



# BUXTED

## PARISH COUNCIL

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11<sup>th</sup> February 2025

The Chairman and Members of the Council,

### NOTICE OF MEETING

You are summoned to attend the meeting of Buxted Parish Council to be held on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 in Five Ash Down Village Hall, Five Ash Down directly following the planning committee meeting.**

The public have a right and are welcome to attend and at the discretion of the Chairman, members of the public may ask questions prior to the commencement of the business proper. Any Police update will be given at this point.

### AGENDA

**Prior to opening the meeting the Chairman wishes to remember George Claydon a long standing resident of Buxted who played a major role in the Buxted Village Hall project**

- 1 Apologies for absence – Cllrs Marshall and Roberts
- 2 To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial, and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members' register of interests
- 3 Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 meeting (previously circulated) to be confirmed and signed
- 4 ESCC/WDC report

**ESCC - Any update on cutting back and shoring up of overgrown pathway on A272**

*Thank you to Kevin Moss and Brighter Uckfield Team and volunteers for work to cut back verge*

- 5 **Feedback from Strengthening Local Relationships (SLR) meeting with ESCC Highways**

**Quote for CCTV for Buxted Primary School**

- 6 **Outstanding matters – For Information Only unless otherwise stated:**

- Mobile Phone Coverage
- Public footpaths
- Trees
- Road Safety
  - Update on A272 pathway (as ESCC report above)
  - Speedwatch – update on borrowing Black Cat speed recorder device from Wadhurst PC
- Wealden Local Development Framework – Local Plan – National Planning Policy Framework published – any feedback?

➤ Property issues:

- Lengthsman – review of effectiveness
- Possible disposal of Nevill Road, Uckfield site – update
- Buxted War Memorial – required repairs
- Coopers Green Bus Shelter – recommendation from Lengthsman

➤ Communications Matters: Website

7 Correspondence – as listed and subsequently updated and circulated at the meeting

**P1 – East Sussex County Council – Transport and Development Control - S1/450\_Coopers Green Road\_Uckfield\_Proposed s278 highway works – any comments?**

**P2 - East Sussex Rights of Way - Views Sought - East Sussex Rights of Way Access Plan**

**P3 – GTR - Station Improvement Fund – any suggestions for Buxted Station?**

8 Committee meetings

9 Finance: (i) to approve invoices for payment by BACS and Direct Debit - to be tabled (ii) To receive bank reconciliations; (iii) To note the RBS reports: Trial balance, ear marked reserves, summary receipts and payment, cash and investment reconciliation

10 Reports on other meetings attended by members

**Cllr Mallett – WDALC meeting focusing on devolution and Unitary Authority proposals – feedback**

**Cllr Blandford – ACRE Navigating Rural Communities**

11 Members questions

12 Announcements – a) Chairman of the Council; b) Clerk to the Council



***R Macklen, Clerk to the Council***

Copy to ESCC Cllr R Galley, WDC Cllr Shaw

Ongoing and recently resolved Highways issues:

DATE RAISED	CASE NO	DESCRIPTION	OPEN/CLOSED RESOLUTION
2003	HED000607	Overgrown hedge at Heatherwode Farm	Ongoing since 2023. Highways Enforcement have sent out notices which expired in December 2024. A further notice is to be issued week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> January
December 2024	CFW000627	Cracks in roadside/kerbs on A272 close to Buxted School	CLOSED 25/1/25 – notified repairs works have been completed. 28/1/25 – more broken kerbside reported at SLR meeting – Highway Steward will investigate

06/01/25	SIG001612	Damaged sign (lost its reflectiveness) in Five Ash Down on left hand side just before the Pig & Butcher public house when you enter the village from A26. More or less outside No.70	ONGOING
January 2025	SIG001602	Falling over 30mph sign in Hurstwood Road	ONGOING Highways confirmed case close after repair. 17/01/25 – lengthsman tried to clean the sign but it has not been fixed properly into the ground. Requested further repairs are carried out. 21/01/25 – Highways confirm case is closed. Clerks send a further email to explain the signs are not fixed into the ground and the case needs reopening! 28/1/25 - Highways confirmed new repairs taking place that week.
17/01/25	SIG001637	Chillies Lane, High Hurstwood. One sign is leaning and partially hidden by bushes.	CLOSED (BEING MONITORED) 21/01/25 – Highways responded to say the sign does not need any repairs
17/01/25	SIG001638	Chillies Lane, High Hurstwood By the road up leading up to the church is twisted/leaning	CLOSED (BEING MONITORED) 21/01/25 – Highways responded to say the sign does not need any repairs but has been twisted back into place
17/01/25	POT030898	Hurstwood Road – approx. 2 metres from the 30mph sign – on the left hand side as you head towards Buxted Primary School, there is a large hole on the edge of the road. Our Lengthsman believes that this could cause the road to collapse in.	REOPENED 21/01/25 – Highways responded to say the pot hole does not need repairs 21/1/25 – after a complaint by the clerk, Highways have confirmed this would be reinvestigated 24/01/25 – after reinvestigation, confirmed pothole will be repaired within 28 days.
17/01/25	DGD005096	Just off of Limes Lane and you go towards Nan Tucks Lane (outside of a property named Orchard House – the drain is overflowing	ONGOING 17/01/25 – Highways advise they are already aware of issue and it should be resolved in 28 days.
17/01/25	CWY004501	Someone has dumped a load of vegetation/ivy in Limes Lane. Residents have reported this to us as causing an obstruction and quote dangerous in the dark. Our Lengthsman	ONGOING 20/01/25 – Highways notified the matter has been passed to WDC as it would be classed as flytipping

		has tried to move it in, but it needs collecting/removal	
03/02/25	THF003374	Large divots left in Toll Farm verge after a lorry got stuck and needed pulling out	ONGOING
04/02/25	THF003389	Width of footpath between Limes Lane and Pound Green Lane – request to cut back and uncover footpath	ONGOING

**Ionides Trust Update 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025:**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Scout Hut – update**
- 4. Repair/Replacement of play small children’s play equipment – update**
- 5. Hedge Cutting**
- 6. Buxted Bonfire Society – request for Christmas Lights switch on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025**