

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Assistant Parish Clerk: Jessica Thomson Buckden Village Hall Burberry Road Buckden PE19 5UY. Tel; 01480 81940

Notice of meeting: **Village Maintenance Committee**

Time: 9.30am

Date: 21st March 2025

Venue: Village Hall

The meeting is open to the public (including press).

Jessica Thomson
Assistant Clerk to Buckden Parish Council
11th March 2025
assistant.clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk

Members of the public may have up to three minutes each. If you wish to talk then you must notify us at least **3 working days in advance** of the meeting by emailing assistant.clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk

If any member of the public wishes to join this meeting remotely, please contact the assistant clerk providing your name, email address and contact number by emailing to assistant.clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk at **least 24 hours prior to the meeting**.

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies**

To receive and accept apologies for absence.
- 2 Minutes**
To agree and sign the minutes of the Village Maintenance Committee meeting held on 14th February 2025
- 3 Public participation**
- 4 St Mary's Churchyard**
 - Update following meeting with Groundsmen and Church around plans for Eco Awards
 - Alternative proposed plan for churchyard
- 5 Update on WEE bin delivery**
- 6 Bloor Estate**
 - Update on whether Trinity want to accept a donated dog bin
 - Noticeboard update
- 7 Cemetery Matters**
 - Pricing review
 - Space in the cemetery review
 - Contacting people with multi unused reserved spaces
 - Update on Peacocks unpaid invoices

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- Regulations review – numbering on memorials, rules around what is allowed on graves, making sure we explain about Groundsmen clearing graves in Feb

8 The Highstreet

- Planter, next to The Lion – suggestion to create a big splash of colour with a floral display (potentially have outside firm maintaining this)
- Listed building plaques – for significant buildings within the village
- Phone Box – Book Swap update

9 Streetlighting Matters

- Complaints via email / Facebook regarding the new LED's not being as bright as they used to be – response from CC/Contractor
- Alternative suggestions for maintenance contract following the end of our Balfour Beatty contract
- Trimming of hedges around lights – following a private hedge blocking view of streetlight and PC contacting private owner, we need a discussion around how we handle this matter going forward. CCC have the power to trim, the PC do not.

10 BT Phone Contract (Landline) Update

11 Children's Park

The park is in bad disrepair, we are continually having to pay for fixes, it is very well used and the villagers often ask for new facilities – we need to discuss again.

12 Review of Information Request Hiscox AJG Community Scheme Insurance Policy

13 Dog Mess / Bin provision

- Dog mess in bags being left all over the village – discussion on how to tackle
- Suggestion of an additional bin being reinstated on Mill Road as you leave Buckden

14 Groundsman Matters

- New Leaf blower purchased
- One groundsman does not live in village and needs access to WC facilities – suggest a key to the Village Hall is provided to him
- H & S – an assessment and plan is needed in case of a serious injury occurs

15 Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity – update from CU

16 Credit/Debit Card Machine

Consider the purchase of a card processing machine for events

17 Next Village Maintenance Meeting

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Confidential Matters

'EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw, Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.'