

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes – General Purposes and Advisory Group
16th March 2022 at 1400 hrs via Zoom

Present: Ramune (Parish Clerk)
Jess Thomson (Asst Parish Clerk)
Cllr Pauline Steel (Acting Chair)
Cllr Pam Fraser
Betty Millard (Village Member)
Dawn Packham (Village Member)

Jess was welcomed to the Group.

1. Previous Actions:

- (a) Biodiversity and Handyman:** Rumune will circulate the Biodiversity Strategy which Mark Ward has prepared. No action has yet been taken regarding change of practice for the Handymen in line with the Biodiversity Strategy.
- (b) Replacement Mower:** Ordered but still no time of delivery.
- (c) Location of Litter bins:** Ordered but still no time of delivery.

- 2. Christmas Lights:** Dawn explained there are two separate issues: the first one being the electrical work which needs to be undertaken and the second purchase of the actual lights. Three Quotes are presently being obtained for the electrical work, which hopefully will be available next week. **Action: Ramune and Dawn.**
The purchase of new lights was not discussed on this occasion. **Action: Next meeting**

- 3. Cemetery Mapping:** Dawn has looked at the software and the input prepared by Pear. She has looked at a portion of the graves compared with the input and has found considerable discrepancies between the input and the actuality but she does feel that this can be dealt with. It would appear that any alteration to the input must be done by Pear. Needs to be physically checked it was therefore agreed that Dawn and her partner Martin, Betty and Pauline would meet at the cemetery, with the book keeping records to ascertain the situation. Betty pointed out that the books are very delicate so a table would be needed (Pauline to bring) **Action: Dawn, Betty and Pauline.**
It was not ascertained whether letters had been sent to all residents, who tended graves of relatives and maintained as a garden have been contacted. **Action: next meeting.**

4. Play Area:

(a) Zip wire:

Dawn reported that the VHT now wish to locate the zip wire in a different place which had previously been agreed by the PC and VHT. There will be a meeting with VHT on Friday 18th to ascertain the best position and as the installation takes place on 4th April this needs to be agreed as a matter of urgency. Sue will be leading the meeting and Dawn and Ramune also attending. **Action: Sue, Ramune and Dawn.**

(b) Roundabout:

Wicksteed have said that the Roundabout, specifically for children with disabilities, which was to replace the donkey, cannot be installed within the Play Area. VHT do not want it outside the fence. It would appear that there is not enough room to replace with equipment suitable for children with disabilities. Dawn has looked at other items which are not on a spring and she will circulate details. There is a stand on roundabout which will take adults (?is this a good idea) so will not be broken. Pam asked if there was another company who might be able to supply suitable similar equipment. It was thought that as the Risk Assessment and Insurance is done through Wicksteed further equipment should be purchased through Wicksteed. It was further discussed whether there was any other suitable position in the village to install equipment suitable for children with disabilities. There is a Play Area on the new Bloor Homes estate but nothing can be done with this until it is handed over to the Management Company. The handover will not be until November 2022. **Action: Dawn**

**Post 16th meeting the Position regarding installation of the Zip Wire, purchase of new equipment for the Play Area and Insurance has been clarified by Ramune:-*

"Only the Zip wire and Bouldering wall are going to be installed on the 4th April and risk assessed by Wicksteed. Play Area equipment is risk assessed by Fenland Leisure. So, we can look at any other company we like for the ideas.

And is covered under BPC Insurance which is with Came & Company"

5. Defibrillator update: Agreed to install on the Dentist Wall; the Cabinet has been purchased but delivery is awaited.

AOB: Ramune had sent an e-mail, before the meeting, regarding rubbish which is being dumped by litter bins. It was suggested that it might be the case that somebody has been litter picking and leaving for the handymen to take when emptying the bins. In view of the contents Ramune did not think this was the case. Martin, Handyman, to monitor. **Action Ramune**

Jubilee: Dawn gave an update on the current situation. Timetable will be available in the Roundabout, Facebook, leaflets and PC website.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 21 April 1400 hrs via Zoom