

BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Town Clerk: Mr. C. P. Wayman

Tuesday, 08 December 2015

Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of Buckingham Town Council will be held on **Monday 14th December 2015** at 7pm in the Town Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow, Buckingham.

Mr. C. P. Wayman
Town Clerk

Please note that the Environment Committee meeting will be preceded by Public Session lasting for a maximum of 15 minutes, in accordance with Standing Order 1.3.

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 7th September 2015, approved at Full Council on the 5th October 2015, and 26th October 2015 to be approved at Full Council on 25th January 2016.

Copies previously circulated

4. Action Report

To receive the report and note the updated information.

Appendix A

5. Precept

To receive a report from the Deputy Town Clerk

E/36/15

6. Budgets

6.1 To receive the latest figures

Appendix B

6.2 To agree that any unspent funds in the Environment budgets be put into the Parks Development budget in Earmarked reserves (9035/901) at year end.

7. Grounds Maintenance Tender Response

To receive and agree the preferred Tender applicant; supplementary information to be provided at meeting.

Buckingham



Twinned with Mouvaux, France



Members are reminded to declare any prejudicial interest as soon as it becomes apparent

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| 8. Cemetery Provision – Tingewick Rd
To receive a written report from the Green Spaces Manager | E/34/15 |
| 9. Lace Hill Community Centre
To receive a written report from the Green Spaces Manager | E/35/15 |
| 10. Riverbank
To receive a written report and quotation | E/37/15 |
| 11. Railway Walk
To receive a report about registering the walk on the BCC definitive map | Appendix C |
| 12. BCWP
To receive a verbal report from Cllr Newell | |
| 13. Wild flower planting for bees – Bourton Park
To receive a request from Cllr Stuchbury | |
| 14. Edible Buckingham
To receive a verbal update from Cllr Newell | |
| 15. (549/15) Festival of Health – delegated from Full Council
To discuss item delegated | |
| 16. Bus Shelters
Cllr Harvey - To review the provision of bus shelters in the wider town and decide upon any action to take.
<i>Members are asked to consider ideas for any new installations around the town for discussion.</i> | |
| 17. Access Awareness
To receive a verbal update from Cllr Strain-Clark | |
| 18. News Releases | |
| 19. Chair's Announcements | |
| 20. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 15 th February 2016 | |

To:

Cllr. Ms. J Bates
Cllr. T. Bloomfield
Cllr. G. Collins
Cllr. P. Collins
Cllr. J. Harvey
Cllr. P. Hirons
Cllr. D. Isham – Vice Chairman
Cllr. A. Mahi - Mayor

Cllr. Ms. R. Newell – Chairman
Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue
Cllr. M. Smith
Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark
Cllr. R. Stuchbury

APPENDIX A

Minute No	Action Required	Action Taken	Result
215/11, 334/11 & 709/14	Discussion Paper – Renewable Energy	Report regarding fuel poverty – Solar panels for Community centre. Issue with testing of roof to be resolved	Awaiting permission from AVE
737.2 & 344/13	Cemetery Paths	Prices to be sought for a replacement of all paths, budgets to be set aside in earmarked reserves for the replacement footpath	Work to be undertaken after Christmas
741/11	Chandos Park lime trees	GSM to produce report regarding planting a replacement row of trees as one of the lime trees had to be removed	To be within Chandos Park Management Plan
481/12 & 498.3	BMX Track	Look into possibilities for new BMX track and if it could be included in the Neighbourhood plan	Sources of funding to be considered
878/13, 598/12, 199/14;830/14	Bourton Ponds Project	Public being consulted as to opinion of proposed plans, funding being sought,	On Hold
330/14	Ken Tagg Play Area	Replacement of play equipment	Awaiting installation
580/14	Purchase or rental of New Premises	investigate the purchasing or rental of suitable premises	Looking for January completion
705/14 & 326/10 & 218/13	Cemetery Burial Space	Report to be brought to committee regarding further provision	On agenda
708/14, 87/15	Bollards at Church	Parking issue on grass to side of Church	Ongoing
831/14 & 93/15	Chris Nicholls Walk	Seek information on ownership and possibility of taking over	Ongoing
90/15	Entrance signs for Bourton Park	get prices for entrance signage to areas of Bourton park and information boards	
92/15	Sports Pitch Provision	Sports provision questionnaire issued, follow up meetings to be arranged	Ongoing, meeting in new year regarding land required. Town Clerk
255/15	Green Flag Status	Areas to be addressed where the criteria is not currently met. With a view to put in an application for the Cemetery, Bourton and Chandos Parks.	Ongoing. Deputy Town Clerk.
839/14, 257/15	Table Tennis Table Bourton Park	Pricing being sought	Ongoing
261/15	Access Awareness	Consider suitable sites in Town centre for further benches	2 locations being considered
498.1	Grounds Maintenance Contract	Receive tender submission results and agree preferred applicant.	On Agenda
502/15	Access Awareness	Step from Church Street to Church is a problem for access to church due to high step	Investigate

Items not started

ongoing items

completed items

**BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Monday 7th December 2015**

Agenda item no: 5

Committee Chairman: Cllr Ruth Newell

Contact Officer: Dean Jones

Proposed changes to Environment Precept budget 2016/17

Attached is a spreadsheet detailing the proposed precept changes to the Environment budget. The budget will increase from £113230 2015/16 to £265663 2016/17. The increase will have the greatest overall impact on Buckingham Town Council Precept 2016/17. If the Environment budget is agreed at our next Precept meeting on Monday 11th January 2016, Buckingham residents are likely to see an increase of approximately £28.88 per household which is a monthly increase of approximately £2.40 or a weekly increase of 55 pence.

The increase in the environment budget incorporates the cost of the new depot, the Lace Hill Community Centre, the toilets in the Cornwall Meadow Car Park, the cost of Shop mobility and the planning and resources needed for the proposed new cemetery on the Tingewick Road. In the first year there are many set-up costs involved in each of these projects. Contingencies have been built in to cater for the unforeseen costs. Business rates and bills are largely estimates or based on the best information we have at hand; they could therefore be subject to change depending on what we learn in 2016/17. I have highlighted all changes for the committee to review.

Recommendation

The proposed increase of 55 pence per week represents the cost of the decisions that have been made in previous committee meetings. This includes the new toilets, Shop mobility, the Lace Hill Community Centre and the new Cemetery. It is a reflection of good financial planning and cost savings in previous years that we don't have the capacity to draw on funds from other areas of the budget. I recommend that the council agree the proposed changes with acknowledgement of the benefits that these new facilities will bring to the residents of Buckingham. The Deputy Town Clerk will be present to answer any questions and note any items for further consideration.

Cost Centre	Account Code	Budget title	2015/16 Actual Budget	Actual Year to date	Variance annual total	16/17	Rationale/ Notes
		Environment					
201	4101	Seats and Bins	£3,000	£0.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	
201	4069	Grit Bins	£900	£0.00	£900.00	£900.00	
201	4112	Environment Equipment	£6,000	£4,092.00	£1,908.00	£6,000.00	
201	4068	Community Service	£6,750	£3,120.00	£3,630.00	£6,750.00	
201	4118	Green Waste Disposal	£360	£300.00	£60.00	£360.00	
		TOTAL	£17,010	£7,512.00	£9,498.0	£17,010.00	
202	4108	Roundabout Contractor	£10,000	£5,084.00	£4,916.00	£10,000.00	subject to contract renewal
202	1051	Roundabout No 1	-£2,032	-£2,014.00	-£18.00	-£2,032.00	
202	1052	Roundabout No 2	-£1,547	-£1,074.00	-£473.00	-£1,547.00	
202	1053	Roundabout No 3	-£1,778	-£1,762.00	-£16.00	-£1,778.00	
202	1054	Roundabout No 4	-£2,211	£0.00	-£2,211.00	-£2,211.00	
202	1056	Roundabout No 6	-£2,426	-£2,405.00	-£21.00	-£2,426.00	
202	1057	Roundabout No 7	-£1,237	-£1,226.00	-£11.00	-£1,237.00	
		TOTAL	-£1,231	-£3,397.00	£2,166.00	-£1,231.00	
203	4063	Vehicle Hire and Running	£6,000	£2,875.00	£3,125.00	£6,000.00	
203	4082	Allotments	£1,500	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,500.00	
203	4102	Dog Bins	£4,000	£0.00	£4,000.00	£4,320.00	
		TOTAL	£11,500	£4,375.00	£7,125.0	£11,820.00	
		Devolved Services Expenses					
		Devolved Services	£29,770	£19,682.00	£10,088.0	£20,000.00	

Cost Centre	Account Code	Budget title	2015/16 Actual Budget	Actual Year to date	Variance annual total	16/17	Rationale/ Notes
204	1017	Devolved Services Income	-£32,000	-£20,490.00	-£11,510.00	-£20,000.00	to rollover any underspend into 2016 budget
		TOTAL	-£2,230	-£808.00	-£1,422.00	£0.00	
		Lace Hill Community Centre					
250	4050	Maintenance of Fields	£7,500	£3,985.00	£3,515.00	£7,500.00	
250		Business Rates				£8,000.00	
250		Gas				£2,500.00	
250		Electricity				£2,500.00	
250		Water				£2,500.00	
250		Repairs and Maintenance Fund				£10,000.00	
250		Contractor charge				£20,000.00	subject to contract renewal
250		Alarm				£500.00	
250		Equipment purchase				£15,000.00	
250		Income				-£14,500.00	
		TOTAL	£7,500	£3,985.00	£3,515.00	£54,000.00	
		Chandos Park					
251	4106	Play Area Maintenance	£500	£272.00	£228.00	£500.00	
251	4601	Repairs & Maintenance Fund	£6,000	£2,145.00	£3,855.00	£7,180.00	
251	4602	Electricity	£500	£87.00	£413.00	£400.00	
251	4603	Water	£1,500	£1,159.00	£341.00	£1,500.00	
251	4605	Horticultural Contract	£15,470	£8,898.00	£6,572.00	£15,470.00	subject to contract renewal
251	1030	Bowls Income	-£550	-£550.00	£0.00	-£500.00	

Cost Centre	Account Code	Budget title	2015/16 Actual Budget	Actual Year to date	Variance annual total	16/17	Rationale/ Notes
251	1030	Tennis Court Rent	-£750	£0.00	-£750.00	-£625.00	to adjust based on previous year error in including VAT on invoice and this year omitting it
		TOTAL	£22,670	£12,011.00	£10,659.0	£23,925.00	
		Bourton Park					
252	4106	Play Area Maintenance	£500	£640.00	-£140.00	£500.00	
252	4601	Repairs & Maintenance	£12,000	£4,505.00	£7,495.00	£12,000.00	
252	4604	River & Pond Maintenance	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
252	4605	Horticultural Contract	£26,867	£15,459.00	£11,408.00	£26,867.00	subject to contract renewal
		TOTAL	£39,367	£20,604.00	£18,763.00	£39,367.00	
		Cemetery					
253	4225	Rates	£1,300	£672.00	£628.00	£1,300.00	
253	4601	Repairs & Maintenance Fund	£4,000	£1,037.00	£2,963.00	£4,000.00	
253	4602	Electricity	£400	£685.00	-£285.00	£400.00	
253	4605	Horticultural Contract	£22,510	£12,888.00	£9,622.00	£22,510.00	subject to contract renewal
253	4620	Expenses re Burial Duties	£5,000	£6,319.00	-£1,319.00	£6,500.00	
253	4617	Memorial Testing	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
253	1041	Burial Fees	-£10,000	-£11,417.00	£1,417.00	-£12,500.00	there was a noticeable increase in the number of burials this year.
253	1045	Cemetery War Graves Comm	-£60	£0.00	-£60.00	£0.00	

Cost Centre	Account Code	Budget title	2015/16 Actual Budget	Actual Year to date	Variance annual total	16/17	Rationale/ Notes
		TOTAL	£23,150	£10,184.00	£12,966.00	£22,210.00	reduced as a result of budgeting for a higher number of burials and the associated burial fees.
264		Cemetery					
		Cemetery planning	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£20,000.00	New Cemetery Tingewick Road
		TOTAL				£20,000.00	
		Chandos Park Toilets					
254	4612	Contractor Charge	£12,500	£8,115.00	£4,385.00	£12,500.00	AVDC
254	4709	Maintenance	£1,000	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
		TOTAL	£13,500	£8,115.00	£5,385.00	£13,500.00	
255	4120	BTCV Grant Payment	£2,000	£0.00	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	
255	4122	Tree Works	£1,500	£347.00	£1,153.00	£1,500.00	
		TOTAL	£3,500	£347.00	£3,153.00	£3,500.00	
		New Depot					
262		Business Rates	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£4,500.00	
262		Gas	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
262		Electricity	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£2,500.00	
262		Water	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£1,500.00	
262		Repairs and Maintenance Fund	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£10,000.00	
262		Contractor charge	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
262		Alarm	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	

Cost Centre	Account Code	Budget title	2015/16 Actual Budget	Actual Year to date	Variance annual total	16/17	Rationale/ Notes
262		Equipment purchase	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000.00	including rollover of underspend from 2015/16
262		Income	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	
		TOTAL	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£24,000.00	
		Town Centre Toilets					
263		Contractor Charge	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£15,000.00	AVDC
263		Electricity	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	
263		Water	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£2,500.00	
263		Business Rates	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£8,000.00	
263		Maintenance	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	
		TOTAL	£0	£0.00	£0.00	£28,500.00	
256	4053	Grenville Garage Rent	£650	£46.00	£604.00	£650.00	
							to remove once new depot goes live. To cover 3 month notice and ongoing costs during the crossover
256	4073	College Farm	£3,250	£3,250.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	
		TOTAL	£3,900	£3,296.00	£604.00	£1,650.00	
		Ken Tagg					
257	4106	Play Area Maintenance	£500	£65.00	£435.00	£500.00	
257	4605	Horticultural Contract	£1,150	£607.00	£543.00	£1,150.00	subject to contract renewal
257	4122	Tree Works	£500	£280.00	£220.00	£500.00	
257	xxxx	Ken Tagg Refurbishment	£40,000	£0.00	£40,000.00	£0.00	
257	xxxx	Grants for Ken Tagg Refurbishment	-£40,000	£0.00	-£40,000.00	£0.00	
		TOTAL	£2,150	£952.00	£1,198.00	£2,150.00	

Cost Centre	Account Code	Budget title	2015/16 Actual Budget	Actual Year to date	Variance annual total	16/17	Rationale/ Notes
		Cemetery Lodge					
258	4034	PWLB Interest	£4,702	£2,351.00	£2,351.00	£4,702.00	
258	1061	Cemetery Lodge Rental Income	-£8,000	-£5,513.00	-£2,487.00	-£8,000.00	
258	4609	Cemetery Lodge Maintenance	£500	£56.00	£444.00	£500.00	
		TOTAL	-£2,798	-£3,106.00	£308.00	-£2,798.00	
		Otters Brook					
259	4106	Play Area Maintenance	£500	£134.00	£366.0	£500.00	
259	4122	Tree Works	£150	£80.00	£70.0	£150.00	
259	4605	Horticultural contract	£3,360	£1,933.00	£1,427.0	£3,360.00	subject to contract renewal
		TOTAL	£4,010	£2,147.00	£1,863.0	£4,010.00	
		CCTV					
260	4100	CCTV	£1,002	£0.00	£1,002.0	£2,400.00	to incorporate the cost of additional new CCTV
		TOTAL	£1,002	£0.00	£1,002.0	£2,400.00	
		COMMITTEE TOTAL	£143,000	£66,217.00	£76,783.0	£265,663.00	

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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 30/11/2015

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Committee Report

ENVIRONMENT201 ENVIRONMENT

		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% of Budget
4068	COMMUNITY SERVICE	1,560	3,120	6,750	3,630		3,630	46.2 %
4069	GRIT / SALT BINS	0	0	1,800	1,800	900	900	50.0 %
4101	SEATS AND BINS	0	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0 %
4112	ENVIRONMENT EQUIPMENT	414	4,092	6,000	1,908	110	1,798	70.0 %
4118	GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL	0	300	360	60		60	83.3 %
ENVIRONMENT :- Expenditure		1,974	7,512	17,910	10,398	1,010	9,388	47.6 %
Net Expenditure over Income		1,974	7,512	17,910	10,398			

202 ROUNDABOUTS

4108	ROUNDABOUT	0	5,084	10,000	4,916	3,354	1,562	84.4 %
ROUNDABOUTS :- Expenditure		0	5,084	10,000	4,916	3,354	1,562	84.4 %
1051	ROUNDABOUT NO 1 OPEN	0	2,014	2,032	-18			99.1 %
1052	ROUNDABOUT NO 2 ELLA	0	1,074	1,547	-473			69.4 %
1053	ROUNDABOUT NO 3	0	1,762	1,778	-16			99.1 %
1054	ROUNDABOUT NO 4 R & B	0	0	2,211	-2,211			0.0 %
1056	ROUNDABOUT NO 6 EUROLANE	0	2,405	2,426	-21			99.1 %
1057	ROUNDABOUT NO 7 RING ROAD	0	1,226	1,237	-11			99.1 %
ROUNDABOUTS :- Income		0	8,482	11,231	-2,749			75.5 %
Net Expenditure over Income		0	-3,398	-1,231	2,166			

203 MAINTENANCE

4063	VEHICLE HIRE AND RUNNING	8	2,875	6,000	3,125		3,125	47.9 %
4082	ALLOTMENTS	0	1,500	1,500	0		0	100.0 %
4102	DOG BINS	0	0	4,000	4,000		4,000	0.0 %
MAINTENANCE :- Expenditure		8	4,375	11,500	7,125	0	7,125	38.0 %
Net Expenditure over Income		8	4,375	11,500	7,125			

204 DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES

4124	DEVOLVED SERVICES	0	19,682	29,770	10,088	2,202	7,886	73.5 %
DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES :- Expenditure		0	19,682	29,770	10,088	2,202	7,886	73.5 %
1017	DEVOLVED SERVICES INCOME	0	20,490	32,000	-11,510			64.0 %
DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES :- Income		0	20,490	32,000	-11,510			64.0 %
Net Expenditure over Income		0	-807	-2,230	-1,423			

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		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% of Budget
<u>250</u>	<u>PLAYING FIELDS</u>							
4050	MAINTENANCE OF FIELDS	1,975	3,985	7,500	3,515		3,515	53.1 %
	PLAYING FIELDS :- Expenditure	<u>1,975</u>	<u>3,985</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>3,515</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,515</u>	<u>53.1 %</u>
	Net Expenditure over Income	<u>1,975</u>	<u>3,985</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>3,515</u>			
<u>251</u>	<u>CHANDOS PARK</u>							
4106	PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	0	272	500	228		228	54.4 %
4601	REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	150	2,145	7,180	5,035		5,035	29.9 %
4602	ELECTRICITY	-97	87	500	413		413	17.3 %
4603	WATER	423	1,159	1,500	341		341	77.3 %
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	0	8,898	15,470	6,572	6,356	216	98.6 %
	CHANDOS PARK :- Expenditure	<u>477</u>	<u>12,561</u>	<u>25,150</u>	<u>12,589</u>	<u>6,356</u>	<u>6,233</u>	<u>75.2 %</u>
1030	BOWLS INCOME	0	550	550	0			100.0 %
1035	TENNIS COURT RENT	0	0	750	-750			0.0 %
	CHANDOS PARK :- Income	<u>0</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>-750</u>			<u>42.3 %</u>
	Net Expenditure over Income	<u>477</u>	<u>12,011</u>	<u>23,850</u>	<u>11,839</u>			
<u>252</u>	<u>BOURTON PARK</u>							
4106	PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	23	640	500	-140		-140	127.9 %
4601	REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	187	4,505	12,000	7,495	798	6,697	44.2 %
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	0	15,459	26,867	11,408	11,042	366	98.6 %
	BOURTON PARK :- Expenditure	<u>210</u>	<u>20,604</u>	<u>39,367</u>	<u>18,763</u>	<u>11,840</u>	<u>6,923</u>	<u>82.4 %</u>
	Net Expenditure over Income	<u>210</u>	<u>20,604</u>	<u>39,367</u>	<u>18,763</u>			
<u>253</u>	<u>CEMETERY</u>							
4225	RATES	0	672	1,300	628		628	51.7 %
4601	REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	0	1,037	4,760	3,723		3,723	21.8 %
4602	ELECTRICITY	98	685	400	-285		-285	171.2 %
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	0	12,888	22,510	9,622	9,206	416	98.2 %
4615	BURIAL FEES	-500	0	0	0		0	0.0 %
4620	EXPENSES RE BURIAL DUTIES	1,360	6,319	5,000	-1,319		-1,319	126.4 %
	CEMETERY :- Expenditure	<u>958</u>	<u>21,601</u>	<u>33,970</u>	<u>12,369</u>	<u>9,206</u>	<u>3,164</u>	<u>90.7 %</u>
1041	BURIAL FEES	300	11,717	10,000	1,717			117.2 %
1045	CEMETERY WAR GRAVES COMM	0	0	60	-60			0.0 %
	CEMETERY :- Income	<u>300</u>	<u>11,717</u>	<u>10,060</u>	<u>1,657</u>			<u>116.5 %</u>
	Net Expenditure over Income	<u>658</u>	<u>9,884</u>	<u>23,910</u>	<u>14,026</u>			

		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% of Budget
<u>254</u>	<u>CHANDOS PARK TOILETS</u>							
4612	CONTRACTOR CHARGE	0	8,115	12,500	4,385		4,385	64.9 %
4709	MAINTENANCE	0	0	1,000	1,000	68	933	6.8 %
	CHANDOS PARK TOILETS :- Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>8,115</u>	<u>13,500</u>	<u>5,385</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>5,317</u>	<u>60.6 %</u>
	Net Expenditure over Income	<u>0</u>	<u>8,115</u>	<u>13,500</u>	<u>5,385</u>			
<u>255</u>	<u>RAILWAY WALK</u>							
4120	BTCV GRANT PAYMENT	0	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0 %
4122	TREE WORKS	0	347	1,500	1,153	1,596	-443	129.5 %
	RAILWAY WALK :- Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>347</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,153</u>	<u>1,596</u>	<u>1,557</u>	<u>55.5 %</u>
	Net Expenditure over Income	<u>0</u>	<u>347</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,153</u>			
<u>256</u>	<u>STORAGE PREMISES</u>							
4053	GRENVILLE	0	46	650	604		604	7.1 %
4073	COLLEGE FARM	0	3,250	3,250	0		0	100.0 %
	STORAGE PREMISES :- Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>3,296</u>	<u>3,900</u>	<u>604</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>604</u>	<u>84.5 %</u>
	Net Expenditure over Income	<u>0</u>	<u>3,296</u>	<u>3,900</u>	<u>604</u>			
<u>257</u>	<u>KEN TAGG PLAYGROUND</u>							
4106	PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	0	65	500	435		435	13.0 %
4122	TREE WORKS	0	280	500	220		220	56.0 %
4123	PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT	0	0	40,000	40,000	30,254	9,746	75.6 %
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	0	607	1,150	543	434	109	90.5 %
	KEN TAGG PLAYGROUND :- Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>952</u>	<u>42,150</u>	<u>41,198</u>	<u>30,688</u>	<u>10,510</u>	<u>75.1 %</u>
1079	GRANTS FOR PLAYGROUND	0	0	40,000	-40,000			0.0 %
	KEN TAGG PLAYGROUND :- Income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>-40,000</u>			<u>0.0 %</u>
	Net Expenditure over Income	<u>0</u>	<u>952</u>	<u>2,150</u>	<u>1,198</u>			
<u>258</u>	<u>CEMETERY LODGE</u>							
4034	PWLB REPAYMENTS INCL	0	2,351	4,702	2,351		2,351	50.0 %
4609	CEMETERY LODGE MAINT	0	56	500	444		444	11.2 %
	CEMETERY LODGE :- Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>2,407</u>	<u>5,202</u>	<u>2,795</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,795</u>	<u>46.3 %</u>
1061	CEMETERY LODGE RENTAL	0	5,513	8,000	-2,487			68.9 %
	CEMETERY LODGE :- Income	<u>0</u>	<u>5,513</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>-2,487</u>			<u>68.9 %</u>
	Net Expenditure over Income	<u>0</u>	<u>-3,106</u>	<u>-2,798</u>	<u>308</u>			

		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% of Budget
<u>259</u>	<u>OTTERS BROOK</u>							
4106	PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	0	134	500	366		366	26.8 %
4122	TREE WORKS	0	80	230	150		150	34.8 %
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	0	1,933	3,360	1,427	1,381	46	98.6 %
	OTTERS BROOK :- Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>2,147</u>	<u>4,090</u>	<u>1,943</u>	<u>1,381</u>	<u>562</u>	<u>86.3 %</u>
	Net Expenditure over Income	<u>0</u>	<u>2,147</u>	<u>4,090</u>	<u>1,943</u>			
<u>260</u>	<u>CCTV</u>							
4100	CCTV ONGOING COSTS	0	0	1,002	1,002		1,002	0.0 %
	CCTV :- Expenditure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,002</u>	<u>1,002</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,002</u>	<u>0.0 %</u>
	Net Expenditure over Income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,002</u>	<u>1,002</u>			
	ENVIRONMENT :- Expenditure	<u>5,602</u>	<u>112,669</u>	<u>248,511</u>	<u>135,842</u>	<u>67,700</u>	<u>68,142</u>	<u>72.6 %</u>
	Income	<u>300</u>	<u>46,751</u>	<u>102,591</u>	<u>-55,840</u>			<u>45.6 %</u>
	Net Expenditure over Income	<u>5,302</u>	<u>65,917</u>	<u>145,920</u>	<u>80,003</u>			

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9006	NAG	0	45	1,598	1,553	1,553	2.8 %
9009	CAPITAL RESERVE	0	0	110,000	110,000	110,000	0.0 %
9011	WAR MEMORIAL	0	0	931	931	931	0.0 %
9012	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	0	0	4,369	4,369	4,369	0.0 %
9013	YOUTH PROJECTS	0	0	3,270	3,270	3,270	0.0 %
9015	CHARTER FAIRS	38	3,345	11,140	7,795	7,795	30.0 %
9018	REPAIR OF FOOTPATHS	0	2,965	5,931	2,966	2,966	50.0 %
9019	MEMORIAL TESTING	0	0	2,874	2,874	2,874	0.0 %
9025	PLAY AREA REPLACEMENT	0	0	17,121	17,121	17,121	0.0 %
9027	GREEN BUCKINGHAM GROUP	0	0	226	226	226	0.0 %
9029	CIRCULAR WALK MAINT	0	0	5,247	5,247	5,247	0.0 %
9030	TOURISM LEAFLETS	0	0	3,402	3,402	3,402	0.0 %
9031	YOUTH MUSIC EVENT	0	0	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0 %
9032	BUCK NEIGHBOURHOOD DEV	166	1,088	18,601	17,513	17,513	5.9 %
9033	DESTINATION BUCKINGHAM	95	1,911	4,815	2,904	2,904	39.7 %
9034	RIVER AND POND MAINTENANCE	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0 %
9035	PARKS DEVELOPMENT	0	11,355	32,129	20,774	20,774	35.3 %
9036	ELECTION COSTS	0	2,812	6,000	3,188	3,188	46.9 %
9037	JUBILEE BOOK	0	1,358	1,600	242	242	84.9 %
9038	NEW VEHICLE	0	15,180	28,995	13,815	13,815	52.4 %
9039	BARRIERS FOR EVENTS	0	560	3,168	2,608	2,608	17.7 %
9040	PARK RUN	0	98	250	152	152	39.2 %
9041	MVAS	0	1,818	1,177	-641	-641	154.5 %
9042	HOSTING OF TWINNING EVENT	0	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0 %
9043	NEW BAGS AND LEAFLETS	0	0	1,532	1,532	1,532	0.0 %
9044	COMEDY NIGHT	0	0	2,057	2,057	2,057	0.0 %

EARMARKED RESERVES :- Expenditure	299	42,537	274,633	232,096	0	232,096	15.5 %
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1070 DESTINATION BUCKINGHAM	0	0	10,000	-10,000			0.0 %
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EARMARKED RESERVES :- Income	0	0	10,000	-10,000			0.0 %
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Net Expenditure over Income	299	42,537	264,633	222,096			
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Income	0	0	10,000	-10,000			0.0 %
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BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2015.

Agenda item no: 8

Contact Officer: Lee Phillips

Cemetery Provision

Background:

A new Cemetery and allotment site has been allocated in the Neighbourhood Plan and in this report it has been outlined how to proceed in providing burial provision for the future.

Information:

Cemetery provision currently available:

On average over the last 5 years 16 new burial plots have been used per year. We have 24 plots still available giving us 1 and a half years worth of new burial plots currently available in Brackley Road Cemetery. The Pre-purchase of plots has now been prohibited for some time and should give us a little more time but only 6 months at best.

The New Site:

Environmental audits have already been carried out by the developer and initial enquiries indicate the environment agency will have no objections and outline planning permission is being sought with the land being transferred to the Town Council as a part of the S106 agreement.

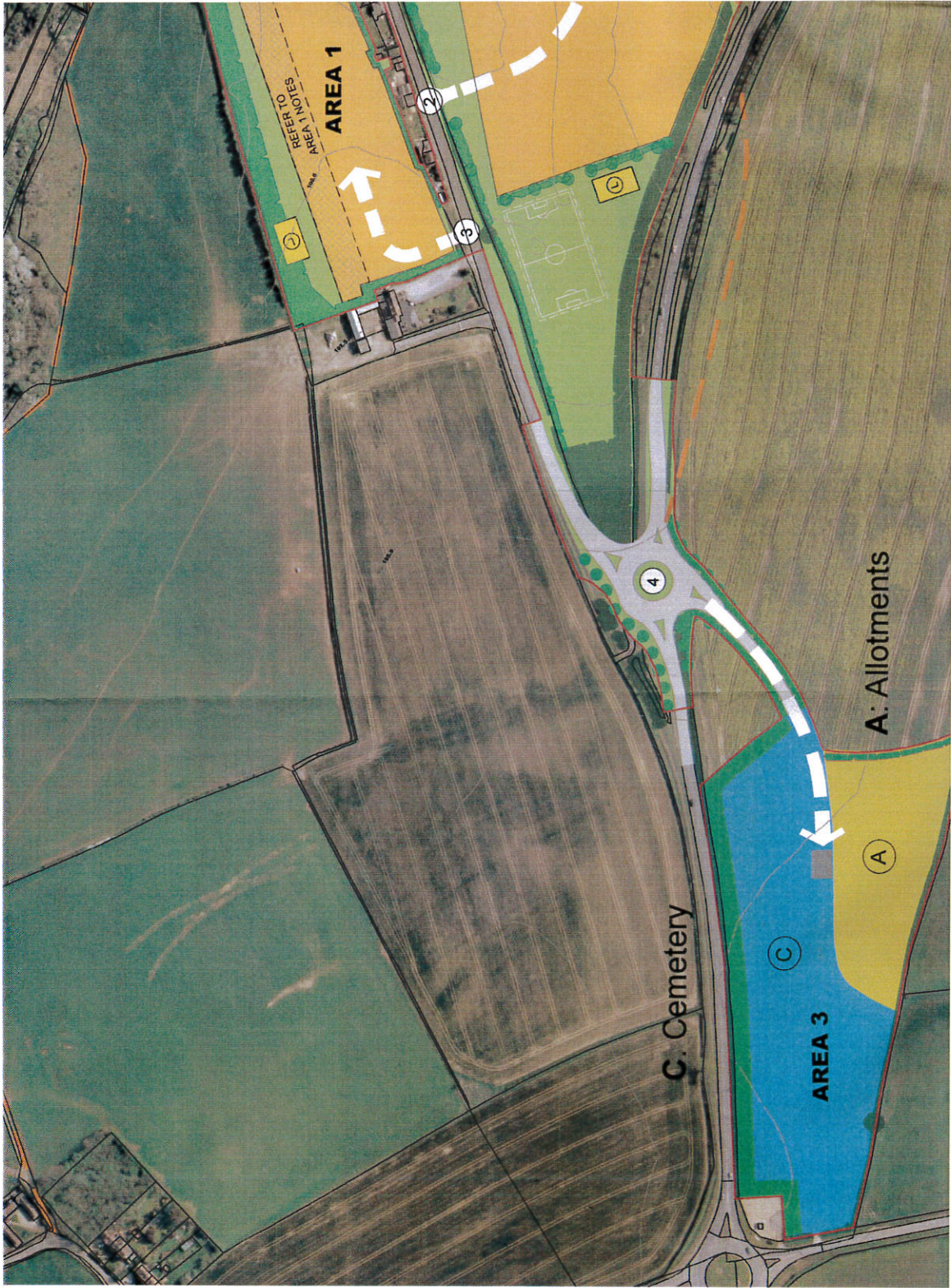
Issues to be considered with the design will be parking provision, access, structural landscaping, sections of the cemetery to provide a variety of burial options (i.e. children's section, lawn cemetery, natural burials etc) and the possibility of a building to provide shelter, toilets and storage for the cemetery and allotments.

Funding will be sought to help in the installation of the cemetery and allotments. The existing allotment groups will be approached to see if they would like to take on the responsibility of running the new allotments, if this is not an option after the first year of being open we would look to set up a separate association for the users. Running and maintaining the cemetery would be undertaken by the Town Council.

Discussions will be held with the developer as to how the cemetery and allotments can be delivered in the most timely manner to avoid any gap in cemetery provision for the town, they have already been made aware of the timescales and have said they would try and accommodate early burials if required.

Recommendation:

That members agree to proceed with the design and planning of the new cemetery and allotment site and a specialist cemetery planning/development company be sought and that a budget of £20,000 to be allocated to this in the precept for 2016/17.



BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2015.

Agenda item no: 9

Contact Officer: Lee Phillips

Lace Hill Community Centre

Background:

The handover of the new Community Centre at Lace Hill is underway and the management of the community centre has been considered

Information:

Managing of facilities

This will be overseen by the Town Council but will require a part-time role to be created to carry out caretaker and key holder duties, this role will need to be able to work flexible hours as lot of the bookings will be out of hours, this could be in the form of a job share.

Budgets

Budget will be allocated in the precept for next financial year which is highlighted elsewhere on the agenda.

Rental Fees and Bookings

Fees will need to be agreed with different rates for commercial and community bookings with a discount for regular long-term bookings. Bookings will be taken by the office initially with a booking diary and the possibility of a better online booking system will be investigated in the future.

Football pitches and changing rooms

The Football Pitches will be ready for use September 2016. We will need to maintain the pitches from 17th August 2016. A lease will have to be agreed with interested clubs.

Committee Room & Sports Hall

There are 2 rooms which will be available to let, the committee room is 56m² and has 2 large storage rooms. The Sports hall is 180m² has a high ceiling and is marked up for a badminton court and has a 33m².

Maintenance:

Cleaning contract:

This will need to be done nightly and initially be contracted out, the extent of cleaning will vary on usage of the building.

Building maintenance including; heating, alarm, ventilation systems, to be carried out by Facilities maintenance company who will ensure all safety tests and servicing are carried out to schedule and any repairs are carried out in an efficient manner.

2 Football Pitch's to maintain mainly grass cutting, top-dressing and weekly line marking. This will need to be scheduled after the 12 month maintenance period. We will work any potential clubs about sharing the maintenance of the pitches to keep costs to a minimum.

Grounds Maintenance of surrounding areas; The surrounding areas have earth mounds, a path running across the site and has areas of shelter-belt planting, there will be bins and benches in the area (numbers and locations to be confirmed) this will have a 12 month maintenance period following completion and a 12 month defects liability period.

Play Area

This will be a NEAP area and MUGA and will be maintained by the Town Council following the expiration of the 12 month maintenance period.

Part of this year's allocated budget will be used to purchase the most essential equipment required and the rest next financial year; including:

First Aid Kits

Phone Line

Fire fighting equipment

Baby Changing facilities

Window blinds

Equipment for-

2 Kitchens; fridges, cups, plates, cutlery, kettles

6 changing rooms; benches, lockers etc.

Furniture for Committee Room; tables, chairs,

Storage

Bins, cleaning equipment?

Signage: Exterior 'LACE HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE' What and Where to be agreed.

Notice boards (interior and exterior), info Interior room doors etc.

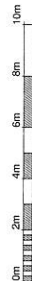
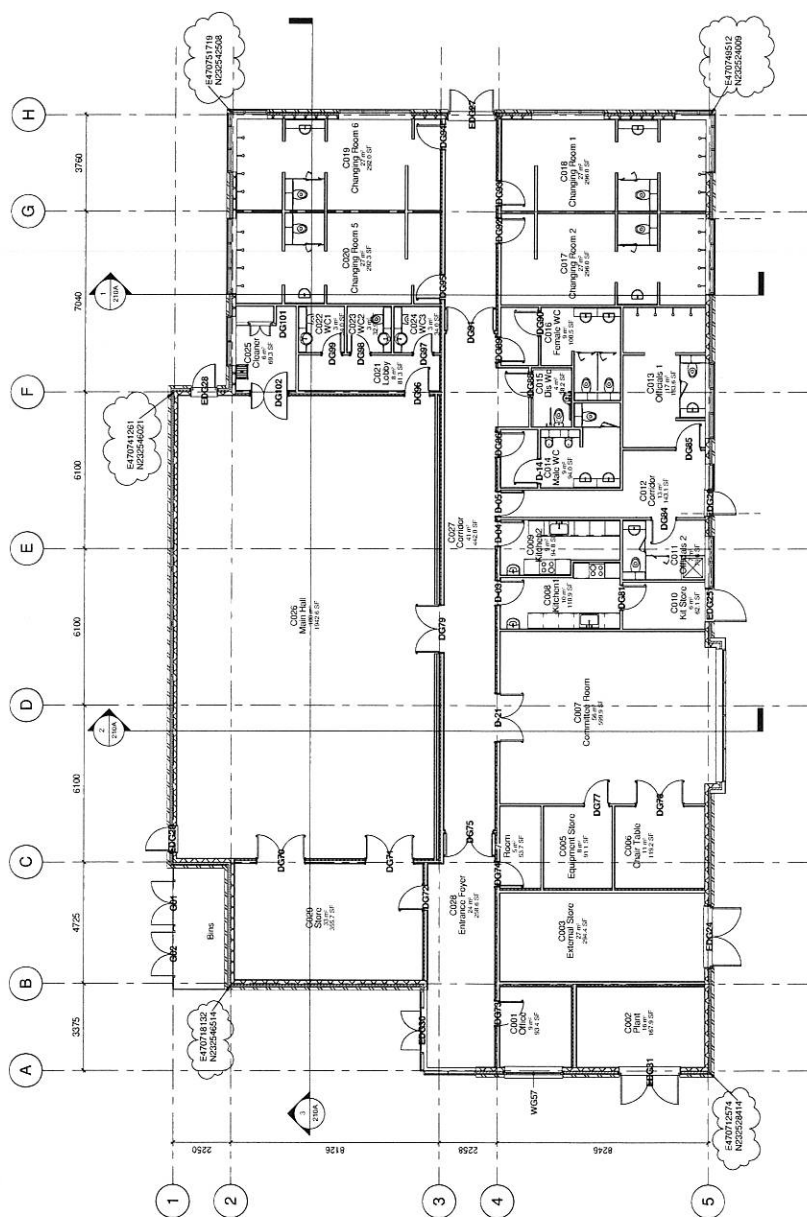
Sports Equipment for the sports hall i.e. badminton net, goal posts etc

Recommendation:

That a policy on letting the 2 rooms is drawn up for approval with the office taking bookings on this basis and in the short term the policy be agreed between the Town Clerk and the Chair of the committee. That once the Town Council take ownership a visit to the building for the councillors will be arranged.

Notes

3. Contractors must check all dimensions on site. Only figured dimensions are to be worked from. Discrepancies must be reported to the Architect or Engineer before proceeding. © This drawing is copyright



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Woods Hardwick
Architects, Engineers and Development Consultants

Proposed Primary School & Community Hall, London Road,

Community Hall GA Plan

Scale 1: 100

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BUCKINGHAM
Group Contracting

PHASE 1

PRIMARY SCHOOL
Site Area 12.60 ha
(L1.26 ha)
FFL 97.500

COMMUNITY HALL
Site Area 2.80 ha (0.25 ha)
FFL 99.500

NEAP
(To separate details)
Area 1.10 ha (0.11 ha)

FOOTBALL PITCHES
Site Area - 33.71 ha (3.17 ha)
Note: areas excludes NEAP and Community Hall

Pitch 1
Pitch 2

EXISTING BUILDINGS MADE UP OF 1.8m WIDE FOOTPATH AND 1.8m WIDE TOWN GRASS STRIP.

SS ROAD
ART OF STRUCTURE
FRASTRUCTURE
ASE 1
ASE 1L Part 1M))

Existing Bridleway made up of 1.8m wide footpath and 1.8m wide mown grass strip.

BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2015.

Agenda item no: 10

Contact Officer: Lee Phillips

Chandos Park Riverbank Stabilisation

Background:

Following the temporary making safe of the bank in the park (March 2015) a suitable solution has been investigated to stabilise the bank and prevent future erosion.

Information:

Discussions were held with the Environment Agency who would prefer to see 'Soft engineering' solutions used. 3 companies were approached to provide suitable solutions.

2 of the 3 companies approached came back with proposals and are attached to this report. The preferred proposal is by 'Cain Bio-Engineering Ltd' and is a type of flexible 'Gabion basket' which is called 'Coirnet' this would be covered with topsoil and would be mainly unseen as the turf would be allowed to grow up to the river's edge as it does currently; not altering the look of the park. The taller bank directly below the weir may require a stepped bank; the exact detail of how this will work will be discussed further if instructed to proceed along with the scope of any marginal planting required.

Recommendation:

That members agree to proceed with the preferred proposal (Cain Bio-Engineering). £30,000 budget is allocated from Earmarked reserves; River and Ponds (9034/901) Parks Development (9035/901) and any under-spend from the Council Tax Support Grant in the next financial year. If agreed survey/planning and permissions would be sought immediately with a view to start the works in April.

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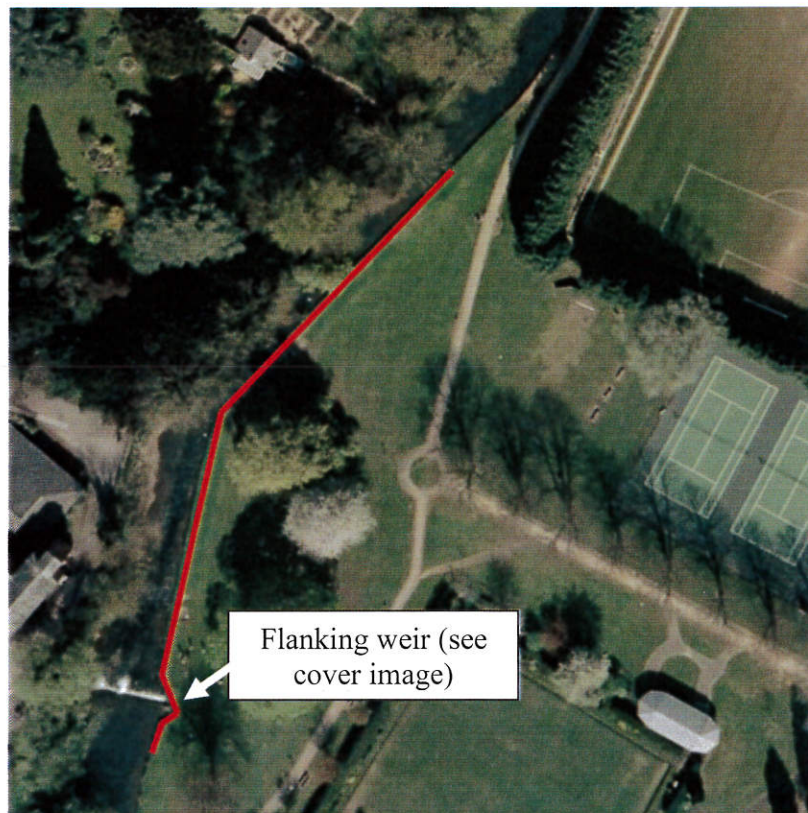


River Upper Great Ouse bank stabilisation - Repair proposal

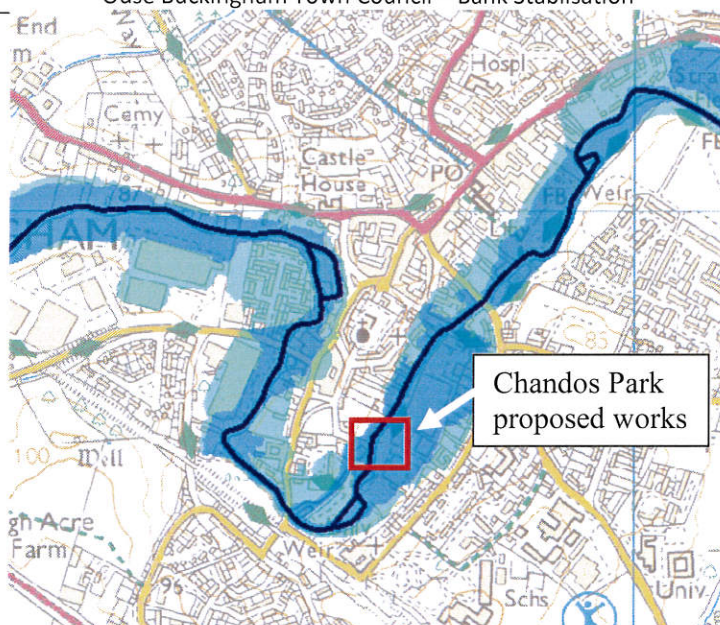
Buckingham Town Council

Background

Chandos Park is located in Buckingham, Buckinghamshire on the banks of the Upper Great Ouse river. Timber post and board shuttering comprises the existing bank retention method with amenity grass managed close to the bank edge. Over time various sections of the bank have been breached with undermining causing bank instability and potential collapse. In March 2015 the bank was re-profiled as a temporary measure to make it safe. This has also started to fail. A bank section of approximately 120m in length now requires reinstatement with a durable and cost-effective solution.



The River Upper Great Ouse flowing through Chandos Park is classified as a Main River. A Flood Defence Consent (FDC) for the works will need to be granted by the Environment Agency before works can commence.



Proposed solution

Following consultation regarding the objectives and aspirations of the Buckingham Town Council the following solution is proposed;

- Install a continuous 'Coirnet' revetment along 120m of eroding bank. (stake size and structural dimensions to be determined following a site visit inspection)
- Backfill with imported locally sourced or site won gravel and top-dress with topsoil (seeded or turfed) to provide a growing medium.

Proposed technique

'Coirnet' is a technique developed by Cain Bio-Engineering for the creation of erosion-proof, vegetated structures along river, stream and lake banks. It is often, (but not exclusively) used as an interface between bank margins and man-made structures due to its natural appearance and ability to resist significant erosion pressures. Coirnet revetments are constructed using a combination of synthetic and natural geotextiles retained by appropriately spaced sweet chestnut posts. The retaining structure can be backfilled with imported stone or gravel and dressed with topsoil. It lends itself well to planting, seeding or turfing depending on need. Since its first trial on the upper Hampshire Avon SAC in 2006, Coirnet has been used nation-wide and has proven a highly effective, long-lasting and aesthetically pleasing solution to a wide variety of aquatic applications. Numerous case studies are available, a small selection of which are included with this submission.

Coirnet delivers the following benefits:

- The structure provides long-term erosion protection to reclaimed bank margins, is very durable and resistant to scour and has been shown to withstand extreme flood flows into the long term.
- Fill materials are securely encased by pulling the geotextile over the surface of the structure, front to back, and fixing it into good ground at the rear.
- The surface of the structure continues to accrete with sediment filtered out by plants during periods of over-topping in flood events.
- Coirnet is easily colonised by diverse vegetation, looks entirely natural and provides habitat for a range of species. Structures can be planted with a mixture of native marginal plant species

appropriate to the site. Root growth from plants and trees continues to strengthen and consolidate the structure over time.

- The use of coir matting provides a wicking effect allowing vegetation to colonise up the vertical outer face of the structure.
- Constructed in situ, 'Coirnet' revetments are flexible in application; from simple revetments to complex landscaping projects.
- Coirnet structures are the tried and tested alternative to concrete and sheet piling.
- Maintenance requirement is low and typically involves an inspection 1 year after installation after which the structure is virtually maintenance free.
- The Geogrids used in construction are suitable for use in long term reinforcement applications.
- This method of stabilisation is suitable for use in a SSSI/SAC designated sites and will not compromise habitat diversity in the pond or on the immediate bank margins.

Design assignment

**£1,465 +VAT
+ FDC £50 No VAT**

Site visit by consultants to carry out a detailed site inspection and topographic level site survey from which to produce design drawings.

- Site survey to assess bed depths and extent of bank loss due to erosion.
- Undertake representative topographic cross sections on which to base designs.
- Includes risk assessment and base mapping preparation.
- Pre-app meeting with Environment Agency (EA) representative.

Prepare detailed design drawings:

- 1 x A1 Proposed plan with photo examples
- 1 x A3 'Existing & Proposed' cross section.

Flood Defence Consent:

Works in rivers and adjacent riparian zones are subject to EA Flood Defence Consent (FDC). The following inputs are required to secure consent:

- Include any final client drawing changes prior to consent application.
- Preparation and submission of the required documents to support FDC application, including standard application forms and production of construction method statements.
- Liaison with the Environment Agency during the application process.

Site set up

£3,080 +VAT

Site Set Up, Clearance + Demobilisation

- Site compound to be created at the bottom of the road off Chandos Court.
- Gravel to be delivered loose to site compound/storage area.
- All plant and other materials to be delivered to site via Chandos Court.
- Delivery drivers to notify CBE operatives before arrival on site to ensure clear and easy access to Chandos Court.
- Plant to be off-loaded onto road and moved down track way by CBE operatives.
- All machinery to be cleaned and off-hired.
- Site compound to be cleared down.
- Any leftover materials removed.
- General site tidy up.

120m Revetment creation

£25,035 +VAT

120m of bank revetment installed as per designs to stabilise eroding bank line.

- Existing bank line to be cleared back to good ground.
- Remove existing timber posts and failing revetment from the river bed using winch.
- Any existing backfill material to be removed and retained for use in the new installation.
- Pile drive 8ft chestnut posts at 500mm centres along front line of revetment. Posts to be installed using 5t excavator and hydraulic post pounding attachment; operatives positioned in channel to assist installation.
- Position the 2 ply geotextiles behind the 8ft chestnut posts.
- Back-fill new structure with imported gravel to add strength, eliminate erosion and scour and prevent burrowing animals destabilising the bank.
- Geotextiles pulled over at the top to prevent any washout and pinned into good ground. Bank either side of weir structure to be realigned to prevent further scour.
- On completion new structure to be topped with topsoil and seeded.

Total estimated project costs

£29,580 + VAT
+ FDC £50 No VAT

Clarifications and Assumptions

(Please note that this is an estimate only based on supplied information. An accurate/fixed quotation will be provided following the proposed site inspection and topo survey).

- The above proposal is subject to the condition there are no unforeseen underlying structures that will inhibit the ability of CBE operatives to hydraulically drive wooden posts into the river bed. Preliminary tests will be undertaken ahead of construction.
- All materials for construction and specifically gravel will be imported to site unless otherwise agreed with the client.
- Space for a site compound will be required for overnight storage of plant and materials.
- Liaison with EA regarding FDC will be required. All reasonable costs for the servicing of EA requests are included in the above sum. A two month lead time is expected for FDC consent.
- Any additional consultancy required above and beyond what is specified will be agreed in advance and charged at an hourly rate.
- Local Authority planning consent is sometimes required for aspects of river works. Planning costs are not included in the above sum.
- No provision for additional Ecological reporting has been included in the above sum. Environment Agency or planning departments may request additional ecological information to support the application. The need for this will only become apparent following completion of the design proposals and application for FDC/ Planning permission.
- Any timescale agreed by Cain Bio-Engineering will be subject to river levels as work cannot be safely carried out during high flows.

Case studies (please also refer to the attached pdf)

In addition to the case studies below there are various relevant examples in the Rivers Section of our website showing a variety of erosion protection and habitat creation techniques.

River Stour Muscliff, Bournemouth



Before construction – Banks has eroded and is collapsing into river de-stabilising a footpath.



Post construction – Bank line stabilised with a coirnet revetment, planted with site won plants and line of footpath restored.

River Sheppey, Somerset.



BEFORE summer 2010- Eroding steep bank on an outside meander on the River Sheppey due to undercutting and bank slips.



During construction – Line of sweet chestnut posts being driven to form new toe of bank.



During construction – Geotextiles are placed against posts and the structure is filled with limestone and finished with topsoil and native planting.



Summer 2013 – Well established marginal vegetation is locking the geotextiles into place and protecting the upper bank during high water levels.

References:

Please feel free to contact two recent clients for feedback on their project delivery:

1) Elliott Rowe, Senior Countryside Access Ranger, Central East Area

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Countryside Service, CCBS, Hampshire County Council

www.hants.gov.uk/countryside

For Droxford/Burriton Bridge & Byway restoration using Coirnet – Completed 18/03/15

2) Ruth Wharton | Project Officer

Coy Pond bank protection Completed September 2015

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Committee Clerk

From: Ruth Newell <ruth.newell@tiscali.co.uk>
Sent: 25 November 2015 14:50
To: Committee Clerk; greenspaces@buckingham-tc.gov.uk
Subject: Fw: Registering the Railway walk on the BCC Definite Map
Attachments: NotesRailwayWalk20151121e.docx

Please add the report attached to the next Environment Agenda.

Thanks, Ruth

From: David Child
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 8:48 AM
To: 'Ruth Newell'
Cc: greenspaces@buckingham-tc.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Registering the Railway walk on the BCC Definite Map

Dear Ruth

Please find attached report.

If you need any additional information please let me know.

Regards

David

From: Ruth Newell [<mailto:ruth.newell@tiscali.co.uk>]
Sent: 17 November 2015 13:28
To: David Child
Cc: greenspaces@buckingham-tc.gov.uk
Subject: Re: Registering the Railway walk on the BCC Definite Map

Dear David,

This sounds an excellent idea.

Yes certainly I'll put it on the Agenda for the next Environment Committee meeting on 14 December.

Do you have a report that you could email me that I could use to get Councillor's support.

I recall at one point the University were going to make a feature of the platform and the Yew Hedge with a water feature between the platforms. That was in the days of their plans to build a sports hall to the side of the car park.

Kind regards, Ruth

Cllr Ruth Newell
 Chair of Environment Committee
 Buckingham Town Council

From: David Child

Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2015 11:59 AM
To: Ruth.newell@tiscali.co.uk
Subject: Registering the Railway walk on the BCC Definite Map

Dear Councillor Newell,

The Buckingham Society Transport Group has been working on getting the railway walk registered on the BCC definitive map.

The railway walk is an important route, not only historically but as a useful link to the pathways at both ends, Tingewick Road BUC/37/1 and A421 BUC/40/1 and an environmentally important nature reserve.

The transport group chose this pathway to try and add it to the BCC definitive map because of its importance to Buckingham and the risk of development overwhelming it.

The ownership is clear AVDC / Buckingham University / BCC. I have been in contact with Buckingham Railway Walk Conservation Group who did not see a problem with adding the railway walk to the BCC definitive map.

The most important and challenging is the land owned by Buckingham University, I had an onsite meeting with Buckingham University Estates Bursar (Colin Stocker), the current pathway although not clearly defined links across the university carpark and also links to Chandos Road on one side and Station Terrace / Lenborough Road on the other side of the railway walk.

Although the old rail platform is not part of the pathway our transport group agreed that bringing back some of the railway history by removing the vegetation from the old platform and railway is still something we think would be a good idea at a later time.

The transport group is now at a point where it should get Buckingham Town Council to support the proposed addition to the BCC definitive map and get agreement from the 3 land owners.

Do you think you could assist in moving this project forward as it is probably best if the lead was from the town council?

Regards

David Child

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Railway Walk Buckingham

Buckingham Society Transport Group identified the railway walk as a key footpath that was not protected by being on the BCC definite map. The Society is concerned of the risk of development overwhelming it.

This pathway is an important connection across Buckingham and its many connecting paths. It also has the potential to link an outer circular cycle route.

The railway is an important part of Buckingham's heritage. Since the line closed in December 1966, its corridor has developed into environmentally significant nature reserve which links the definite map pathway at A421 BUC/40/1 path with the Tingewick Road that leads to Radclive BUC/37/1 (see Fig1)

The whole of the railway walk appears to be identified as a **permissive path** (see Fig6 plan from 2001).

The definition of a permissive path is: -

A permissive path, permitted path or concessionary path is not a public right of way, but a path (which could be for walkers, riders, cyclists, or any combination) whose use is allowed by the landowner, but over which there is no legal right of access.

This is of great concern.

The owners of the path and adjoining lands are AVDC / Buckingham University / BCC.

The trickiest section is the land owned by Buckingham University. I've had an onsite meeting with Colin Stocker, Buckingham University Estates Bursar. The current pathway – which is not clearly defined – passes across the university car park to link Chandos Road (See Fig3) on one side and Station Terrace / Lenborough Road (See Fig4) on the other side of the railway walk. See Fig2 for the Buckingham University land.

If the university were to exercise its right to close the permissive path on their land, the path to the south (A421) would come to a dead end and the path to the north leading to Tingewick Road would have end at Station Road and sadly, the link between the two ends would be cut.

The link from the railway walk to Station Terrace / Lenborough Road may have been sold to the developer at Station Terrace. See Fig4.

I have been in contact with Buckingham Railway Walk Conservation Group which did not see a problem with adding the railway walk to the BCC definitive map (see Appendix A)

I have also been in contact with Phil Turner, Definitive Map Officer. His email Appendix B identifies an option of establishing a "Public Path Agreement" as an alternative to adding the path to the definite map but I am not sure of how much protection the path would enjoy under this option.

Finally, although the old rail platform doesn't constitute a part of the pathway, our transport group agreed that revealing some of the railway features and history by removing the vegetation from the original platform and railway bed would be a good idea at a later time.

Appendix A

Email from Railway Walk Conservation Group

I must confess the group has not considered the possibility of the addition of the Railway Walk to the "Definitive Map". As I understand it Buckingham Town Council owns the land and pathway from the A421 up to the fence which is just past the pond. This area is referred to the Buckingham Railway Walk.

*Buckingham University own the land including the pathway from the fence through their car park and up to the end of the platform. The access to the pathway via Station Terrace and the small triangle of green space **might** have been sold to the developers who now own the land behind the houses in Station Terrace. The University could confirm this if you contact them.*

Aylesbury Vale District Council own the land and pathway onwards from this piece of ground up to the Tingewick Road, and this is referred to as The Scenic Walk.

I suppose then that Berties' Walk is also owned by AVDC?

It would be good to have some protection as a public right of way, and no doubt all landowners would need to be in agreement!

Jenny Manning

Coordinator Buckingham Railway Walk Conservation Group

Appendix B

Email

I understand that both AVDC and Buckingham Town Council are keen to see the route promoted as an off road cycle route and that Buckingham University currently allow permissive access across their land along the route, however the signage at the entrance to their car park clearly states that there is no intention to dedicate as a public right of way, but not sure if this solely relates to the permissive across their land to access to the railway walk or to access along the railway walk itself over their land.

The County Council can enter into a Public Path Agreement with the landowners concerned, if they were all willing to do so. This would be a far more cost effective and expeditious way of securing the route as a public right of way that would then be recorded on the County Council's Definitive Map. The route would need to be provided and recorded as public bridleway to allow it's use by walkers cyclists and horse riders. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information in the meantime.

Regards

Phil Turner

Definitive Map Officer

Transport Economy Environment

Fig1 Purple lines indicate paths registered on the BCC definite map.



Fig2. Buckingham University land.

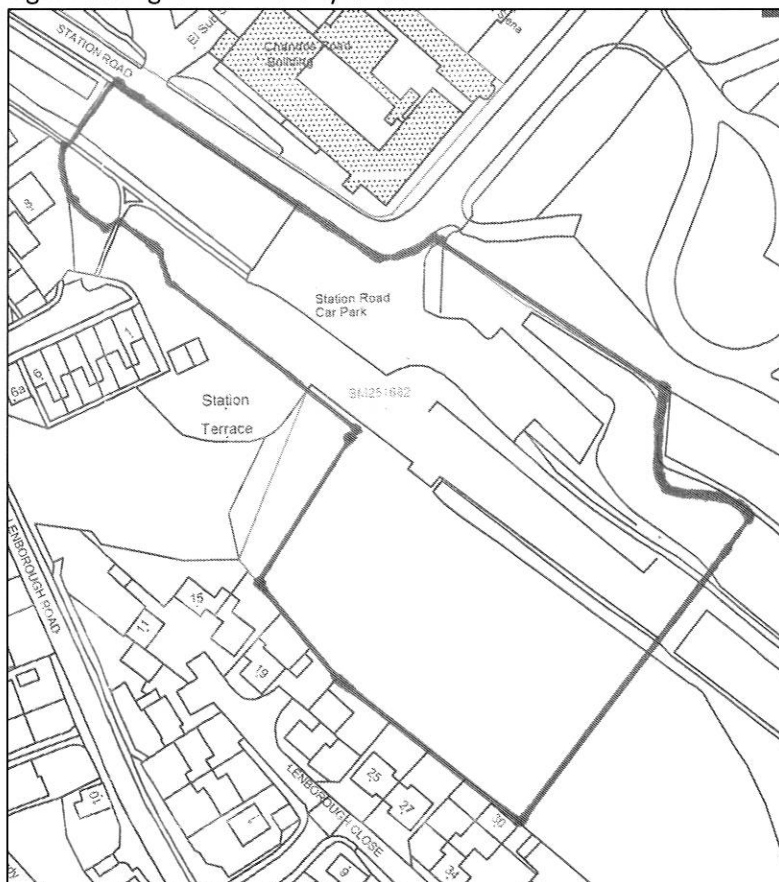


Fig3. The link from the railway walk to Chandos Road.



Fig4. The link from the railway walk to Station Terrace / Lenborough Road.



Fig 5. View from the University car park towards the A421. Land owned by Buckingham University.



Fig6. Plan from 2001 showing the whole of the railway walk at a permissive path.

