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Wednesday, 21 July 2021

Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of the **Environment Working Group** of Buckingham Town Council which will be held on Monday 26th July 2021 at 7pm online via Zoom.

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 and agree the minutes of the Environment Working Group meeting held on Monday 14th June 2021 and received at Full Council on the 12th July 2021

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4. Action Report

To receive the report and note the updated information.

[Appendix A](#)

5. Budgets

To receive the latest figures

[Appendix B](#)

6. Maintenance of ford at Ford Street, MK18 1EP

To discuss whether to carry out additional clearing work at the ford, and whether officers



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.

should investigate options for restoring the ford to its historic status. A background note has been provided by Cllr. Whyte.

[Appendix C](#)

7. Community Right to Bid

To agree for the Council to submit a request for the patch of woodland behind Castle House / between Summerhouse Hill & Western Ave car park to be registered as an asset of community interest.

8. Climate Emergency Action Plan Update

To receive and note the updated action plan.

[Appendix D](#)

9. Local Councils' Climate Emergency Meeting

To receive a verbal update from Cllr. Gateley

10. Buckingham Community Wildlife Project

To receive notes of the meeting from the 15th February 2021

[Appendix E](#)

11. Members to discuss and agree Town Council representatives for each of the Community Board Action-groups:

Improving the Environment – (existing representative: Cllr. Willett)

Transport and Highways

Supporting Economic Recovery

Youth – (existing representatives Cllrs. O'Donoghue and Willett)

12. Future Meetings

To receive a verbal report from the Town Clerk

13. News Releases

14. Chair's Announcements

15. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 18th October 2021

16. COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

Exclusion of Public and Press

17. 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.

18. Cemetery and Allotments Planning, Scope of Services and Strategic Brief

To receive, discuss and agree a briefing note from the Estates Manager

[Appendix F](#)

19. Tingewick Road Green Spaces Update

To receive a verbal update from the Town Clerk

20. Holocaust Memorial Stone

To receive and approve a quote for commissioning a memorial stone in Bourton Park

[E/30/21](#)

Committee Members

Cllr. R. Ahmed
Cllr. Mrs. M. Gateley Town Mayor
Cllr. J. Harvey
Cllr. S. Hetherington
Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
Cllr. A. Osibogun

Cllr. A. Ralph
Cllr. A. Schaefer
Cllr. R. Stuchbury
Cllr. W. Whyte
Cllr. R. Willett

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	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	Oct-21
2	Environment	451/18; 739/18; 280/19; 426/19; 895/19; 127/20; 889/20; 1073/20	Healthcare Public Meeting	451/18 Motion – Cllr. Strain-Clark Due to the current perceived threat to Buckingham Hospital in the light of the proposed new Medical Centre at Lace Hill, this committee recommends that Buckingham Town Council organise a public meeting to discuss residents' concerns and invite the Swan Practice, the CCG and other interested parties to attend. Cllr. Stuchbury seconded the motion. Cllr. Harvey said The Bucks Healthcare Trust, BCC, Trade Unions and Staff Unions and other interested parties should be included on the formal list of invitees.	Town Clerk	Not progressed during Covid restrictions and vaccinations	Also on the action plan for Full Council; to be discussed by Full Council on 4th October 2021
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 June 2021	Agenda
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	.We have agreement for our Greenspaces Team to install the new litter bin (fixed to an existing pole outside the launderette) on the Tingewick Road and this job should be programmed in over the next couple of weeks. We are hoping to hear back from the Street scene department over the next few days with agreement on the installation of the new dog waste bin – to be located on the exit from Railway Walk.	On-going

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7	Environment	900/19	Wireless Charging	Town Clerk agreed to report back to a future meeting of Environment Committee.	Town Clerk	The following area has been identified: - Buckingham On-Street: o Chandos / Station Road 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	On-going
8	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.	Agenda
9	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.	Oct-21
10	Environment	328/20	Water Bottle Refill Station	Investigate funding options for an additional water bottle refill station in Buckingham	Estates Administrator	The skate part project manager has confirmed that this is not in the scope of the project.	Ongoing
12	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.	Agenda

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13	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	Our Communications Clerk has been chasing Taylor Wimpey on a regular basis and on the 25th May we received the following reply: The specialist consultant has finally been to the development (we struggled to get them to do a site visit due to Covid) and they are now drafting their proposal to resolve the access issues. Due to the nature of the issue and the area to be worked on they have not been able to confirm a timescale for their proposal.	Ongoing
14	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	Agenda
15	Environment	123/21	'Buckingham Community Flood Response Plan'	Proposed by Cllr. Whyte, seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue and unanimously AGREED to note the draft Buckingham Community Flood Response Plan and recommend to establish a Working Group after the publication of Buckinghamshire Council's Section 19 report. The Working Group would include representatives from all local stakeholders and their remit would be to review the Section 19 report and reflect any changes within the draft Buckingham Community Flood Response Plan	Town Clerk	Members recommended that the Town Clerk write to Buckinghamshire Council asking when the section 19 might be published.	Agenda
16	Environment	124/21	Climate Emergency Action Plan	Review rainwater harvesting on the Brackley Road Cemetery Chapels.	Committee Clerk	To be reviewed at each meeting.	Agenda
17	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 published in the summer newsletter; complete

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18	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	Work with Buckingham Society is underway	Jul-21
20	Environment	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
21	Environment	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
22	Environment	1186/20	Circular Walk	for the office to review all existing footpaths and their intersections to see if it would aid an increase in their usage by publicising them.			Oct-21
24	Environment	122/21	Streetlights	Members unanimously AGREED to recommend that the office conduct a consultation on the current provision of streetlights across Buckingham and to bring a report to a future meeting of the Working Group identifying the implications of installing additional street lighting in new locations across the town	Town Clerk	Article to be published as part of Love Parks Week 23rd July to 1st Aug	Jul-21

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE - EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES

PAGE No	CODE	COST CENTRE	AMOUNT	EXPLANATION
3	4225	253	-63	Actual rates amount not notified until after Precept was set, resulting in underbudgeting
3	4265	253	-2421	Overspend due to works on the new Garden of Rest. To be recoded to 253 4619.

ENVIRONMENT201 ENVIRONMENT

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
3995 NI ENVIRONMENT	4,131	15,766	11,635		11,635	26.2%
3996 PENSION ERS ENVIRONMENT	12,473	45,000	32,527		32,527	27.7%
4004 WAGES & SALARIES ENVIRONMENT	50,161	197,000	146,839		146,839	25.5%
4068 COMMUNITY SERVICE	0	6,769	6,769		6,769	0.0%
4112 ENVIRONMENT EQUIPMENT	1,096	7,000	5,904	139	5,765	17.6%
4168 DEFIBRILLATORS	176	500	324		324	35.2%

ENVIRONMENT :- Indirect Expenditure	68,037	272,035	203,998	139	203,859	25.1%
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Net Expenditure	(68,037)	(272,035)	(203,998)			
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202 ROUNDABOUTS

1051 ROUNDABOUT NO 1 ABBOT FIRE	2,268	2,211	(57)			102.6%
1052 ROUNDABOUT NO 2 ELLA	0	1,178	1,178			0.0%
1053 ROUNDABOUT NO 3 SEASONS INNS	0	1,934	1,934			0.0%
1054 ROUNDABOUT NO 4 R & B	2,530	2,465	(65)			102.6%
1056 ROUNDABOUT NO 6 THE VET CENTRE	2,694	2,626	(68)			102.6%
1057 ROUNDABOUT NO 7 RING ROAD	1,374	1,339	(35)			102.6%

ROUNDABOUTS :- Income	8,866	11,753	2,887			75.4%
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4108 ROUNDABOUT	0	1,320	1,320		1,320	0.0%
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ROUNDABOUTS :- Indirect Expenditure	0	1,320	1,320	0	1,320	0.0%
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Net Income over Expenditure	8,866	10,433	1,567			
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203 MAINTENANCE

4082 ALLOTMENTS	0	2,030	2,030		2,030	0.0%
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MAINTENANCE :- Indirect Expenditure	0	2,030	2,030	0	2,030	0.0%
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Net Expenditure	0	(2,030)	(2,030)			
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204 DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES

1017 DEV SERVS NON CARRIAGEWAY INC	20,381	20,353	(28)			100.1%
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DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES :- Income	20,381	20,353	(28)			100.1%
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4124 DEVOLVED NON-CARRIAGEWAY	603	8,500	7,897		7,897	7.1%
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DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES :- Indirect Expenditure	603	8,500	7,897	0	7,897	7.1%
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Net Income over Expenditure	19,778	11,853	(7,925)			
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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	930	1,827	897		897	50.9%
4035 MACHINERY	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%
4036 FUEL (MOWER)	166	1,035	869		869	16.0%
4037 SUNDRIES	231	2,518	2,287		2,287	9.2%
4063 VEHICLE HIRE AND RUNNING COSTS	2,153	13,703	11,550	49	11,501	16.1%
GROUND MAINTENANCE :- Indirect Expenditure	3,480	21,083	17,603	49	17,554	16.7%
Net Expenditure	(3,480)	(21,083)	(17,603)			
<u>248 DEPOT</u>						
4013 EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%
4055 ALARM	0	416	416		416	0.0%
4225 RATES	4,142	4,263	121		121	97.2%
4601 REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	210	812	602		602	25.9%
4602 ELECTRICITY	284	1,400	1,116		1,116	20.3%
4603 WATER	130	750	620		620	17.4%
DEPOT :- Indirect Expenditure	4,766	9,641	4,875	0	4,875	49.4%
Net Expenditure	(4,766)	(9,641)	(4,875)			
<u>249 PUBLIC TOILETS</u>						
1085 SHOP MOBILITY INCOME	0	102	102			0.0%
PUBLIC TOILETS :- Income	0	102	102			0.0%
4602 ELECTRICITY	0	500	500		500	0.0%
4603 WATER	0	500	500		500	0.0%
4608 SHOP MOBILITY	0	1,041	1,041		1,041	0.0%
4612 CONTRACTOR CHARGE	2,612	10,883	8,271		8,271	24.0%
4709 MAINTENANCE	0	521	521		521	0.0%
PUBLIC TOILETS :- Indirect Expenditure	2,612	13,445	10,833	0	10,833	19.4%
Net Income over Expenditure	(2,612)	(13,343)	(10,731)			
<u>250 LACE HILL</u>						
1026 LACE HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE	11,413	44,376	32,963			25.7%
1027 SOLAR INCOME	0	260	260			0.0%
LACE HILL :- Income	11,413	44,636	33,223			25.6%
4050 LACE HILL PLAYING FIELDS	0	3,500	3,500		3,500	0.0%
4118 SOLAR PANELS	0	350	350		350	0.0%
4158 LACE HILL GAS	535	4,060	3,525		3,525	13.2%

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4159 LACE HILL ELECTRICITY	924	1,989	1,065		1,065	46.4%
4160 LACE HILL WATER	50	750	700		700	6.6%
4161 LACE HILL REPAIRS & MAINT	2,034	3,553	1,519	85	1,434	59.6%
4162 LACE HILL CONTRACTOR CHARGE	1,888	3,806	1,918		1,918	49.6%
4163 LACE HILL ALARM	0	521	521		521	0.0%
4164 LACE HILL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	101	3,628	3,527	1,110	2,417	33.4%
4225 RATES	9,731	9,998	268		268	97.3%
LACE HILL :- Indirect Expenditure	15,262	32,155	16,893	1,195	15,698	51.2%
Net Income over Expenditure	(3,848)	12,481	16,329			
<u>251 CHANDOS PARK</u>						
1030 BOWLS INCOME	0	572	572			0.0%
1035 TENNIS COURT RENT	0	651	651			0.0%
CHANDOS PARK :- Income	0	1,223	1,223			0.0%
4601 REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	95	3,201	3,106		3,106	3.0%
4602 ELECTRICITY	186	521	335		335	35.7%
4603 WATER	390	1,300	910		910	30.0%
CHANDOS PARK :- Indirect Expenditure	671	5,022	4,351	0	4,351	13.4%
Net Income over Expenditure	(671)	(3,799)	(3,128)			
<u>252 BOURTON PARK</u>						
4601 REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	925	6,910	5,986		5,986	13.4%
BOURTON PARK :- Indirect Expenditure	925	6,910	5,986	0	5,986	13.4%
Net Expenditure	(925)	(6,910)	(5,986)			
<u>253 CEMETERY</u>						
1041 BURIAL FEES	8,762	18,270	9,508			48.0%
CEMETERY :- Income	8,762	18,270	9,508			48.0%
4225 RATES	469	406	(63)		(63)	115.4%
4265 NEW CEM MAINTENANCE	7,421	5,000	(2,421)		(2,421)	148.4%
4601 REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	194	4,319	4,125	1,295	2,830	34.5%
4602 ELECTRICITY	72	457	385		385	15.9%
4617 MEMORIAL TESTING	0	2,083	2,083		2,083	0.0%
4619 NEW CEM REPAYMENTS	0	36,680	36,680		36,680	0.0%
4620 EXPENSES RE BURIAL DUTIES	386	5,000	4,614		4,614	7.7%
CEMETERY :- Indirect Expenditure	8,543	53,945	45,402	1,295	44,107	18.2%
Net Income over Expenditure	219	(35,675)	(35,894)			

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<u>254 CHANDOS PARK TOILETS</u>						
4612 CONTRACTOR CHARGE	2,613	10,373	7,760		7,760	25.2%
4709 MAINTENANCE	24	1,041	1,017		1,017	2.4%
CHANDOS PARK TOILETS :- Indirect Expenditure	2,637	11,414	8,777	0	8,777	23.1%
Net Expenditure	(2,637)	(11,414)	(8,777)			
<u>255 RAILWAY WALK & CASTLE HILL</u>						
4120 FRIENDS OF GROUPS	0	1,041	1,041		1,041	0.0%
4709 MAINTENANCE	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%
RAILWAY WALK & CASTLE HILL :- Indirect Expenditure	0	2,041	2,041	0	2,041	0.0%
Net Expenditure	0	(2,041)	(2,041)			
<u>256 STORAGE PREMISES</u>						
4066 GRENVILLE GARAGE RENT	150	677	527		527	22.1%
STORAGE PREMISES :- Indirect Expenditure	150	677	527	0	527	22.1%
Net Expenditure	(150)	(677)	(527)			
<u>258 CEMETERY LODGE</u>						
1061 CEMETERY LODGE RENTAL INCOME	2,537	10,966	8,429			23.1%
CEMETERY LODGE :- Income	2,537	10,966	8,429			23.1%
4034 PWLB REPAYMENTS INCL INTEREST	0	4,072	4,072		4,072	0.0%
4609 CEMETERY LODGE MAINT	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0%
CEMETERY LODGE :- Indirect Expenditure	0	7,072	7,072	0	7,072	0.0%
Net Income over Expenditure	2,537	3,894	1,357			
<u>260 CCTV</u>						
4100 CCTV ONGOING COSTS	0	1,667	1,667		1,667	0.0%
CCTV :- Indirect Expenditure	0	1,667	1,667	0	1,667	0.0%
Net Expenditure	0	(1,667)	(1,667)			
<u>261 COMMUNITY CENTRE STRUCTURAL RE</u>						
4085 STRUCTURAL REPAIRS	0	2,030	2,030		2,030	0.0%
4091 CHAMBER WORKS	230	1,015	785		785	22.6%
COMMUNITY CENTRE STRUCTURAL RE :- Indirect Expenditure	230	3,045	2,815	0	2,815	7.5%
Net Expenditure	(230)	(3,045)	(2,815)			

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<u>262 PARKS GENERAL</u>						
4101 SEATS AND BINS	13	1,041	1,028		1,028	1.3%
4102 DOG BINS	0	4,350	4,350		4,350	0.0%
4106 PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	829	5,088	4,259	707	3,552	30.2%
4122 TREE WORKS	1,230	13,203	11,973		11,973	9.3%
4270 BRIDGES	0	2,015	2,015	1,000	1,015	49.6%
4275 PLAY AREA REPLACEMENT FUND	0	1,015	1,015		1,015	0.0%
4276 TREE WARDENS	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%
PARKS GENERAL :- Indirect Expenditure	2,072	27,712	25,640	1,707	23,933	13.6%
Net Expenditure	<u>(2,072)</u>	<u>(27,712)</u>	<u>(25,640)</u>			
ENVIRONMENT :- Income	51,959	107,303	55,344			48.4%
Expenditure	109,986	479,714	369,728	4,385	365,343	23.8%
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(58,027)</u>					
Grand Totals:- Income	51,959	107,303	55,344			48.4%
Expenditure	109,986	479,714	369,728	4,385	365,343	23.8%
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(58,027)</u>	<u>(372,411)</u>	<u>(314,384)</u>			
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(58,027)</u>					

EARMARKED RESERVES901 EARMARKED RESERVES

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
9001 YOUTH COUNCIL	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%
9002 CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT	0	97,886	97,886		97,886	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%
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	45,121	45,121		45,121	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	5,594	5,594		5,594	0.0%
9040 PARK RUN	0	89	89		89	0.0%
9045 ACCESS FOR ALL	0	251	251		251	0.0%
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	0	12,000	12,000		12,000	0.0%
9052 DEPOT EQUIPMENT PURCHASE	0	15,000	15,000		15,000	0.0%
9053 AEDs	0	420	420		420	0.0%
9054 LACE HILL REPAIRS & MAINTENANC	0	25,000	25,000		25,000	0.0%
9055 RIVER RINSE	0	250	250		250	0.0%
9057 CEMETERY LODGE REPAIRS	0	10,000	10,000		10,000	0.0%
9058 BOWLS CLUB PAVILLION REPAIRS	0	8,000	8,000		8,000	0.0%
9059 MAKING GOOD/BOUNDARY REPAIRS B	0	45,000	45,000		45,000	0.0%
9060 RIVER WARDENS	0	1,575	1,575		1,575	0.0%
9061 COVID BOUNCE BACK EVENTS	(23)	8,680	8,703	6,322	2,381	72.6%
9062 GRANTS	0	2,100	2,100		2,100	0.0%
9063 TWINNING	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%
9064 HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%
9065 PURCHASE CEMETERY & ALLOTMENT	0	87,000	87,000		87,000	0.0%
EARMARKED RESERVES :- Indirect Expenditure	(23)	492,767	492,790	67,281	425,509	13.6%

Net Expenditure

23

(492,767)

(492,790)

EARMARKED RESERVES :- Income

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Expenditure

(23)

492,767

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425,509

13.6%

Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve

23

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
Grand Totals:- Income	0	0	0			0.0%
Expenditure	(23)	492,767	492,790	67,281	425,509	13.6%
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>23</u>	<u>(492,767)</u>	<u>(492,790)</u>			
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>23</u>					

The Ford, Ford Street, Buckingham

For over fifteen years, the ford has been left without maintenance apart from occasional grass and weed cutting. This agenda item is not to pre-empt the Section 19 flood report and any works that this might suggest, but to discuss the town council's view on how the ford should be generally maintained, and if it would benefit from visual improvement.

There has been significant silt build up alongside the ford, with vegetation establishing itself along the Coopers Wharf wall. This 2009 photograph taken at the unveiling of the plaque shows a little of the condition of the ford at this time.



In May 2021 it was noticeably blocked and the river narrower, and it would seem prudent to work with Transport for Bucks, Buckinghamshire Council and Coopers Wharf freeholder (as riparian owner) to remove the silt build up, cut back the self-seeded vegetation and to consider ideas for the repair of the ford hard standing on either bank.



This 1938 picture of the ford is from the Buckinghamshire archives and shows how the ford was properly edged to the river.



The postcard is undated but is without telegraph poles so is likely to be some time before the picture above.





**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 over-arching 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
1.	Creation of a Climate Emergency webpage to enable discussion, idea sharing and extend public awareness of the issues.	Number of visitors per year	Resources Committee	Page created on the Town Council's website and has generated 124 page visits during the last year and, 114 unique page visits. Monthly social media content planning sessions allow for a regular programme of environmental campaigns and initiatives.
2.	Information can be made available in Buckingham library and on notice boards to maximise public awareness and access to information	Number of contacts made	Resources Committee	It is hoped we can arrange something with the Buckingham library, once business return to normal – Autumn 2021.
3.	Encourage practical action by local people through proactive communication campaigns.	Number of visitors per year to webpage	TC&E and Environment Committee	Additional information added to the Town Council's website on local organisations that can help with residents'

				own climate action plans. Communication Strategy Group to discuss a newsletter article on 'communicating decarbonisation & leading the local conversation about tackling the climate crisis'
4.	Consultation on the Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan refresh will enable detailed consultation on the proposed changes.		Planning Committee	Consultation to be rolled out in Summer 2021.
5.	Encourage the formation of Local Climate Action Groups.	One formed	Resources Committee	To be created following first public meeting (date to be confirmed).
6.	Host a public meeting on the issue.	One per year	Resources Committee	Delayed by lockdown. In consultation with the Town Council's Climate Champions on a suitable way forward.
Energy - reduce energy demand, improve energy efficiency and convert to renewable, low or zero carbon technologies for energy and heat				
	Action	Measure	Responsibility	Updates
7.	Implement an Energy Audit of all Council buildings, operations and vehicles	Actions implemented	Resources Committee	Eco Audit consultant appointed in July 2021 and it is hoped a survey will take place Autumn 2021.

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	Tree planting sessions: 12 th March and 7 th November 2020. Tree Planting sessions for Spring 2021 were postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will be an event arranged for Autumn/Winter 2021 to coincide with arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee/Commonwealth Canopy Project.
10.	Investigate options for carbon offsetting Town Council event e.g. Bonfire & Fireworks	Publication of carbon offsetting certification for each relevant event	Town Centre & Event Committee	To be investigated as part of the Eco audit – July 2021.
11.	Minimise the climate impact from development and encourage a low carbon economy through our Neighbourhood Development Plan by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage a sustainable pattern of development supported by a low carbon transport infrastructure 	% of new builds in the parish to be low carbon properties	Planning Committee	To be considered through consultation on the Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan refresh. Consultation to
		% of new builds in the parish to be	Planning Committee	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote sustainable design in and in the overall town by interrogating every planning application (large or small) with our developing set of 'zero carbon planning questions' • Protecting against the needless destruction and/or removal of tree from our parish 	low carbon properties		be rolled out in Summer 2021. Draft design guide prepared which takes account of this.
12.	Install renewable energy generation on Council owned buildings	Installation of Photovoltaic Panels on all the Lace Hill Centre, The Community Centre and the new cemetery building (once constructed).	Full Council and Resources Committee	Members AGREED that Greenway Solar be commissioned to install 55 Trina Solar Vertex S 380W all black split cell mono photovoltaic (solar) panels at the Lace Hill Sports and Community Centre
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
13.	Provide recycling facilities at all Town Council Events and within Town Council owned buildings.	One mixed recycling bin per event	TC&E /Environment	Recycling bins are now being provided at all Town Council events. In particular, noting the success of recycling Biffa bins at Music in the Market & Bandjam.

				Recycling in all BTC offices now implemented.
14.	Work with and support litter picking initiatives around town including the increased promotion of annual River rinse events.	One Town Council event per year in addition to the two annual river rinses.	TC&E Committee	During October 2020 the Town Council launched a ' Rubbish Campaign ' to encourage residents to conduct individual litter picks, which was covered by national local council press. A new initiative #QuickLitterPick launched in Bourton Park to allow the public access to litter picking equipment, similar to the 2-minute beach clean.
14	Investigate possibilities of rainwater harvesting for all new town council buildings and use the water for planters and hanging baskets	One per new build (owned by BTC)	Resources Committee	To be considered within the construction design stage of the new cemetery buildings. Resources 5/7/21 all Town Council owned buildings are considered for retrofitting rainwater harvesting for watering the town's planters and hanging baskets.
15.	Fit water saving devices in all town council owned toilets	One per toilet	Environment Committee	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. To promote Anglian Water's water saving advice and 'Keep it Clear' campaign. Also, to publicise information on the water quality impacts of foul water misconnections into surface water sewers
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.
17.	Actions implemented to eliminate the use of single-use plastics within Council offices/buildings and continue to promote Plastic-free Buckingham	No purchases of single use plastics	Resources Committee	The Council no longer purchases single use plastic items for events and for use within its offices. The plastic-free message was promoted as part of the 'Rubbish Campaign' and launch of the water bottle refill station in Chandos Park.
18.	Implement waste education and promotional campaigns	Number of interactions through social media and with groups including schools	Resources Committee	Officers have been continuing to promote what the Council is doing to address climate change. Social media content planning sessions allow for a

				regular programme of environmental campaigns and initiatives. Most recently the #QuickLitterPick initiative and Litter poster competition with Bourton Meadow Primary School
19.	Request a carbon footprint of any Town Council investment and seek to reduce this by switching to investments supporting renewable energy projects and eco-enhancements.	Measure and publish low carbon emission certification	Resources Committee	To be considered within the forthcoming Eco Audit commissioned by Resources.
20.	Buy local, fair-trade, recycled, plastic free, repairable and sustainable products wherever possible/available.	Consideration of a procurement strategy	Resources Committee	Wherever possible sustainable materials will always be sourced. The most recent example being the 7 new recycled plastic litter bins for the Brackley Road cemetery. July 2021: Full Council adopted a Sustainable Purchasing and Procurement Policy
21.	Ask grant applicants to consider the impact on the environment of their project and any steps they can take to mitigate them. Members to consider these responses when allocating grant funds.		Resources Committee	From 2021/21 each applicant must state how their organisation is working to reduce the environmental impact of their project.

Transport – to promote walking, cycling and public transport. Accelerating the move to Council owned electric vehicles.				
	Action	Measure	Responsibility	Updates
22.	Explore more bike parking facilities around the town, including local schools and businesses.	5 more racks by 2021	Planning Committee	Approved applications for: RLS 13 + 6 at the Sports Hall and McDonalds 4 double-sided bike racks. All new development housing has either a shed big enough to house a bike, or (for flats) a room for cycle parking, generally at the rate of 1 per flat: St Rumbolds Fields 398 houses & flats Hamilton site 33 flats + 17 houses.
23.	Consider holding an event that promotes cycling around the town	To be considered on a future agenda of TC&E 2021/22	Town Centre & Events Committee	To be considered at TC&E once business returns to normal and social distancing rules allow for more public events.
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	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

	usable life, resulting in full replacement with electric vehicles by 2030.			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 Buckingham as a 'pedestrian friendly town' on the Council's 'Walks and Maps' section of the website.	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.
26.	Work with Buckinghamshire Council to extend/ improve cycle/ walking network		Full Council	The Greenspaces Team have maintained walking and cycling routes across BTC land holdings and under agreement with others. The Town Council have provided feedback to Buckinghamshire Council to support the

				introduction of a cycle scheme between Gawcott and Buckingham via the Emergency Active Travel fund.
27.	Work with Buckinghamshire Council on increasing EV charge points on public land		Full Council	Initial contact has been made with electric vehicle Induction charging company (Char.gy) to identify potential solutions. Chandos Road -street parking is being considered for a pilot project. Buckinghamshire Council have agreed to install 8 charging points in Cornwall's Meadow and Western Avenue.
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

29.	Advise residents on steps to increase resilience	Increased number of residents signed up to the Flood Warden Scheme	Environment & Resources Committee	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.
30.	Promote the community flood warden scheme	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.
31.	Protect and enhance native species and habitats. Promoting and supporting opportunities for environmental enhancement and regeneration	One environmental campaign per year	Environment Committee	Installation of wildflower boards in Bourton Park to promote the planting of native wildflower species (April 2021). Thousands of native Woodland bulbs were planted around Bourton Park in September 2020.

				Further wildflower planting is planned for 2021.
32.	Support local food production including the provision of more allotments for people to grow their own food.	Number of allotment holders at the new Tingewick Road Allotment site	Full Council	The Town Council continues to signpost new applicants to the Allotment society and Edible Woodland and is working with Buckinghamshire Council on potential sites for community gardening sites. Plans for the new site will be developed during 2021.
33.	Seek adequate garden space or community spaces for growing food in all future development.	One community space per new development	Full Council and Planning Committee	To be reviewed within the refresh of the NDP
34.	Purchase (where possible) locally produced and fair-trade food for the Council's use and civic events.	All BTC events	Town Centre & Events Committee	Incorporated within planning for all Town Council events.
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 by Environment Committee in March. The paddocks and sections of the bypass are cut later in the year to support and promote biodiversity.
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.

Notes of a meeting of the Buckingham Community Wildlife Project Steering Group held via Zoom on 15 February 2021.

Present - Athina Beckett, Margaret Gateley, Michael Hunt, Ruth Newell (Chair and Minutes), Ian Orton, Lee Phillips.

Apologies – Terry Bloomfield, Jenny Manning

1. Apologies

Were received from Terry Bloomfield and Jenny Manning. Michael Hunt was welcomed to his first meeting to represent the Railway Walk Conservation Group (in the absence of Jenny) but also as a Nature recorder and Dendrologist.

2. Reports from meeting held on 7 September 2020 were noted.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Buckingham Railway Walk Conservation Group – Michael Hunt

Michael presented Jenny Manning's report.

Due to the Covid pandemic our volunteers haven't met since March 2020. We chose not to meet even when restrictions were eased as the personal safety of all the volunteers was paramount. Our plans for the walkway were put on hold, but having recently contacted our regular volunteers, we hope to resume at some point later in 2021 when it becomes safer to meet as a group. Our interest in helping wildlife along the Railway Walk continues as it has been shown to have a rich diversity worth protecting and enhancing. We will of course follow both Government and local guidelines for social contact and safe working practices.

We would like to continue with nest box monitoring (Michael Hunt is able to continue with that as a lone worker and this week is national nest box week), fruit tree pruning in the orchard and glade management. Following on from the dormouse survey when it was noted that parts of the walkway were apparently devoid of small mammals, to help to encourage their return the group want to plant some small trees around the edge of the glade behind the pond with species that have wildlife value. Wild Crab apple, Hazel, Mountain Ash and Wayfaring tree. Plant plugs of Winter Aconites and additional Purple Loosestrife flowers would also be good for insects.

The group have recently received notification of renewal of the public indemnity and tools insurance for our group. The policy usually expires in November but Zurich seems to have extended the cover until 24th February this year. The renewal premium for the coming year is £401.55. Jenny has contacted the renewals department to enquire if it is possible to insure just the tools until we resume work later in the year. Her request has been sent to the underwriters at Zurich for them to consider, and no reply received as yet. Jenny would forward the documents on to the Town Council for their consideration.

Jenny had emailed Joanne Makin to ask if we still have permission to work in the area

previously managed by AVDC, which is now in the process of being handed over to Buckinghamshire Council. I hope all members of the group are well and keeping safe and look forward to meeting again in person.

Michael Hunt mentioned the dip with ditch and drainage reported by Lee that floods the path. Emergency work could be done. In the past the group built a channel and could look at doing something. The water had nowhere to go but would right itself and Lee would look at it in the summer and work on tree damage and make sure nothing was obstructing it.

5. Maids Moreton Avenue Conservation Group

Bill Truscott was not present, and had not been heard from in terms of a report or apologies, but Margaret understood that Bill was still doing work in the Avenue such as littler clearance.

6. Bourton Park, Chandos Park and Railway Walk – Lee Phillips

Bourton Park wildflower seeding continued in the area by car park and would keep refreshing the main paddock area, adding different seed mixes, one for bird seed in the area around the trees in the middle. Lots of snowdrops were coming up that had been planted in Autumn 2020. Different mixes used in autumn, alluvial plain mixes but grass and nettles want to take over.

On the by-pass yellow rattle was being seeded to compete with grass to allow the wildflowers to come through.

7. Buckingham Canal Society - Athina Beckett

Small work parties had been doing brick laying. Hyde Lane nature area, had been improved with mixture of wildflowers. The Bourton Meadow site had teenagers holding a party at the site. The canal liner gets washed away, and the black plastic was showing through the grass. Hope to start working in the area in March and April depending on lockdown regulations. The area was being well used by the public.

8. Buckingham Society – Ian Orton

Trees - Ongoing lockdown coupled with social distancing has stemmed many of the Buckingham Society's activities in relation to the town's fauna and flora. Once normality arrives however, we would like to reinstate and expand - with Michael Hunt's assistance - our tree walk programme. The initial walks curated by Michael were successful and generated a lot of interest. Buckingham's treescape is one of its defining features and we would like to bring it to the notice of our fellow citizens. Creating an interest in our trees and hedgerows makes it more likely that these can be conserved for future generations to enjoy as well as providing valuable habitats for wildlife. To support this end the Buckingham Society would like to produce tree-related literature, perhaps a calendar featuring Buckingham's best liked trees or leaflets outlining suitable tree walks for both visitors and locals.

Floods - The recent floods have, rather predictably increased interest in flood alleviation and mitigation schemes. Natural flood management schemes have started to arouse the interest of government and other agencies such as the Environment Agency. And these

may be coming here, or at least to the Upper Great Ouse catchment area. The Thame River Trust has secured funding to “deliver” natural flood management schemes in the Upper Ouse catchment as part of a programme to reduce flood risk in the Buckingham area. As the name implies, natural followed management focuses on “natural” measures rather than heavily engineered human measures. This can involve river and floodplain restoration, land management and tree planting measures to reduce river and watercourse flow and increase the ability of catchments to absorb water. Natural flood management measures can also provide other benefits as well as reducing flood risks such as creating new wetland habitats which help to support wildlife and biodiversity. The Society are hoping to get the person who is coordinating the Thame River Trust’s natural flood management programme to give the Buckingham Society’s annual lecture later in the year, assuming of course that lockdown and social distancing will be a distant memory,

9. Wildlife update from Buckinghamshire Council

Report from Emma Foster Ecology Officer

Support has been provided to BBOWT with TVC who coordinates the River Wardens in Buckingham, to monitor the water voles and mink within the River Great Ouse. The monitoring survey season will be going ahead this year and we are planning to place the mink monitoring rafts as soon as possible over the coming month. With volunteers monitoring the rafts over time.

We have just obtained the recent 2020 updates from the previous water vole survey last year. The results suggest water voles continue to persist at low to moderate densities, which is a positive outcome. There have been significant increases in water vole activity and colonised around Tingewick Road Industrial Park and Buckingham Golf Club.

In terms of the mink population from the 2020 survey 5 minks have been seen using the rafts across the River Great Ouse.

10. Wardens – Tree, River, Park – Town Council

Tree Wardens had been asked to find locations for tree planting and Addington Road had been suggested as one site. The Town Council would develop planting plans and species. Disease resistant Elms suggested to replace many of the Elms we have lost. Select some to replace the Ash trees we have lost on the town.

Willows by river could we replant some or management plan to pollard them. Gold weeping one in Chandos Park. Black poplars planted near the river in the heartland.

MG – found another stretch of riverside walk along the Foundry, was with developers. Confirmed we did want it added to the circular walk.

LRNS plan interface to protect trees in the same way as buildings.

IO – Weeping ash in old churchyard trimmed back 2 weeks ago critical or OK. Neil Passmore dealt with following limb off in storm.

More funding for river wardens to last 4 to 5 years.

Park Wardens had not progressed.

11. Upper Ouse Natural Flood Management Project

Delivered via River Thame Conservation Trust – Annabel was looking for landowners, and was attending a Town Council meeting and speaking at the Buckingham Society annual lecture.

12. AOB

None.

13. Date of next meetings

- 14 June 2021 at 6pm, amended to 26 July 2021 at 6pm when hopefully Covid restrictions will have been lifted.
- 18 October 2021 at 6pm

Thank you to all for their invaluable work for wildlife in Buckingham.

Ruth Newell
16/2/2021 and 13/6/2021