

Buckden Parish Council Chair's Report July 2022

1) Council Vacancies

We still have 2 vacancies and are actively seeking people to join us.

2) A1 safety meeting

A group of Councillors meets regularly with National Highways representatives, this is to keep us updated on the plans for the installation of traffic lights on the roundabout which is linked to the Silver Street development. It is also the forum for discussing maintenance and safety issues related to the A1 between Buckden and Paxton.

The most recent meeting focused on the major works being undertaken to maintain and repair the current roundabout's infra structure. It should be noted this work is **not** in any way linked to the plans to install lights on the roundabout but part of long planned maintenance and repair work.

National Highways has written to all residents outlining the plans and the update from the maintenance team was most informative. Work is going to plan and to schedule, there have been some issues in relation to escorting of vehicles into village, if anyone has any issues then the contact details for National Highway are tel: 0300 123 5000 (available 24 hours a day) and the email is info@nationalhighways.co.uk. There is an update on the BPC website <https://buckdenpc.org.uk/news/>

3) Pavements, roads and verge cutting

You will have noticed that a number of pavements and some road surfaces have been repaired, this is good news, although there are still areas that are in need of repair and the standard of work is not as good as we would have hoped. We will continue to lobby the County Council through <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

Cllr Ashwell has pointed out that My Maps is useful in identifying which organisation is responsible for which area. I have had a quick look at the website but have not as yet been able to explore it to see how it works. Perhaps other Councillors could look at this and report back.

This link <https://maps.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/mycambs.aspx> will take you directly to MyMaps. If you enter any BPC postcode it is easy to move around the map and/or then use the tabs on the left to explore various aspects of the services from Cambs CC e.g. verge maintenance or winter gritting.

4) Cycle racks

Installation has been delayed but it is likely the rack in the High Street will go in on 9th July and the rack at the Village Hall will go in on the 11th July

5) Terms of Reference and Chairs

Just a quick reminder to all, please confirm Chairmanship, membership and Terms of Reference for all advisory groups as soon as possible.

6) Grant applications

The Parish Council is actively seeking applications for grants from local organisations for April 2023. The closing date for applications is 30th September so if you are aware of any projects that might need grant funding please let residents know about the application process. https://buckdenpc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/simple-file-list/Policies/DonationsGrants_PolicyandProcedure_July2019revSep20.pdf Smaller, in-year donations may also be possible and are covered in the same policy/procedure.