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ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 24 March 2021

Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of Buckingham Town Council which will be held on Monday 29th March 2021 at 7pm online via Zoom, Meeting ID 871 2899 7691.

Residents are very welcome to ask questions or speak to Councillors about any matter relevant to the meeting at the start of the meeting in the usual way. Please email committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or call 01280 816426 for the password to take part.

The meeting can be watched live on the Town Council's YouTube channel here:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC89BUTwVpJAOEIdSlfcZC9Q/>

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

Members are asked to receive and accept apologies from members.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

3. Minutes

To receive the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 15th February 2021 and received at Full Council on the 15th March 2021. [Copy previously circulated](#)

4. Natural Flood Management Update

To receive and discuss a verbal report from Annabel Page, Project Officer for the Natural Flood Management Project for the Upper Ouse



Twinned with Mouvaux, France;



Neurkirchen Vluyn, Germany

Members are reminded when making decisions that the Public Sector Equality Duty 2010 requires Members to have due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct that is prohibited by the Act, advance equality of opportunity between people who share a characteristic and those who don't, and to foster good relations between people who share a characteristic and those who don't.

All Committee documents can be found on the Buckingham Town Council's website. Alternatively, the Clerk send you a copy of any minutes, reports or other information. To do this, send a request using the contact details set out above.

5. Action Report

To receive the report and note the updated information.

[Appendix A](#)

6. Budgets

To receive the latest figures

[Appendix B](#)

7. Climate Emergency Action Plan

To receive the updated plan and receive reports from Climate Champions. Queries for discussion are marked in red.

[Appendix C](#)

8. Commemoration Tree

The following Councillors have written to the Town Clerk requesting a review of the decision made by the Environment Committee to agree to the request to plant a tree on Church Green to commemorate Thomas Jefferson's visit to the town (1070/20), in accordance with Standing Order 7.a:

[E/129/20](#)

Councillor Strain-Clark
Councillor Smith
Councillor G. Collins
Councillor Cole
Councillor Ahmed
Councillor Harvey
Councillor O'Donoghue
Councillor Gateley

9. Greenspaces Community Board Sub-Group

To receive a written report from the Committee Clerk

[E/130/20](#)

10. Community Board Funding Bid

To confirm support for the bid that has been submitted, to and agree to accept and spend the funds as described if the bid is successful.

[Appendix D](#)

11. Great Ouse 2018 pollution incident - Community Briefing 13

[Appendix E](#)

12. Tingewick Road Green Spaces Update

To receive and discuss a verbal update from the Town Clerk

13. New Cemetery and Allotments

To receive a verbal update from the Town Clerk

14. Buckingham Community Wildlife Project

To receive and discuss a verbal update from the Chair and Estates Manager

15. Healthcare in Buckingham

To receive a response from Greg Smith MP

[Appendix F](#)

16. Access Awareness

17. News Releases

18. Chair's Announcements

19. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14th June 2021

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Exclusion of Public and Press

20. RECOMMENDED In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded

21. Interment and Memorial Fees

To receive and discuss a written report form the Estates Manager

[E/131/20](#)

Committee Members

Cllr. R. Ahmed
Cllr. G. Collins (Town Mayor)
Cllr. Mrs. M. Gateley (Vice Chair)
Cllr. J. Harvey
Cllr. A. Mahi
Cllr. Ms. R. Newell (Chair)

Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
Cllr. A. Ralph
Cllr. M. Smith
Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark
Cllr. R. Stuchbury

No.	Committee	Minute No.	Action	Action Required	Action Owner	Update	Deadline
1	Environment	92/15; 904/15;640/16 ; 309.4/17- 463; 206/18; 126/19	Sports Pitch Provision	Cllr. Stuchbury said he was disappointed the issue had not been progressed and asked for the historical correspondence and agreements to be reviewed by the Town Clerk.	Town Clerk	Town Clerk to update Environment Committee once he has met with all parties	Jun-21
2	Environment	451/18; 739/18; 280/19; 426/19; 895/19; 127/20; 889/20; 1073/20	Healthcare Public Meeting	Buckingham Town Council organise a public meeting to discuss residents' concerns and invite the Swan Practice and other interested parties to attend. (889/20) It was AGREED there was merit in investigating any developments in the plans for the new Healthcare Centre at Lace Hill.	Town Clerk	See Interim 912/20 Online meeting to be arranged	Jun-21
3	Environment	884/18	Compliments and Complaints Log	Members AGREED the report be brought back to Environment Committee in six months time in the same format.	Committee Clerk	To be reviewed again in April 2021	Jun-21
4	Environment	886/18	Litter bin	Members received and discussed a resident's request to fund a new litter bin and dog waste bin along Tingewick Road. Councillors discussed and AGREED to fund a new litter bin and that the Town Clerk respond accordingly. Members further AGREED to delegate the exact size and location of the new bin to the Estates Manager.	Estates Manager	Location for new dog bin on Tingewick Road found to be agreed with Buckinghamshire Council/TfB. Estates Manager is waiting for a reply.	On-going
5	Environment	303/19	News Releases	Members AGREED the following News Releases: Town Centre Audit and resulting (minor) highway repairs and Renovation of Buckingham's Milestone Markers.	Town Clerk	Milestone Markers to be issued once work is completed.	On-going
7	Environment	126/19; 320/20	Cattle Pens Finger Post	Greenspaces Team to install the remaining finger post in the Cattle Pens	Estates Manager	Finger post has now been installed in the Cattle Pens.	Complete

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8	Environment	900/19	Wireless Charging	Town Clerk agreed to report back to a future meeting of Environment Committee.	Town Clerk	<p>A number of locations within Bucks (a mixture of on and off street parking) to be surveyed by Char.gy for potential use in this project.</p> <p>For Buckingham the following area has been identified: - Buckingham On-Street: o Chandos / Station Road</p> <p>Char.gy will be in touch with us soon to finalise a date for survey, then we will look at the results with the relevant people and hopefully establish which 2 areas we will be able to go ahead with for this pilot</p>	On-going
9	Environment	314/20;1078/20	New Cemetery	investigate and recommend to Full Council the immediate purchase of the allotment and cemetery land from money held with the Council's general reserve. Members AGREED to proceed with the tender process as described in the report provided, for the first phase of the planning and design of the new cemetery to create initial designs and to start initial site investigations required to create the new cemetery. Members AGREED that earmarked reserve budget (901/9002) is used to fund the first phase of the design and that the tenders are taken to the Resources Committee to be agreed.	Town Clerk	Full Council Min 1160/20 Proposed by Cllr. Stuchbury, seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue and unanimously AGREED that the Town Council proceed with the immediate purchase of the allotment and cemetery land outlined from money held with the Council's general reserve for a total cost of £87,000. The Council's solicitor has been instructed accordingly.	Ongoing
10	Environment	319/20	Lace Hill Doors	AGREED for a report regarding an additional external fire exit door is brought back to the next committee meeting.	Estates Manager	Estates Manager awaiting designs.	Jun-21
12	Environment	328/20	Water Bottle Refill Station	Investigate funding options for an additional water bottle refill station in Buckingham	Estates Administrator	To be considered after the regeneration of the Skate Park	Jun-21

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13	Environment	759/20	Skate Park/Bmx Track	Members AGREED for the Town Clerk to investigate the size of official BMX tracks as recommended by British Cycling.	Town Clerk	Sizes for pump tracks have been identified. Waiting for the outcome of devolution discussion before progressing.	On-going
14	Environment	771/20	Tingewick Road Greenspaces	Members AGREED for the Town Council to take on the green spaces and play areas, provided that Barratts agree a suitable initial payment, and that the development of the green spaces are completed satisfactorily, in line with the agreed plans.	Town Clerk	Full Council (15th March) agreed the recommendation and included scope for the Foundry Drive play area. Now awaiting the outcome of negotiations with Barratts.	Ongoing
16	Environment	897/20	Clarence Park Ramp	To receive a report on the action taken by Taylor Wimpy to resolve the footpath's access issue	Town Clerk	Develop waiting for consultant to investigate. Will report with more information in due course.	Ongoing
17	Environment	892/20	Hydro Electric Turbines	<i>this Council investigates the potential of a feasibility study at appropriate sites in the Town and reports back to this committee.</i>	Town Clerk	Several companies have been approached; awaiting feedback and options	Jun-21
18	Environment	891/20; 1068.1/20	Emergency Flood Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town Council investigates the feasibility and costs for obtaining removable flood defence barriers for the Cornwall's Meadows toilets and Shopmobility unit. • The items listed are ordered from the Environment Agency to add to the Council's flood kit. • The Council agrees that an emergency response will be made where staff are available, but cannot be guaranteed. • The flood information described is published on the Council's website. 	Town Clerk	Flood kit replacement has been mostly received now.	Apr-21
19		898/20; 1069/20	Climate Emergency	Cllrs. Newell, Gateley, Ralph and Ahmed to act as the Town Council's Climate Emergency Champions to help raise the profile of the planned online event and the Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan.	Committee Clerk	Agenda for a brief update; full update for March 21	March agenda
20	Environment	893/20	Land Grabs	Office to issue a press release, social media campaign and newsletter article on the issues surrounding flying tipping green waste, extending land boundaries and adding gates into garden fences that adjoin public land.	Communications Clerk		Article to be include in the Summer newsletter

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	Environment	894/20	Footpaths and Rights of Way	In light of the fact the government is insisting that all footpath and rights-of-way are registered and recorded before 2026, I propose that the Town Council issue a press release highlighting the deadline, and ask interested parties to review the definitive public rights of way map held by Buckinghamshire Council to identify any rights of way, within the parish and of Buckingham and Stowe Landscape Gardens, that are not currently recorded. It seems logical to seek the partnership of the Buckingham Society and any other community groups who wish to take part.	Town Clerk/Communications Clerk		Apr-21
		1066/20	Water Voles	Creation of a Google Groups Email address for Mr Eaton. Creation of a press release publicising the presence of water voles in and around Buckingham, how to identify the species and their importance to the local ecosystem – despite the challenges presented by the invasive American mink. To include an illustrative comparison of Brown rats and water voles to help distinguish between the two species		Press released issued and radio interview hosted	Complete
		1067/20	Surface Water	As a matter of urgency the Town Council will, with the assistance of Mr Cavender, prepare costs and a full proposal to be placed before the Buckingham and Villages Community Board or Buckinghamshire Council	Town Clerk	Meeting held with Mr Cavender, and a letter of support sent to Buckinghamshire Council, requesting the scheme be considered as part of the County' flooding review.	Ongoing
		1073/20	Holocaust Memorial Stone	The Town Clerk said initial plans were to use one of the large blocks of sandstone from the Brackley Road cemetery and to add a plaque with the standard Holocaust memorial emblem and wording, as used in similar structures across the country. Members unanimously AGREED to progress with the plans to obtain a memorial stone and install this in a suitable location in Bourton Park.	Estates Manager	Suitable stones have been located within the Brackley Road cemetery. Work is ongoing to source an appropriate design (following national guidance) and a local stonemason.	Dec-21

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES

PAGE No	CODE	COST CENTRE	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION
2	4033	205	-£89.00	general overspend
2	4035	205	-£860.00	general overspend
2	4709	249	-£1,031.00	repairs/cleaning required after flooding - potentially split with shop mob
3	4159	250	-£1,304.00	general overspend
3	4161	250	-£2,760.00	Overspend in budget due to unexpected numerous fire and intruder alarm call out costs. This has resulted in the requirement to have supplied and fitted a new Loop Control Panel costing £1519.10 and new inspection door costing £1116.00 which were not budgeted for.
3	4162	250	-£296.00	general overspend
3	4225	253	-£8.00	changes to rate costs because of pandemic - resulted in some increases and some decreases
6	9033	901	-£2,685.00	Income has not yet been received for 2018-2019 or 2019-2020. Once income is received it will show on the I & E as a separate income line. The total of the income line less the expenditure line will leave you with the balance available to spend.

24/03/2021

Buckingham Town Council

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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 24/03/2021

Month No: 12

Cost Centre Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
<u>201 ENVIRONMENT</u>						
3995 NI ENVIRONMENT	14,937	16,106	1,169		1,169	92.7%
3996 PENSION ERS ENVIRONMENT	47,588	46,384	(1,204)		(1,204)	102.6%
4004 WAGES & SALARIES ENVIRONMENT	185,974	199,640	13,666		13,666	93.2%
4068 COMMUNITY SERVICE	0	759	759		759	0.0%
4112 ENVIRONMENT EQUIPMENT	4,785	6,000	1,215		1,215	79.7%
ENVIRONMENT :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>253,284</u>	<u>268,889</u>	<u>15,605</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,605</u>	<u>94.2%</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(253,284)</u>	<u>(268,889)</u>	<u>(15,605)</u>			
<u>202 ROUNDABOUTS</u>						
1051 ROUNDABOUT NO 1 ABBOT FIRE	2,234	2,180	(54)			102.5%
1052 ROUNDABOUT NO 2 ELLA	1,192	1,660	468			71.8%
1053 ROUNDABOUT NO 3 SEASONS INNS	1,955	1,908	(47)			102.5%
1054 ROUNDABOUT NO 4 R & B	2,492	2,372	(120)			105.1%
1056 ROUNDABOUT NO 6 THE VET CENTRE	2,655	2,603	(52)			102.0%
1057 ROUNDABOUT NO 7 RING ROAD	1,353	1,328	(25)			101.9%
ROUNDABOUTS :- Income	<u>11,881</u>	<u>12,051</u>	<u>170</u>			<u>98.6%</u>
4108 ROUNDABOUT	90	1,300	1,211		1,211	6.9%
4112 ENVIRONMENT EQUIPMENT	7	0	(7)		(7)	0.0%
ROUNDABOUTS :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>97</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,203</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,203</u>	<u>7.4%</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>11,784</u>	<u>10,751</u>	<u>(1,033)</u>			
<u>203 MAINTENANCE</u>						
4063 VEHICLE HIRE AND RUNNING COSTS	582	0	(582)		(582)	0.0%
4082 ALLOTMENTS	2,000	2,000	0		0	100.0%
MAINTENANCE :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>2,582</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>(582)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(582)</u>	<u>129.1%</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(2,582)</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>582</u>			
<u>204 DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES</u>						
1017 DEV SERVS NON CARRIAGEWAY INC	20,381	20,353	(28)			100.1%
DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES :- Income	<u>20,381</u>	<u>20,353</u>	<u>(28)</u>			<u>100.1%</u>
4124 DEVOLVED NON-CARRIAGEWAY	1,202	9,000	7,798		7,798	13.4%
DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>1,202</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>7,798</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,798</u>	<u>13.4%</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>19,178</u>	<u>11,353</u>	<u>(7,825)</u>			

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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
<u>205 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE</u>						
4033 WASTE DISPOSAL	1,889	1,800	(89)		(89)	105.0%
4035 MACHINERY	2,360	1,500	(860)		(860)	157.3%
4036 FUEL (MOWER)	2,006	2,300	294		294	87.2%
4037 SUNDRIES	1,441	1,480	39		39	97.4%
4063 VEHICLE HIRE AND RUNNING COSTS	7,202	13,500	6,298		6,298	53.3%
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>14,899</u>	<u>20,580</u>	<u>5,681</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,681</u>	<u>72.4%</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(14,899)</u>	<u>(20,580)</u>	<u>(5,681)</u>			
<u>248 DEPOT</u>						
4013 EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	770	2,500	1,730		1,730	30.8%
4055 ALARM	488	410	(78)		(78)	119.0%
4225 RATES	4,142	4,200	58		58	98.6%
4601 REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	454	800	346		346	56.7%
4602 ELECTRICITY	917	2,000	1,083		1,083	45.9%
4603 WATER	812	1,000	188		188	81.2%
DEPOT :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>7,582</u>	<u>10,910</u>	<u>3,328</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,328</u>	<u>69.5%</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(7,582)</u>	<u>(10,910)</u>	<u>(3,328)</u>			
<u>249 PUBLIC TOILETS</u>						
1085 SHOP MOBILITY INCOME	181	100	(81)			181.0%
PUBLIC TOILETS :- Income	<u>181</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>(81)</u>			<u>181.0%</u>
4225 RATES	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%
4602 ELECTRICITY	0	1,026	1,026		1,026	0.0%
4603 WATER	0	2,565	2,565		2,565	0.0%
4608 SHOP MOBILITY	323	1,026	703		703	31.5%
4612 CONTRACTOR CHARGE	9,579	11,593	2,014		2,014	82.6%
4709 MAINTENANCE	1,544	513	(1,031)		(1,031)	300.9%
PUBLIC TOILETS :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>11,446</u>	<u>17,723</u>	<u>6,277</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,277</u>	<u>64.6%</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(11,265)</u>	<u>(17,623)</u>	<u>(6,358)</u>			
<u>250 LACE HILL</u>						
1026 LACE HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE	9,648	43,251	33,603			22.3%
1027 SOLAR INCOME	0	507	507			0.0%
LACE HILL :- Income	<u>9,648</u>	<u>43,758</u>	<u>34,110</u>			<u>22.0%</u>
4050 LACE HILL PLAYING FIELDS	0	500	500		500	0.0%
4118 SOLAR PANELS	0	715	715		715	0.0%

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4158 LACE HILL GAS	1,585	4,000	2,415		2,415	39.6%
4159 LACE HILL ELECTRICITY	3,264	1,960	(1,304)		(1,304)	166.5%
4160 LACE HILL WATER	297	1,250	953		953	23.8%
4161 LACE HILL REPAIRS & MAINT	6,260	3,500	(2,760)		(2,760)	178.8%
4162 LACE HILL CONTRACTOR CHARGE	4,046	3,750	(296)		(296)	107.9%
4163 LACE HILL ALARM	485	513	28		28	94.5%
4164 LACE HILL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	1,112	2,500	1,388	1,090	298	88.1%
4225 RATES	9,731	9,850	120		120	98.8%
LACE HILL :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>26,779</u>	<u>28,538</u>	<u>1,759</u>	<u>1,090</u>	<u>669</u>	<u>97.7%</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(17,131)</u>	<u>15,220</u>	<u>32,351</u>			
<u>251 CHANDOS PARK</u>						
1030 BOWLS INCOME	282	564	282			50.0%
1035 TENNIS COURT RENT	0	641	641			0.0%
1046 LAF FUNDING INCOME	(2,928)	0	2,928			0.0%
CHANDOS PARK :- Income	<u>(2,646)</u>	<u>1,205</u>	<u>3,851</u>			<u>(219.6%)</u>
4601 REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	2,578	6,320	3,742	162	3,580	43.4%
4602 ELECTRICITY	93	513	420		420	18.0%
4603 WATER	1,096	1,539	443		443	71.2%
CHANDOS PARK :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>3,767</u>	<u>8,372</u>	<u>4,605</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>4,443</u>	<u>46.9%</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(6,413)</u>	<u>(7,167)</u>	<u>(754)</u>			
<u>252 BOURTON PARK</u>						
4106 PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	11	0	(11)		(11)	0.0%
4601 REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	7,073	9,905	2,832	1,845	987	90.0%
4708 PLAY EQUIPMENT	13,966	13,966	0		0	100.0%
BOURTON PARK :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>21,051</u>	<u>23,871</u>	<u>2,820</u>	<u>1,845</u>	<u>976</u>	<u>95.9%</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(21,051)</u>	<u>(23,871)</u>	<u>(2,820)</u>			
<u>253 CEMETERY</u>						
1041 BURIAL FEES	17,807	18,000	193			98.9%
CEMETERY :- Income	<u>17,807</u>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>193</u>			<u>98.9%</u>
4225 RATES	408	400	(8)		(8)	101.9%
4265 NEW CEM MAINTENANCE	0	50	50		50	0.0%
4601 REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	6,681	22,705	16,024	1,295	14,729	35.1%
4602 ELECTRICITY	276	450	174		174	61.3%
4617 MEMORIAL TESTING	0	2,052	2,052		2,052	0.0%

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4619 NEW CEM REPAYMENTS	0	37,108	37,108		37,108	0.0%
4620 EXPENSES RE BURIAL DUTIES	1,967	6,669	4,702		4,702	29.5%
CEMETERY :- Indirect Expenditure	9,331	69,434	60,103	1,295	58,808	15.3%
Net Income over Expenditure	8,476	(51,434)	(59,910)			
<u>254 CHANDOS PARK TOILETS</u>						
4612 CONTRACTOR CHARGE	11,094	16,638	5,544		5,544	66.7%
4709 MAINTENANCE	93	1,026	933		933	9.1%
CHANDOS PARK TOILETS :- Indirect Expenditure	11,187	17,664	6,477	0	6,477	63.3%
Net Expenditure	(11,187)	(17,664)	(6,477)			
<u>255 RAILWAY WALK & CASTLE HILL</u>						
4120 FRIENDS OF GROUPS	0	1,026	1,026		1,026	0.0%
4709 MAINTENANCE	94	513	419		419	18.3%
RAILWAY WALK & CASTLE HILL :- Indirect Expenditure	94	1,539	1,445	0	1,445	6.1%
Net Expenditure	(94)	(1,539)	(1,445)			
<u>256 STORAGE PREMISES</u>						
4066 GRENVILLE GARAGE RENT	549	667	118		118	82.3%
STORAGE PREMISES :- Indirect Expenditure	549	667	118	0	118	82.3%
Net Expenditure	(549)	(667)	(118)			
<u>258 CEMETERY LODGE</u>						
1061 CEMETERY LODGE RENTAL INCOME	6,976	10,804	3,828			64.6%
CEMETERY LODGE :- Income	6,976	10,804	3,828			64.6%
4034 PWLB REPAYMANTS INCL INTEREST	4,702	4,702	(0)		(0)	100.0%
4609 CEMETERY LODGE MAINT	766	3,500	2,734		2,734	21.9%
CEMETERY LODGE :- Indirect Expenditure	5,469	8,202	2,733	0	2,733	66.7%
Net Income over Expenditure	1,507	2,602	1,095			
<u>260 CCTV</u>						
4100 CCTV ONGOING COSTS	1,402	1,642	240		240	85.4%
CCTV :- Indirect Expenditure	1,402	1,642	240	0	240	85.4%
Net Expenditure	(1,402)	(1,642)	(240)			

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 24/03/2021

Month No: 12

Cost Centre Report

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
<u>261 COMMUNITY CENTRE STRUCTURAL RE</u>						
1078 NEW HOMES BONUS	62,859	150,000	87,141			41.9%
COMMUNITY CENTRE STRUCTURAL RE :- Income	<u>62,859</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>87,141</u>			<u>41.9%</u>
4085 STRUCTURAL REPAIRS	1,338	2,000	662		662	66.9%
4091 CHAMBER WORKS	66,169	1,000	(65,169)		(65,169)	6616.9%
COMMUNITY CENTRE STRUCTURAL RE :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>67,507</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>(64,507)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(64,507)</u>	<u>2250.2%</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(4,648)</u>	<u>147,000</u>	<u>151,648</u>			
<u>262 PARKS GENERAL</u>						
4101 SEATS AND BINS	0	1,026	1,026		1,026	0.0%
4102 DOG BINS	3,501	4,500	999		999	77.8%
4106 PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	1,356	5,013	3,657		3,657	27.0%
4122 TREE WORKS	4,520	11,796	7,276	1,230	6,046	48.7%
4270 BRIDGES	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	100.0%
4275 PLAY AREA REPLACEMENT FUND	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%
PARKS GENERAL :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>9,377</u>	<u>24,335</u>	<u>14,958</u>	<u>2,230</u>	<u>12,728</u>	<u>47.7%</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(9,377)</u>	<u>(24,335)</u>	<u>(14,958)</u>			
Grand Totals:- Income	127,087	256,271	129,184			49.6%
Expenditure	447,602	517,666	70,064	6,622	63,442	87.7%
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(320,516)</u>	<u>(261,395)</u>	<u>59,121</u>			
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(320,516)</u>					

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
<u>901 EARMARKED RESERVES</u>						
1089 FLOOD RELIEF INCOME	17,676	17,676	(0)			100.0%
	<u>17,676</u>	<u>17,676</u>	<u>(0)</u>			<u>100.0%</u>
EARMARKED RESERVES :- Income						
9001 YOUTH COUNCIL	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%
9002 CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT	0	55,728	55,728		55,728	0.0%
9004 SOLAR PANEL LACE HILL	0	28,076	28,076		28,076	0.0%
9006 SPEED WATCH	0	598	598		598	0.0%
9010 FLOOD RELIEF FUND	15,350	17,676	2,326		2,326	86.8%
9012 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	0	295	295		295	0.0%
9013 YOUTH PROJECTS	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0%
9015 CHARTER FAIRS	0	4,136	4,136		4,136	0.0%
9025 PLAY AREA REPLACEMENT	0	30,121	30,121		30,121	0.0%
9027 GREEN BUCKINGHAM GROUP	0	226	226		226	0.0%
9029 CIRCULAR WALK MAINT	0	5,399	5,399		5,399	0.0%
9030 TOURISM LEAFLETS	0	2,404	2,404		2,404	0.0%
9033 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRP	0	(2,685)	(2,685)		(2,685)	0.0%
9035 PARKS DEVELOPMENT	0	1,405	1,405		1,405	0.0%
9036 ELECTION COSTS	0	5,094	5,094		5,094	0.0%
9040 PARK RUN	0	89	89		89	0.0%
9045 ACCESS FOR ALL	0	251	251		251	0.0%
9046 PLANNING DISPLAY EQUIPMENT	1,572	1,848	276	121	155	91.6%
9048 BUCKINGHAM ACTION GROUP	0	1,283	1,283		1,283	0.0%
9049 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN	0	20,000	20,000		20,000	0.0%
9050 BRIDGE REPAIRS	0	60,959	60,959	60,959	(0)	100.0%
9051 OFFICE DEVELOPMENT / FURNITURE	7,746	12,000	4,254	160	4,094	65.9%
9052 DEPOT EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	2,830	5,000	2,170	113	2,057	58.9%
9053 AEDs	0	420	420		420	0.0%
9054 LACE HILL REPAIRS & MAINTENANC	0	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0%
9055 RIVER RINSE	0	245	245		245	0.0%
9061 COVID BOUNCE BACK EVENTS	1,320	0	(1,320)		(1,320)	0.0%
EARMARKED RESERVES :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>28,818</u>	<u>259,568</u>	<u>230,750</u>	<u>61,353</u>	<u>169,397</u>	<u>34.7%</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(11,142)</u>	<u>(241,892)</u>	<u>(230,750)</u>			
Grand Totals:- Income	17,676	17,676	(0)			100.0%
Expenditure	28,818	259,568	230,750	61,353	169,397	34.7%
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(11,142)</u>	<u>(241,892)</u>	<u>(230,750)</u>			
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(11,142)</u>					



Buckingham Town Council Climate Emergency Action Plan Update March 2021

At Full Council on the 15th July 2019 Members AGREED:

“That Buckingham Town Council declares a climate emergency and commits to encourage Buckingham to become carbon neutral. This will help to raise the profile of this vital issue and secure external support and funding. It is also proposed that Buckingham Town Council also signs up to the Covenant of Mayors to track our progress and link with towns around the world who are cutting emissions. Our aim is to make the Town Council carbon neutral by 2030 and encouraging the town’s population, organisation and businesses to work with us in that aim.”

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Local Councils that have declared a climate emergency tend to do so to provide leadership and help educate their communities about both the threat of and solutions to the climate crisis. This should then act to harness “people power” to make that change possible at all levels, especially driving higher levels of government to act and ultimately force them to pull the economic and legislative levers needed to reverse global warming and restore a safe climate.

This action plan sets locally determined actions with measures to deliver the objectives both within the Council and across the town. The actions are measurable with targets that hold the Council to account. This Climate Emergency Action Plan is an overarching pledge that identifies the following priority areas of change:

Objectives

- a) Energy - to reduce energy demand, improve energy efficiency and convert to renewable, low or zero carbon technologies for energy and heat.
- b) Transport – to promote walking, cycling and public transport. Accelerating the move to Council owned electric vehicles.
- c) Food & Land - to promote sustainable land management, including tree planting to help absorb carbon & water.
- d) Economy, Housing & Waste – to support the local economy to ensure existing and new homes are climate resilient whilst reducing, re using and recycling materials and ongoing resources e.g. water
- e) Community Engagement - to engage local people in accelerating their own responses and building resilience to ongoing climate impacts.

Buckingham Town Council Climate Emergency Action Plan

Community Engagement - to engage local people in accelerating their own responses and building resilience to ongoing climate impacts.				
	Action	Measure	Responsibility	Update
3.	Encourage practical action by local people through proactive communication campaigns. Consider creation of an impartial local guide that provides information on accredited local energy assessors and renewable energy installers for solar panels, batteries, EV chargers and heat pumps etc.	Number of downloads/copies requested. X per year	TC&E and Environment Committee	To be created following first public meeting (date to be confirmed).
Energy - reduce energy demand, improve energy efficiency and convert to renewable, low or zero carbon technologies for energy and heat				
	Action	Measure	Responsibility	Updates
8.	Change BTC energy provider to renewable/green tariffs	Moved to green tariffs by 2020/21	Environment Committee	Delayed conducting a thorough review until we have the solar panels in place, at least at Lace Hill, as then we may be able to get deals that also cover buyback from the panels.
9.	Offset carbon emissions by planting more trees (whenever possible)	One tree planting project per year	Environment Committee	2020 Tree planting sessions: 12 th March and 7 th November. Tree

				Planting sessions for Spring 2021 have been postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will be an event arranged for Autumn/Winter 2021.
Economy, Housing & Waste – to support the local economy to ensure existing and new homes are climate resilient whilst reducing, re using and recycling materials and ongoing resources e.g. water				
	Action	Measure	Responsibility	Update
15.	Fit water saving devices in all town council owned toilets	One per toilet	Environment Committee	<p>Not possible for Lace Hill and Cornwalls Meadow as the toilets are already low flush cisterns. Estates Manager is conducting audit of Chandos Park toilets to see if water saving devices would be appropriate.</p> <p>Members to consider the promotion of Anglian Water's advice:</p> <p>https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/help-and-advice/save-water/</p> <p>Keep It Clear: In association with Anglian Water, the Keep It Clear campaign provides information on what is and is not suitable to go down our drains. With regular updates and support, find out how you can keep our waters clear.</p>

16.	Promote the installation of the water bottle refill station in Chandos Park and the national refill initiative	Number of interactions through Social Media	Environment Committee and Resources Committee	COMPLETE Water bottle refill station installed and positively received.
Transport – to promote walking, cycling and public transport. Accelerating the move to Council owned electric vehicles.				
	Action	Measure	Responsibility	Updates
24.	Replace BTC owned vehicles and green spaces equipment with suitable electric models when existing petrol, and diesel vehicles come to the end of their usable life, resulting in full replacement with electric vehicles by 2030.	Replace each vehicle at the appropriate point in its lifecycle.	Environment Committee	Electric vans (total - two Renault Kangoo) leased in Winter 2019 and Summer 2020. Aim for full replacement of all vehicles with electric alternatives by 2030. Once the new cemetery is up and running there are plan to purchase other electric powered machinery, such as ride-on mowers.
25.	Refurbish and promote the town's benches to assist walkers to take short rests. Advertise with signs 'pedestrian friendly town'	Replace each bench at the appropriate point in its lifecycle.	Environment Committee	Walking trails regularly promoted via Buxplore along with healthy outdoor activities. Greenspaces team have refurbished or repaired a number of park benches throughout the town and funding has been approved for another 8 benches/picnic tables via the Buckingham & Villages Community Board. Environment Committee Members to discuss whether is it still desirable to pursue signage for a 'pedestrian friendly town' or whether this should

				be incorporated into the Council's 'Walks and Maps' section of the website.
Food & Land - to promote sustainable land management, including tree planting to help absorb carbon & water.				
	Action	Measure	Responsibility	Updates
28.	Finalise Flood Plans with local partners	Number of contacts established	Environment & Resources Committee	Additional properties have been added to the list of vulnerable addresses. A number of volunteers have come forward and investigation is underway to determine the appropriate policies, procedures, insurance and training for volunteer flood wardens.
29.	Advise residents on steps to increase resilience	Increased number of residents signed up to the Flood Warden Scheme	Environment & Resources Committee	Initial meetings have been held between Buckinghamshire Council and the Town Council to discuss how to ensure a coordinated response to future flood plans. Flooding advice has been added to the town council website. All properties at risk will be written to each year with details of the Council's plan and sources of support.
30.	Promote the community flood warden scheme	Increased number of residents signed up to the Flood Warden Scheme	Environment & Resources Committee	Installation of wildflower boards in Bourton Park to promote the planting of native wildflower species (April 2021).
31.	Protect and enhance native species and habitats. Promoting and supporting opportunities for environmental enhancement and regeneration	One environmental campaign per year	Environment Committee	

				Thousands of native Woodland bulbs were planted around Bourton Park in September 2020. Further wildflower planting is planned for 2021.
35.	Review of grass verges and hedges to identify areas to be trimmed less and later in the year to support more wildflowers and insects	To be considered within Greenspaces Strategy and Management Plan for Parks	Environment Committee	The grass cutting plan is reviewed annually.
36.	Each year allocate a section of land to be planted with wildflowers.	One per year	Environment Committee	A new section of wildflowers was planted in 2020 in Bourton Park, on the car park side of the river. Plans are in place to 're-wild' sections of verge along the bypass with wildflowers and grasses during 2021.
37.	Plan a new eco-friendlier cemetery to include planting more trees and wildflowers.	Measure and publish plans and low carbon emission certification	Environment Committee	Proceeding with the tender process for the first phase of the planning and design of the new cemetery. To enable this a sustainable design approach is to be taken in all aspects of the new cemetery. In particular; to reduce energy demand, improve energy efficiency and convert to renewable, low or zero carbon technologies for energy and heat as well as recycling materials and ongoing resources e.g. water.
38.	Work with the Tree Wardens, in promotion of the Tree Charter.	5 new Tree Wardens signed up per year.	Environment Committee	Following promotion through our website and social media we've have signed up 8 new Tree Wardens during 2020/21. A meeting of the

				Tree Wardens took place on the 26 th November 2020 and Wardens were tasked with completing Tree Planting Surveys for their local area. Plans are in place to arrange more events once business returns to normal.
39.	Look to legally protect the future of the riverside parks in Buckingham, including Chandos Park, Bourton Park and Heartlands as parkland.	Future agenda of Environment Committee 2019/20	Planning Committee and Environment Committee	To be reviewed following resolution of devolution discussions.

BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MONDAY 29th March 2021

Contact Officer: Paul Hodson, Town Clerk

Memorial Tree Proposal

1. Recommendations

1.1. It is recommended that Members note the report.

2. Background

2.1 At the last meeting of the Environment Committee Members received and discussed correspondence received from Robert Cumming regarding a proposed tree planting on Church Green to commemorate Thomas Jefferson's visit to the town. Councillors agreed to support the project.

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2.1. At the subsequent meeting of the Full Council, Cllr. Cole raised concern over the Environment Committee's agreement to support the tree planting proposal. Cllr. Cole informed the Council that Thomas Jefferson owned more than 600 slaves throughout his adult life and that he did not believe that creating such a memorial would be appropriate. Members **AGREED** to request that an agenda item to be placed at the next meeting of the Environment Committee with a note from the Diversity & Inclusion Working Group. **1144/20**

3. Feedback from the Diversity and Inclusion Group

3.1. The Town Council's Diversity and Inclusion Working Group discussed the proposal, at the request of Full Council, during its meeting held on Tuesday 23rd March 2021. The Group discussed the proposal in detail. Points considered by the Group included:

3.1.1. The proposal is to exchange trees with the Monticello Estate, which is a UNESCO World Heritage site. It doesn't purport to be a memorial to Thomas Jefferson.

3.1.2. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams visited Buckingham together. Jefferson was a slave owner, whereas John Adams was not.

- 3.1.3. The Monticello Estate do acknowledge the reality of Jefferson's life; their research and website can be helpful in understanding the full history of Jefferson.
 - 3.1.4. Jefferson opposed slavery politically, whilst profiting from slaves and slavery throughout his life.
 - 3.1.5. The tree planting would be perceived as a celebration of Jefferson's visit, whatever the intention. It would be distasteful and potentially offensive for the Council to be perceived as celebrating Jefferson in this way.
 - 3.1.6. A tree would be permanent, more so than a statue, so a decision to plant would be irreversible.
 - 3.1.7. Thomas Jefferson owned 600 slaves.
 - 3.1.8. Sally Hemings was a slave. At age 14, she was taken to Paris with Jefferson's household. When they returned to America, she was 16 and pregnant with Jefferson's child. She subsequently had at least another five children with Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson denied fatherhood of the children throughout his lifetime, although he freed all of Sally Hemings's children – he did not grant freedom to any other enslaved family unit. It was first publicly claimed that Jefferson had fathered Sally Hemmings' children in 1802. Jefferson never acknowledged his children. His family and supporters denied his paternity persistently until 1998, when DNA tests proved that he was the father. Enslaved women had no legal right to consent. The Diversity Group discussed at length how this will be understood by residents today, particularly in light of the #metoo movement.
- 3.2. The Group **AGREED** to recommend that the Town Council does not go ahead with the tree planting.

4. Further Information

Further information can be found on the Monitcello Estate's website, along with many other sources: <https://www.monticello.org/thomas-jefferson/jefferson-slavery/>.

BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MONDAY 29th March 2021

Contact Officer: Committee Clerk

Update from the Green Spaces Sub-Group of the Buckingham & Villages Community Board

1. Recommendations

1.1. It is recommended that Members note the report.

2. Background

2.1 Cllr. Chapple, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, provided an update on the [Climate Change & Air Quality Strategy + Tree Planting Programme](#) to the Greenspaces Community Board Subgroup on the 19th March 2021 and the following key points were highlighted that the strategy is looking at the various ways councils can address climate change by:

- Direct Control: such as in our buildings – we can take direct action to reduce emissions (e.g. by installing more solar panels)
- Financial / Regulatory Role: for example, using our local planning powers to reduce emissions from new developments.
- Enabling Change: for example, by providing electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Inform and Influence: for example, by raising public awareness of climate change and air quality issues.

2.2 The strategy contains 60 actions to address climate change covering the council's direct emissions, those of suppliers and partners as well as Buckinghamshire wide emissions. Examples include:

- A large scale tree planting programme across the estate for over 543,000 trees – one for every resident of Buckinghamshire.
- Help communities address climate change and air quality, including through Community Boards
- Improve infrastructure for active travel (such as walking and cycling) and electric vehicles.

- Review the council's fleet and develop proposals to reduce emissions from its operation.
- Use opportunities coming out of changes to national planning policy to enhance environmentally sustainable aspects of developments.

2.3 Tree Planting - Buckinghamshire Council have committed to planting 543,000 trees in a 10-year long programme – one for every Buckinghamshire resident. This will require over 200 hectares of land; 1 hectare can absorb 300-400 tonnes of CO₂ after 30 years. This large scale tree planting programme will take place on Buckinghamshire Council landholdings.

3 Community Board

3.1 There is scope for the Town Council to apply for funding, via the Community Board, for assistance with the roll out of climate change and air quality initiatives in Buckingham.

3.2 Whilst Buckinghamshire Council intends to house the majority of its large scale tree planting programme on its own land, the Town Council could express an interest in accommodating some of the trees on the land at the new cemetery. There is no other viable site, owned by BTC, that could feasibility help with a large scale tree planting programme.



Buckingham and Villages Community Board Funding Report - 2020/21 Date of Decision: 17/03/2021

Organisation Name	Buckingham Town Council
Project Name	Buckingham Benches and Town Centre Improvements
Funding Stream	Community Area Priority
Total Cost of project	£7,499
Amount of Match Funding	£0
Amount being applied for	£7,499
Amount suggested	£7,499

Project Summary

Buckingham Town Council would like to purchase and installation of a range of benches for the town centre and parks.

The Town Council have received several requests for additional benches during the lockdown period. Benches enable people to rest while enjoying the towns green spaces, and also provide somewhere for people to meet and talk outdoors. The proposal would add additional benches in current locations, enabling more people to gather and talk. The locations have been identified as sites where people already use benches socially, and where there is no significant level of anti-social behaviour.

The benches have each been chosen to be consistent with those already in place in the town centre and green spaces. In total the Town Council would like to purchase 8 benches in the below locations;

4x Picnic benches

2 x Benches outside the Old Gaol

1x Bench along new wildflower walk next to river in Bourton Park

1 x Tree bench in Chandos Park

As well as the purchase of 8 new benches, the Town Council are also requesting funding for a path to an existing wheelchair accessible picnic bench in Bourton Park.

The project would involve laying tarmac to this bench, which can be difficult to access in a wheelchair or scooter when the ground is muddy. It is hoped the project would enhance the use and enjoyment of the town's green spaces by wheelchair and scooter users.

The last part of the proposal is for two new toilet signs. The Economic Working Groups visited four towns in 2019 to discover what Buckingham could benefit from. One of the findings was that Buckingham is lacking signage. The TIC staff has commented that they have a lot of visitors to the town ask them where the toilets are, even if they have parked in the car park. The Town Council would like to add two signs to help direct people to the toilets.

How does the project address local priorities?

Green Space and Communities

Benches enable people to rest while enjoying the towns green spaces, and also provide somewhere for people to meet and talk outdoors. The locations have been identified as sites where people already use benches socially, and where there is no significant level of anti-social behaviour.

The benches have each been chosen to be consistent with those already in place in the town centre and green spaces.

The town has one wheelchair accessible picnic bench. The project would involve laying tarmac to this bench, which can be difficult to access in a wheelchair or scooter when the ground is muddy. In this way the project would enhance the use and enjoyment of the town's green spaces by wheelchair and scooter users.

How does the project align with the values, objectives and corporate priorities of Buckinghamshire Council?

Improving our environment

This would improve the town's green spaces, and particularly their enjoyment and use by residents of and visitors to Buckingham.

How does the project achieve value for money?

Although there is no match funding being offered, the proposal provides a good fit in terms of value for money because the cost of the scheme is typical of this type of project. An accurate quote has already been obtained for the works.

Any future maintenance required to the benches will be the responsibility of Buckingham Town Council.

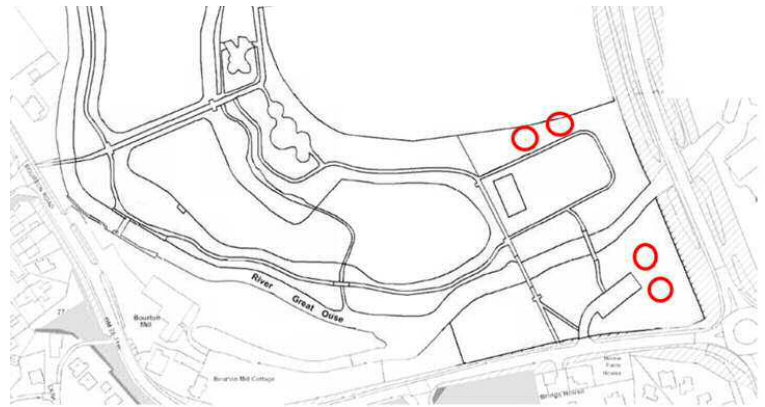
Community Board Coordinator comments

This application has been fully assessed in line with the Community Board funding criteria and is recommended as a project which is suitable to receive funding from the Buckingham and Villages Community Board's Community Area Priorities fund.

The applicant will be required to agree to terms and conditions, which include a monitoring agreement, as discussed with the Community Board Coordinator before the fund will be formally awarded.

Picnic Benches

4x Picnic benches on the existing hardstanding 'Pads' to match the existing and the cheapest option we get the timber made up from Linnells in Silverstone up so we can construct the benches ourselves. Approx. cost £275 each.



Bench for Bourton Park

1x New seating bench along new wildflower walk next to river in Bourton Park to match existing in Park: <https://www.broxap.com/hatton-rustic-4-slat.html>



Hardwood £455 each

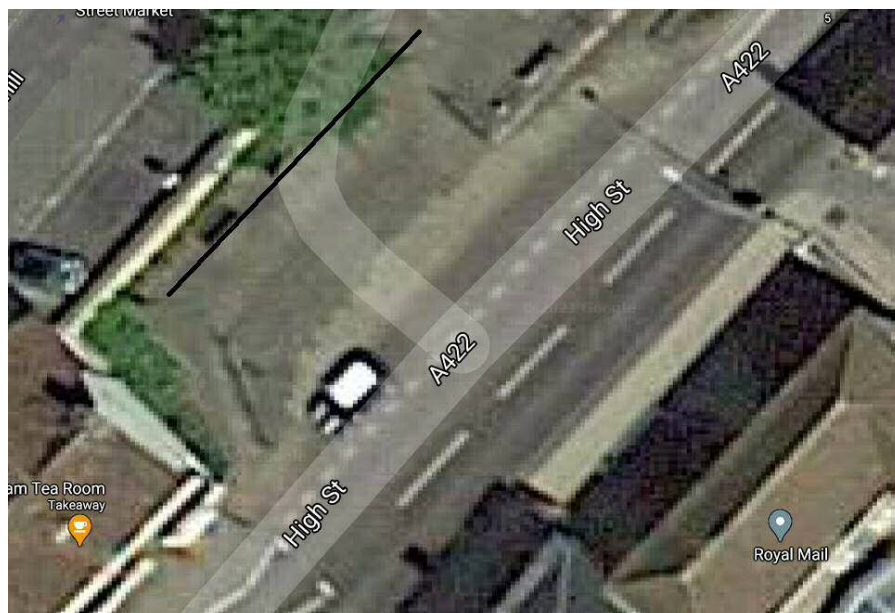
Path to existing bench

A section of Tarmacadam footpath from main path to existing disabled access picnic bench in Bourton Park. 10mx1.8m wide section of Tarmacadam Footpath This could be in the region of £3000.



Benches outside the old gaol

There is room for x2 potential benches to match the existing ones outside The Old Gaol <https://www.broxap.com/ashbourne.html>



Tree bench in Chandos park



Bench around tree in Chandos park. Tree in Chandos Park - From £1,886.00 ex-vat.



Possible Locations



Toilet signs



Two new toilet signs. The Economic Working Groups visited four towns in 2019 to discover what Buckingham could benefit from. One of the findings was that Buckingham is lacking signage. The TIC staff has commented that they have a lot of visitors to the town ask them where the toilets are, even if they have parked in the car park. It is suggested that we put two signs in the locations below to help direct people to the toilets.



Appendix D



Scaled artwork as attached, Dibond Panel @ 600mm x 400mm with Dark Blue Vinyl to face £42.50+vat each (X2)



River Great Ouse Pollution Incident

24 February 2021

Community Briefing

Environment Agency Officers have continued to support recovery and enforcement activities following the pollution event in June 2018. Some aspects of our work have been interrupted by Covid19; social distancing and Covid19 secure ways of working have meant that our usual work with others has been limited. Teams have needed to prioritise workloads and, most significantly, this has impacted on the analysis work of our laboratory teams.

Our recovery efforts focused on restocking fish and engaging volunteers and land owners in potential restoration activities, which could lead to longer term improvements in aquatic habitat as the river recovers.

As indicated in previous community briefings, the enforcement process can take time to conclude and we are not yet in a position to provide information about that, other than to say that our work continues.

Recovery and Restoration

We have stocked 14,000 chub, 25,000 dace and 7,000 roach along the upper reaches of the River Great Ouse between Tingewick and Thornborough Mill. We have seen several reports of anglers having good catches from the river again which was shared via Twitter @OuseFishEA and the Facebook page www.facebook.com/OuseFishEA/

We haven't been able to continue our full programme of invertebrate monitoring, however we were able to prioritise our monitoring at Water Stratford. Results from this site show an overall trend towards improvement in the invertebrate community.

Partnership working - River Wardens

A volunteer group of River Wardens had been established toward the end of 2019 by the Trust for Conservation Volunteers (TCV), a nationwide charitable trust which works across the UK to create healthier and happier communities for everyone; by connecting people and green spaces to deliver lasting outcomes for both. The river warden scheme in Buckingham joins a network of schemes across the Upper Ouse & Bedford catchment partnership, and will benefit from the knowledge and experience of the other groups.

Training sessions for river wardens began at the end of 2019. However, the Covid19 lockdowns and social distancing have limited the amount of work the wardens are able to do. Further training has been planned for after restrictions are lifted.

It is also hoped that the river wardens will be able to receive mammal monitoring training from the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust in order to undertake monitoring of water vole and mink populations along the Upper Ouse. This will tie in with work already being carried out by landowners to encourage water vole back into the Upper Ouse catchment. In the meantime, TCV is looking at running online refresher training courses.

Stay informed

Keep up-to-date with this restoration and other projects by liking our @OuseFishEA Facebook page www.facebook.com/OuseFishEA/ or follow us on Twitter [@OuseFishEA](https://twitter.com/OuseFishEA).

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From: SMITH, Greg B
Sent: 24 February 2021 16:58
To: Paul Hodson
Subject: Healthcare in Buckingham

Hi Paul

Thanks for your email.

Last month I contacted Neil MacDonald, Chief Executive of Bucks Health Trust, for reassurances on this and I was informed that at present there are no plans to make substantial changes to the pattern of services Buckingham Hospital, and this includes the inpatient services provided there. Neil affirmed that the Trust is committed to developing a wide range of services in the hospital that meet the needs of the local community and there are no plans for bed closures.

Kind regards
Greg

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