

Buckden Parish Council Chair's Report June 2022

1) Council Elections and Council Vacancies

We still have 4 vacancies, although there have been some expressions of interest from some individuals that the Clerk and I are following up on

2) Annual assembly

This was well attended and several people gave very positive feedback about the content. We have also had positive feedback about the Annual Report in the Roundabout. Thanks to all of you who supported the evening

3) Jubilee weekend

The Jubilee celebrations were a great success across the village.

The village was decorated with both purchased bunting and bunting made by the school, as well as individual houses and businesses doing their bit.

Thanks to all staff and children at the school, all the residents and businesses who added to the decorations and to Dawn and the volunteers who put the bunting up.

The Beacon was lit on Thursday, we had well over 100 people attend.

Thanks to Overloaded who designed and manufactured the Beacon and assisted with the lighting, Dawn and Martin who ensured everything ran smoothly. Chris Bylett and the Angel Voices, The Aragon Singers and others who led the ceremony and Fr David Sheppard for the blessing.

Royaltea at the Towers was on Friday, it was a lovely day bringing a large number of residents of all ages together to eat, drink, browse the stalls, listen to the entertainment and enjoy the beautiful setting. The Royal themed dress parade was wonderful, and the cake competition produced some fantastic contributions

Thanks to all those at the Towers for their amazing organisation in particular Vicky and Sarah. Also many thanks to Tizzy Pape for all she did organising the various competitions and designing the posters and leaflets and arranging for them to be produced and to Dawn again for organising sweets etc for the children who participated in the fancy dress.

Saturday was a tea party held in the Village Hall for the older residents of the village. Over 80 people attended. A wonderful tea was provided by Sue at the Vine and everyone ate and drank well.

Thanks to Sue for the food and drink, Anne and Des for all the preparation and organisation, ably assisted by Jane and Andy and all the other willing helpers.

Then last but not least street parties on the Sunday.

Final thanks to all those who have contributed in any way that I haven't thanked by name. It does not mean that you were not appreciated, just that I am not very good at remembering

The Parish Council agreed to subsidise the celebrations up to £1000 we in fact spent £445.25. Details of which are on the Payments for Sanction

4) Cycle racks

We have been informed that they are hoping to put the village hall stands in later this week

In relation to the stands for the High St CCC are currently undertaking a safety review and are waiting to hear back from colleagues in the Policy & Regulations team whether a Traffic Order is necessary.

5) CIL Bids

I have emailed everyone about the possibility of bidding for additional HDC CIL funds. I have had some suggestions. I am not sure the suggestions made so far would meet the criteria

- Removing or moving the badly thought out “safety chicane” road infrastructure at the junction of Mill Road and Greenway.
- Support for the Biodiversity strategy e.g. erecting swift boxes, creating homes for hedgehogs, providing shelving under house martin nests.

MORE IDEAS NEEDED PLEASE