP.

For these reasons, the NP Advisory group has been considering whether it should review and revise the current NP. The Parish Council has agreed that a revised or new plan Should await the publication of the new Local Plan.

We expect the draft Local Plan to be issued in the autumn of this year, so the NPAG has proposed that it should consider the draft and the ways it will affect Buckden when it is published. We will then prepare an action plan for revision of the existing NP with a view to completing it in late summer 2028. We hope it will come into effect in autumn 2028.

This timetable is tentative as it could be affected by progress on the Local Plan and the local government re-organisation. We will also have to consider the effect of the development off Silver Street if that has gone ahead. During the process we will of course be consulting with and testing the opinions of the residents about our proposals and ultimately there will be a referendum to ask if residents support the Plan.

Play Area on Village Hall Playing Fields

We are currently discussing our requirements for the play area with a number of potential suppliers.

We expect to receive their proposals by the end of May and will provide a further update in June.

Speedwatch

We still need a new co-ordinator for Speedwatch.

If you are interested in helping with this valuable activity, please contact Cllr. Gerald Sansom at gsansom@buckdenpc.org.uk

Nigel King's retirement

Nigel has decided to retire after 6 years as one of our two groundstaff. He has served the Council and village well during that time and we wish him well.

Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 9th June. 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 and Village Maintenance Committees will meet as required. Agendas are posted on the Parish notice boards no later than the Saturday preceding the meeting.

Office opening hours

The Clerk operates flexibly between the office and home. If you wish to meet with the Clerk, please call 07483 33355

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 07483 333557 Email: clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk.