

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Village Maintenance Committee

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Village Maintenance Committee held on Friday 20th June 2025 at 9.30am at the Village Hall

Present:

Councillor: Anne Howell-Jones, Chair

Councillors: Caroline Underwood, Madeline Fraser, Simon Legette

Village Volunteer: Betty Millard

Assistant Clerk: Jessica Thomson

MINUTES

- 1 **Apologies**
To receive and accept apologies for absence.
Apologies received from Parish Clerk Ramune Mimiene

- 2 **Approval of the Minutes**
Proposed by Cllr AHJ, seconded by Cllr CU, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that Minutes are approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

- 3 **Declarations of interest**

To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests, and the nature of those interests relating to items on the agenda.

To receive written requests for Disclosable Interest dispensations.

There were no declarations of interest.

- 4 **Cemetery Matters**
 - Regulations review – the group agreed with proposed changes, however it was noted that we could be clearer about additional ashes, JT to make further updates and share for next meeting.
 - It was agreed that we should add a £25 admin fee for the removal of memorials for repair due to the admin it creates.
 - JT to obtain quotes for an outside agency to complete memorial safety checks, this to be added to the Agenda for Parish Council monthly meeting.

- 5 **Bloor Estate**
 - Grant money for noticeboard is due to be credited to us in September, it was agreed that we should order this now – it will be made of recycled plastic with one side locked and one unlocked for public to use.

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- 6 **Play area**
- Repairs are due to be done in the next few weeks.
 - Buckden Playground and Recreation Area Survey is ready for promotion, it will go in roundabout, on social media and be printed out
- 7 **Streetlighting**
- No update on the Maintenance Contract, RM to continue looking.
 - Cllr Legette confirmed that the problem with a resident's foliage obscuring a streetlight on the footpath has now been resolved.
- 8 **Hiscox Insurance**
- New quote received and all now resolved
- 9 **Risk Assessments**
- Review carried forward
- 10 **Shed alarm Monitoring**
- Once this has been installed training will be provided for key holders
- 11 **Village Maintenance**
- Trees under power cables at the A1 end of the allotments – this has been reported, awaiting for work to be carried out
 - Cllr C Underwood to get clarification on Richard's work schedule and share with Parish Clerk
 - Dog Bin delivery update – bin casing arrived but the metal inside was missing, we are now awaiting delivery
 - Churchyard planting update – Rosemary has been planted, we will be taking delivery of Lavender in July
 - Tommy vandalism update – the groundsman have fixed this, Police were informed
 - Discussion around widespread CCTV through the village – it is agreed to keep this under review
- 12 **The Village Club**
- Cllr Underwood updated us on the ideas from the club, this included a Gazebo proposal with solar lighting – it was noted that the proposed position was the area we had discussed using for the playground. The café and junior membership are all on track
- 13 **Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity**
- No more updates other than what was covered in the meeting already
- 14 **Next Meeting will be 25th July 2025 at 9.30**

156 **Confidential Matters** - none

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