

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING RECORD
1 MARCH 2021

Attendees

Caroline Underwood CU , Chair	Richard Salmon RS
Lou O'Connor, Observer	Kira Shipley, Observer
Elizabeth Leggate, Observer	Melanie Storey MS , Secretary

Apologies Amy Burbidge, Sue Ashwell, Pauline Steel

Item 1 Record of the Last Meeting

- The Chair welcomed Lou O'Connor, Kira Shipley and Elizabeth Leggate to the meeting
- The minutes of the last meeting were approved
- Action review:

No	Action Description	Status/Update
20.4	All to identify people who could be approached to join the Footpath Working Party	Awaiting end of Covid19 restrictions
21.1	CU to raise the possibility of creating a QR code, to allow access to information on the Parish Council website by users of the Round About Buckden walk, at the next meeting of the Digital and Communications Group	QR code created, see Item 2
21.3	CU to create a petition to seek official agreement to designation of a new footpath via the moat at Top Farm	Completed, see Item 2
22.3	CU to contact Cambridgeshire County Council's Public Rights of Way Officer again regarding any proposed action on footpath B7 along the side of Paddocks Farm	Outstanding
24.1	CU to arrange for the historic walking leaflet to be uploaded to the Parish Council website	Completed, copies given to phone box carers
24.2	AB to create a Facebook page so people can access the Group's leaflets	Outstanding
24.3	RS to examine the possibility of creating new routes and rights of way and bring suggestions to the next meeting	Completed, see Item 2
24.4	AB to provide RS with the details of the previous work undertaken to create new routes and rights of way specifically in relation to accessing Grafham from Buckden and the use of the old railway line	Completed
24.5	MS to ascertain who owns the land where the new fingerposts are planned to be installed and then to liaise with RS as to their installation	Completed; Church Commissioners confirmed happy for work to go ahead
24.6	MS to discuss with CU what amendments to the Tree Strategy are required following her discussion with Tamsin Miles	Completed; Tree Strategy amended

24.7	SA to ask the Parish Clerk to check whether the adoption of the Tree Strategy will have any impact on the Parish Council's insurance cover	Completed, no impact
24.8	MS to source tags for the renumbering of the Parish's trees	Completed
24.9	RS to create illustrations for the draft tree planting leaflet and consider adding in the information about the greening of Buckden	Completed, see Item 3
24.10	CU to circulate information on improving wildlife habitats in Buckden	Completed
24.11	MS to circulate information on the Slow Ways Project	Completed, see Item 2
	Actions to be Monitored	
16.2	MS to distribute Round About Buckden leaflets and to record their take-up	66 leaflets taken by the public so far; need to include geocache website activity

Item 2 Footpaths

- QR codes have been created for the Round About Buckden route and the historic buildings route
- The petition to establish a new footpath west of the A1 has been circulated; when responses are received an application will be submitted
- RS is compiling a set of possible safe cycle routes from the village
 - It was noted that an application can be made to convert a footpath to a bridlepath
- Slow Ways: a national initiative to identify walking routes between centres of population was discussed

Action 25.1 MS to seek advice from London Signs on how to add the Round About Buckden QR code to the information boards

Action 25.2 All to encourage residents to complete the petition seeking to establish a new footpath west of the A1

Action 25.3 RS to bring a suggested list of safe cycle routes, along with potential walking routes to the next meeting

Action 25.4 MS to draft a proposal, for consideration at the next meeting, recommending that the Parish Council commits to the Slow Ways initiative

Item 3 Trees

- Tree strategy action plan
 - Maintenance: it was noted that the tender request for the triennial tree survey has been released
 - Protection: it was noted that the HDC Arboricultural Officer has advised against pursuing the designation of additional Tree Preservation Orders
 - Enhancement: work on the Greening Buckden leaflet is on-going and it was noted that a landowner in Stirtloe is intending to establish a new woodland in the Autumn
- Greening Buckden leaflet
 - Work has started on the design and content of the tree planting leaflet
 - It was agreed that there should be a series of leaflets eg tree planting, water in the garden and wildflower plots, under the banner of Greening Buckden
 - It was suggested that local nurseries may be interested in supporting the initiative
- The Talking Trees project was outlined and will be discussed with the Duke of Edinburgh volunteers as to their possible involvement

Action 25.5 RS to continue to develop the tree planting leaflet for consideration at the next meeting

Action 25.6 MS to arrange to discuss the Talking Trees project with potential Duke of Edinburgh volunteers

Action 25.7 RS to approach local nurseries with a view to supporting the Greening Buckden initiative

Item 4 Budget

- Current budget position and forecast; there has been no change

Item 5 AOB

- Redefinition of the Group
 - It was noted that it is proposed that the Group's name should be changed by the Parish Council to the Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity Group
 - The Parish Council has reorganised the advisory groups to enable delivery of the Neighbourhood Plan and this is reflected in the Group's changed Terms of Reference
- It was noted that 3 Duke of Edinburgh volunteers have come forward seeking opportunities to be involved in the work of the Group
 - It was agreed that opportunities would be discussed directly with the volunteers
 - It was noted that any face to face meeting required the attendance of at least 2 members of the Group on grounds of safeguarding
- The next meeting will be held on Monday 29 March 2021 at 1930 hours

Action 25.8 All to read the revised Terms of Reference and submit any comments to CU prior to the next meeting