

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Village Maintenance Committee

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Village Maintenance Committee held on Friday 29th May 9.30am at The George Buckden

Present:

Councillor: Anne Howell-Jones, Chair

Councillors: Caroline Underwood, Simon Leggate, Madeline Fraser

Clerk: Ramune Mimiene

Assistant Clerk: Jessica Thomson

MINUTES

1 Apologies

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Village Volunteer Betty Millard

2 Public Participation - none

3 Approval of the Minutes

Proposed by Cllr AHJ, seconded by Cllr CU, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that Minutes from Village Maintenance Meeting held on the 1st May 2026 at 9.30am are approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

4 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.

5 Noticeboard for Bloor Estate

Noticeboard has been ordered and is due to be received end of July.

6 Play Area

- We have had 4 tenders returned and are reviewing them, the quality of work is very positive.
- We met with the Village Hall Trust to discuss the wider area, they have agreed to some small play features to be added in the Suds area.
- We have arranged the damage to wet pour in playground to be fixed.

7 Churchyard Matters

- Repairs to the Church Wall are now in process – they will be finished next week.

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- 8 Groundsman Retiring**
- We will be conducting initial interviews on the 4th June.
- 9 Cemetery Matters**
- Fireproof cabinet for old books – JT to order
 - Fixing of damaged memorial – work to be completed in July.
 - New ashes area has inconsistent records and needs investigating
- 10 Christmas Lights / Market**
- Arrange meeting with The Vine to discuss the Christmas Market / Lights
 - Arrange kick off meeting in September to discuss new provider for 2027 (Cllr AHJ, Cllr CU, Clerk and Ass Clerk), we must check notice period with Blachere
- 11 Groundsmen Shed Security**
- We are still waiting for Fobs and another camera; the app is also not working all the time – director of company has been in hospital so will wait until we hear from him
- 12 Broken Bench on the Playing Field**
- A bench made of recycled plastic has been vandalised, discuss next steps and ownership – Clerk and Assistant Clerk to go to the Archives to find out more information about this.
 - There are two other benches in need of replacement one on Mill Road and one down near the junction permissive path towards Diddington – VMAC will fund one and Green Infrastructure the other.
- 13 Electricity charges – we are out of contract; we will renew with same contractor**
- 13 Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity – update from Cllr Underwood**
- Hunts end is looking beautiful with wildflowers.
- 14 Date of next Village Maintenance Meeting – 19th June 2026 9.30am at the Village Hall**
- 15 Confidential Matters - none**
- 16 Meeting Ended – 11.45**