



# BUXTED

## PARISH COUNCIL

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11<sup>th</sup> March 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> March 2025 in St Mary's Church Hall, Church Road, Buxted 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

- 1 Apologies for absence – Cllr Furber
- 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 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 meeting (previously circulated) to be confirmed and signed
- 4 **Co-option of new councillor**
- 5 ESCC/WDC report

**ESCC - Updates on works to footpath between Pound Green Lane and Limes Lane; and state of road/footpaths on Gordon Road.**

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

- Mobile Phone Coverage
- Public footpaths
- Trees
- Road Safety
  - BlackCat equipment use – any update
  - Village Gates – update
- Wealden Local Development Framework – Local Plan
- Property issues:
  - Buxted War Memorial – update
- Communications Matters: Website

- 7 Correspondence – as listed and subsequently updated and circulated at the meeting
  - 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
  - 11 Members questions
  - 12 Announcements – a) Chairman of the Council; b) Clerk to the Council
- Councillor Areas of Responsibility** – circulated prior to the meeting



**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 13/2/25 – clerk chased – was notice issued? Has it lapsed? 25/02/25 – Highways confirm hedge has still not been cut . Referred to relevant team for further action.
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	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 has tried to move it in, but it needs collecting/removal	ONGOING 20/01/25 – Highways notified the matter has been passed to WDC as it would be classed as flytipping
04/02/25	THF003389	Width of footpath between Limes Lane and Pound Green Lane – request to cut back and uncover footpath	ONGOING 10/02/25 – Highway Steward has inspected and does not consider works are needed at this time but would keep an eye on it. 14/02/25 – Raised with Cllr Galley at meeting. He is raise this issue again with Highways
11/02/25	HED003887	Overgrown hedges along the alleyway between the High Street and Britts Farm Road (along the back of the properties in Brits Farm Road)	CLOSED 13/2/25 - ESCC Highways responded to advise they do not own the land so it is not their responsibility. Clerk to carry out more investigations 14/02/25 – clerks ask Lengthsman to cut the overgrown vegetation down the alleyway - completed
17/02/25	CCY000737	Broken away tarmac (50cm) in Framfield Road/Limes Lane outside KSV and bollard fallen over	CLOSED 20/02/25 – ESCC Highways do not consider work is necessary at this time but would continue to monitor
26/02/25	DRF002053	Opposite entrance to Oast Farm, Lephams Bridge, Buxted	CLOSED – reporting of flooding opposite the entrance to Oast Farm 27/02/25 – Highway Steward checked site and reported no work is necessary

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

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Scout Hut – update**