



# BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Town Clerk: Mr. C. P. Wayman

Monday, 19 October 2015

Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of Buckingham Town Council will be held on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 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 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and approved at Full Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

**Copy previously circulated**

**4. Action Report**

To receive the report and note the updated information.

**Appendix A**

**5. Budgets**

To receive the latest figures

**Appendix B**

**6. Lace Hill Community Centre**

To discuss and agree on a name for the new building

**7. Permission to hold fitness sessions in Chandos Park**

To receive, discuss and agree an email request

**Appendix C**

**8. Access Awareness**

To receive a verbal update from Cllr Strain-Clark

Buckingham



Twinned with Mouvaux, France



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

**9. Commemorative Tree request**

To receive and discuss and email from Buckingham's WI

**Appendix D**

**10. BCWP**

10.1 To receive the minutes of the BCWP meeting 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015, and agree any appropriate action

**Appendix E**

10.2 To receive the agenda of the BCWP meeting 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Appendix F**

**11. News Releases**

**12. Chair's Announcements**

**13. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

**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	ONGOING
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	ONGOING
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	BMX Track	Look into possibilities for new BMX track and if it could be included in the Neighbourhood plan	Incorporated in S106 agreement for Moreton Rd. ph.3
878/13, 598/12, 199/14;830/14	Bourton Ponds Project	Public being consulted as to opinion of proposed plans, funding being sought,	Ongoing
330/14	Ken Tagg Play Area	Replacement of play equipment	ONGOING
580/14	Purchase or rental of New Premises	investigate the purchasing or rental of suitable premises	Ongoing
705/14 326/10 & 218/13	Cemetery Burial Space	Report to be brought to committee regarding further provision	
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
832/14	MVAS sign	Purchase and install 2 <sup>nd</sup> sign	Received sign
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	ACTION TOWN CLERK ONGOING
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
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	

Items not started

ongoing items

completed items

	Actual Last Year	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% of Budget	
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>								
<u>201</u>	<u>ENVIRONMENT</u>							
4068	COMMUNITY SERVICE	6,980	1,560	6,750	5,190	5,190	23.1 %	
4069	GRIT / SALT BINS	0	0	1,800	1,800	900	50.0 %	
4101	SEATS AND BINS	576	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.0 %	
4112	ENVIRONMENT EQUIPMENT	5,800	3,550	6,000	2,450	24	2,426	59.6 %
4118	GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL	300	300	360	60	60	83.3 %	
	ENVIRONMENT :- Expenditure	<b>13,656</b>	<b>5,410</b>	<b>17,910</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>11,576</b>	<b>35.4 %</b>
	<b>Net Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>13,656</b>	<b>5,410</b>	<b>17,910</b>	<b>12,500</b>			
<u>202</u>	<u>ROUNABOUTS</u>							
4108	ROUNABOUT	7,924	4,413	10,000	5,587	4,025	1,562	84.4 %
	ROUNABOUTS :- Expenditure	<b>7,924</b>	<b>4,413</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>5,587</b>	<b>4,025</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>84.4 %</b>
1051	ROUNABOUT NO 1 OPEN	1,982	2,014	2,032	-18			99.1 %
1052	ROUNABOUT NO 2 ELLA	1,057	1,074	1,547	-473			69.4 %
1053	ROUNABOUT NO 3	1,735	1,762	1,778	-16			99.1 %
1054	ROUNABOUT NO 4 R & B	0	0	2,211	-2,211			0.0 %
1056	ROUNABOUT NO 6 EUROLANE	2,367	2,405	2,426	-21			99.1 %
1057	ROUNABOUT NO 7 RING ROAD	1,207	1,226	1,237	-11			99.1 %
	ROUNABOUTS :- Income	<b>8,348</b>	<b>8,482</b>	<b>11,231</b>	<b>-2,749</b>			<b>75.5 %</b>
	<b>Net Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>-424</b>	<b>-4,068</b>	<b>-1,231</b>	<b>2,837</b>			
<u>203</u>	<u>MAINTENANCE</u>							
4063	VEHICLE HIRE AND RUNNING	3,880	2,586	6,000	3,414		3,414	43.1 %
4082	ALLOTMENTS	1,500	1,500	1,500	0		0	100.0 %
4102	DOG BINS	2,867	0	4,000	4,000		4,000	0.0 %
	MAINTENANCE :- Expenditure	<b>8,247</b>	<b>4,086</b>	<b>11,500</b>	<b>7,414</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,414</b>	<b>35.5 %</b>
	<b>Net Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>8,247</b>	<b>4,086</b>	<b>11,500</b>	<b>7,414</b>			
<u>204</u>	<u>DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES</u>							
4124	DEVOLVED SERVICES	0	19,303	29,770	10,467	2,274	8,192	72.5 %
	DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES :- Expenditure	<b>0</b>	<b>19,303</b>	<b>29,770</b>	<b>10,467</b>	<b>2,274</b>	<b>8,192</b>	<b>72.5 %</b>
1017	DEVOLVED SERVICES INCOME	17,750	20,490	32,000	-11,510			64.0 %
	DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES :- Income	<b>17,750</b>	<b>20,490</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>-11,510</b>			<b>64.0 %</b>
	<b>Net Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>-17,750</b>	<b>-1,187</b>	<b>-2,230</b>	<b>-1,043</b>			

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## Committee Report

		Actual Last Year	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	0	1,560	7,500	5,940		5,940	20.8 %
	PLAYING FIELDS :- Expenditure	<b>0</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>5,940</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,940</b>	<b>20.8 %</b>
	<b>Net Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>5,940</b>			
<u>251</u>	<u>CHANDOS PARK</u>							
4106	PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	139	272	500	228		228	54.4 %
4601	REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	6,890	1,994	7,180	5,186	150	5,035	29.9 %
4602	ELECTRICITY	371	376	500	124		124	75.2 %
4603	WATER	2,313	736	1,500	764		764	49.1 %
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	15,014	7,627	15,470	7,843	7,627	216	98.6 %
	CHANDOS PARK :- Expenditure	<b>24,727</b>	<b>11,006</b>	<b>25,150</b>	<b>14,144</b>	<b>7,777</b>	<b>6,367</b>	<b>74.7 %</b>
1030	BOWLS INCOME	550	550	550	0			100.0 %
1035	TENNIS COURT RENT	625	0	750	-750			0.0 %
	CHANDOS PARK :- Income	<b>1,175</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>-750</b>			<b>42.3 %</b>
	<b>Net Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>23,552</b>	<b>10,456</b>	<b>23,850</b>	<b>13,394</b>			
<u>252</u>	<u>BOURTON PARK</u>							
4106	PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	359	616	500	-116		-116	123.3 %
4601	REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	9,614	4,319	12,000	7,681		7,681	36.0 %
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	26,084	13,250	26,867	13,617	13,250	366	98.6 %
4708	PLAY EQUIPMENT	39,095	0	0	0		0	0.0 %
	BOURTON PARK :- Expenditure	<b>75,151</b>	<b>18,185</b>	<b>39,367</b>	<b>21,182</b>	<b>13,250</b>	<b>7,931</b>	<b>79.9 %</b>
1078	NEW HOMES BONUS	38,513	0	0	0			0.0 %
	BOURTON PARK :- Income	<b>38,513</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			
	<b>Net Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>36,638</b>	<b>18,185</b>	<b>39,367</b>	<b>21,182</b>			
<u>253</u>	<u>CEMETERY</u>							
4225	RATES	2,251	576	1,300	724		724	44.3 %
4601	REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	2,725	1,037	4,760	3,723		3,723	21.8 %
4602	ELECTRICITY	295	587	400	-187		-187	146.8 %
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	21,746	11,047	22,510	11,463	11,047	416	98.2 %
4615	BURIAL FEES	0	500	0	-500		-500	0.0 %
4620	EXPENSES RE BURIAL DUTIES	3,489	4,958	5,000	42		42	99.2 %
	CEMETERY :- Expenditure	<b>30,506</b>	<b>18,705</b>	<b>33,970</b>	<b>15,265</b>	<b>11,047</b>	<b>4,218</b>	<b>87.6 %</b>
1041	BURIAL FEES	12,486	11,417	10,000	1,417			114.2 %

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1045	CEMETERY WAR GRAVES COMM	60	0	60	-60			0.0 %
	CEMETERY :- Income	<b>12,546</b>	<b>11,417</b>	<b>10,060</b>	<b>1,357</b>			<b>113.5 %</b>
	<b>Net Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>17,960</b>	<b>7,288</b>	<b>23,910</b>	<b>16,622</b>			
<u>254</u>	<u>CHANDOS PARK TOILETS</u>							
4612	CONTRACTOR CHARGE	11,984	0	12,500	12,500		12,500	0.0 %
4709	MAINTENANCE	1,035	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0 %
	CHANDOS PARK TOILETS :- Expenditure	<b>13,019</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,500</b>	<b>13,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,500</b>	<b>0.0 %</b>
	<b>Net Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>13,019</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,500</b>	<b>13,500</b>			
<u>255</u>	<u>RAILWAY WALK</u>							
4120	BTCV GRANT PAYMENT	434	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0 %
4122	TREE WORKS	1,478	347	1,500	1,153		1,153	23.1 %
	RAILWAY WALK :- Expenditure	<b>1,913</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>9.9 %</b>
	<b>Net Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,153</b>			
<u>256</u>	<u>STORAGE PREMISES</u>							
4053	GRENVILLE	0	46	650	604		604	7.1 %
4073	COLLEGE FARM	3,250	3,250	3,250	0		0	100.0 %
	STORAGE PREMISES :- Expenditure	<b>3,250</b>	<b>3,296</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>84.5 %</b>
	<b>Net Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>3,296</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>604</b>			
<u>257</u>	<u>KEN TAGG PLAYGROUND</u>							
4106	PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	231	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		40,000	0.0 %
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	1,024	520	1,150	630	520	109	90.5 %
	KEN TAGG PLAYGROUND :- Expenditure	<b>1,255</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>42,150</b>	<b>41,285</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>40,764</b>	<b>3.3 %</b>
1079	GRANTS FOR PLAYGROUND	0	0	40,000	-40,000			0.0 %
	KEN TAGG PLAYGROUND :- Income	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>-40,000</b>			<b>0.0 %</b>
	<b>Net Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>1,285</b>			
<u>258</u>	<u>CEMETERY LODGE</u>							
4034	PWLB REPAYMANTS INCL	4,702	2,351	4,702	2,351		2,351	50.0 %
4225	RATES	-1,309	0	0	0		0	0.0 %

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4609	CEMETERY LODGE MAINT	0	56	500	444		444	11.2 %
	CEMETERY LODGE :- Expenditure	<b>3,394</b>	<b>2,407</b>	<b>5,202</b>	<b>2,795</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,795</b>	<b>46.3 %</b>
1061	CEMETERY LODGE RENTAL	8,436	3,938	8,000	-4,062			49.2 %
	CEMETERY LODGE :- Income	<b>8,436</b>	<b>3,938</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>-4,062</b>			<b>49.2 %</b>
	<b>Net Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>-5,042</b>	<b>-1,531</b>	<b>-2,798</b>	<b>-1,267</b>			
<u>259</u>	<u>OTTERS BROOK</u>							
4106	PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	70	134	500	366		366	26.8 %
4122	TREE WORKS	0	80	230	150		150	34.8 %
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	3,262	1,657	3,360	1,703	1,657	46	98.6 %
	OTTERS BROOK :- Expenditure	<b>3,332</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>4,090</b>	<b>2,219</b>	<b>1,657</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>86.3 %</b>
	<b>Net Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>3,332</b>	<b>1,871</b>	<b>4,090</b>	<b>2,219</b>			
<u>260</u>	<u>CCTV</u>							
4100	CCTV ONGOING COSTS	696	0	1,002	1,002		1,002	0.0 %
	CCTV :- Expenditure	<b>696</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>0.0 %</b>
	<b>Net Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>1,002</b>			
	ENVIRONMENT :- Expenditure	<b>187,070</b>	<b>91,455</b>	<b>248,511</b>	<b>157,056</b>	<b>41,476</b>	<b>115,579</b>	<b>53.5 %</b>
	Income	<b>86,768</b>	<b>44,876</b>	<b>102,591</b>	<b>-57,715</b>			<b>43.7 %</b>
	<b>Net Expenditure over Income</b>	<b>100,302</b>	<b>46,579</b>	<b>145,920</b>	<b>99,341</b>			

## Green Spaces Manager

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**From:** Steve Nodwell [steve@regimentfitness.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 14 October 2015 16:00  
**To:** greenspaces@buckingham-tc.gov.uk  
**Cc:** GJackson00@notna.  
**Subject:** Regiment Fitness  
**Attachments:** Insurance Schedule I4S292812.pdf

Hi Lee

Thank you for taking my call and helping with the park information. Regiment Fitness run outdoor fitness across many parks for the local community. We have been running sessions for a few years now and we have built a really good fitness community. We have a instructor leaving the army shortly that is from the Buckingham area which would be ideal for him to open.

We would like to run regiment Fitness sessions at Chandos Park, Buckingham on the below times. We will stay by the river as discussed. We would also require a bollard key for vehicle access. We will drive at 5mph with hazards on until we parked. We will also stay off any agreed no go areas and be courteous to the public and dog walkers. We need a vehicle on site for equipment and first aid. We will also lock members valuables away in the vehicle. In the winter we have small spot lights on the van to help light the training area.

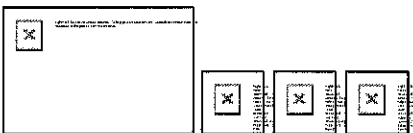
Mon 0930 to 1030am  
Tues 7-8pm  
Sat 0930 to 1030am

I have attached public liability. If you have any questions or if there is anything I have missed then please let me know.

We are hoping to start in November so if you could let us know that would be great. Thank you in advance.

**KIND REGARDS**  
**STEVEN NODWELL**

"Click to get fit"





## Insurance Schedule - Coaches & Instructors Page 1 of 2

You will only be entitled to insurance cover under the section(s) which you have selected and for which you have paid the required premium. Cover is in respect of sports coaching and instructing activities only for the sports category(s) selected.

<b>Insured</b>	Regiment Fitness Ltd		
<b>Address</b>	71-73 High Street North Dunstable LU6 1JF		
<b>Period of Insurance</b>	From: 07/08/2015 To: 06/08/2016 23:59:59	<b>Number of Coaches</b>	25
<b>Primary Sport</b>	Fitness Class Instructor	<b>Sport Category</b>	A
<b>Coach(es)</b>	Adam Meakins; Kieran Kevan; Luke Baverstock; Luke Parkhouse; Joe McCaffery; Craig Hinton; Richard Smith; Michael Cox; Shaun Smith; Kieren Weatherley; Steven Nodwell; Shaun Casey; Steven Murgett; Tom Holliman; Paul Glazebrook; James Gardener; Doug Hall; Sebastian James; Graham Grosvener; Tom Owen; Alex Brown; Richard Convington; Aaron Weatherley; Craig Cunnington; Nick Cuts		
<b>Territorial Limits</b>	UK (excl. NI)	<b>Policy Number</b>	I4S292812
Section	Cover	Sum Insured	Excess
<b>Sports Liability</b>	Public Liability	£5 Million Limit of Indemnity any one Occurrence for the conduct of the Sport/Activities noted above however in respect of Products Liability this shall be any one Occurrence and in the aggregate any one Period of Insurance	£ Nil
	Professional Indemnity	£1 Million Limit of Indemnity any one Claim and in the aggregate any one Period of Insurance for the conduct of the Sport/Activities noted above	£ Nil
<b>Personal Accident</b>	Accidental Death	Up to £0	£ Nil
	Permanent Disablement	Up to £0	£ Nil
	Loss of Limbs	Up to £0	£ Nil
	Loss of Sight	Up to £0	£ Nil
	Physiotherapy	Up to £0	25%
	Hospitalisation	£0 per day	24 hours
	Broken Bones	Up to £0	£ Nil
	Emergency Dental	Up to £0	50%
<b>Loss of Income</b>	Loss of Income	The amount payable is the lesser of 75% of Net Income Lost or £0	14 days
<b>Sports Equipment</b>	Sports Equipment	N/A £2,500 single article limit	£50
<b>Employers Liability</b>	Employers Liability	£10 Million Limit of Indemnity any one occurrence.  £5 Million Limit of Indemnity any one occurrence in respect of Terrorism and Asbestos.  £0 Clerical & managerial staff wage roll  £200,000 Coaches & instructors wage roll	£Nil



Insurance Schedule - Coaches & Instructors  
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Section	Cover	Sum Insured	Excess
<b>Employers Liability</b>	Employers Liability	£0 Players & participants wage roll	£Nil
	Continued.	£0 Caretakers & Cleaners wage roll	
		£0 Food & beverage staff wage roll	
		£0 Grounds & Maintenance staff wage roll	
		£0 All other employees wage roll	

These are the maximum amounts we will pay and should be read in conjunction with your Insurance Booklet &/or policy wording. All covers are underwritten by Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's. We would specifically draw your attention to the Coaching Conditions which may apply as detailed in the Insurance Booklet.  
The contract agreement number for this Insurance is B0573K008232014.

**Endorsement(s) Applicable**

**Total Premium** £2,365.80

The **Total Premium** above is inclusive of Insurance Premium Tax and any separately negotiated administration charges.

Issued subject to the terms of the Insurance Booklet and signed by the Authorised Representative of JRW Group Services Ltd on behalf of the Underwriters.

## Committee Clerk

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**Subject:** FW: Commemorative Tree for Buckingham

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**From:** Buckingham WI [<mailto:buckinghamwi@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** 19 October 2015 17:27  
**To:** [greenspaces@buckingham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:greenspaces@buckingham-tc.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** Commemorative Tree for Buckingham

Dear Mr Phillips,

I write on behalf of Buckingham WI, who would to donate/plant a tree in Buckingham to commemorate the Centenary of the Women's Institute this year. We are not really sure where this would be best placed and would like your advice on this. The most popular suggestion was in the green space around the Parish Church, as it was felt that it would be better protected there, and we would like it to be somewhere with good footfall so residents and members alike would be able to enjoy it.

I would be grateful for your ideas on suitable sites, and how to progress this.

Kind Regards,

Dr Siân Whyte  
Buckingham WI

**Cc:** buckingham@tcv.org.uk; Committee Clerk; townclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Re: BCWP meeting notes of 20 July 2015 and Agenda for next meeting 14  
December 2015 at 6pm in Town Council Chamber  
**Attachments:** Agenda Buckingham Community Wildlife Project 151214.docx; BCWP meeting 20  
July 2015.doc

Please find attached the notes of the meeting held on 20 July, together with the Agenda for the next meeting to be held on **14 December 2015**, and I'll send a reminder nearer the time. Please note the change in date of the next meeting. Apologies for the lateness I thought I'd sent them out straight after the meeting.

I'd also like to draw your attention to the 2 river rinses on 13 September - Meet at University Car Park 10:30 am, and 4 October meet at Bourton Park Car Park, Bourton Road at 10:30 am.

Kind regards, Ruth

cc Committee Clerk / Town Clerk - Please table on next Environment Agenda under BCWP report - add to note meeting notes of 20 July and agree any appropriate action.

**Notes from a meeting of the Buckingham Community Wildlife Project Steering Group held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015 in the Town Council Chamber.**

Present:

Ruth Newell in the chair & notes	Buckingham Town Council
Terry Bloomfield	Buckingham Town Council
Ted Farmer	Buckingham Society
Derrick Isham	Buckingham Town Council
Lee Phillips	Green Spaces Manager

1. **Apologies:** Athina Beckett (Buckingham Canal Society), Jenny Manning (Railway Walk), Bill Truscott (Maids Moreton Avenue Conservation Group).
2. Ruth agreed to take notes.
3. **Notes of Meeting** held on 30 March 2015, were agreed as a correct record.
4. **Matters Arising** from previous meeting

**Maids Moreton Avenue:** The initial response from Joyce Rance of BCC, regarding the moving of the fence between Buckingham Primary School and the Avenue had been negative, but Ruth was following this up, and Warren Whyte was assisting through the BCC Cabinet Member. Ruth had received no response from Joyce Rance and nothing further from Warren Whyte, but would chase both.

5. **Buckingham Railway Walk Conservation Group** – Jenny had apologised but had sent the following written report:-

'Since the last meeting our group numbers have been good, 8-10 per work day; a Yr 10 student from the Royal Latin has completed his voluntary work with us; we have cleared out rubbish from the area behind the pond including remains of disused dens; dealt with fallen branches and trees at both ends of the walkway and last month we purchased some OSMO oil and applied it to the AVDC signs to help preserve the wood. Local people continue to collect the branches we leave stacked as logs to use on their fires and log burners, so fewer of the larger pieces of wood are now not left on site. The teasel plants we planted along-side the path next to the school playing fields are growing well and will hopefully self-seed. Having received the tree labels we will choose which trees are suitable to be labelled and will attach them in the coming months. Come September we will start to cut and clear the glades to encourage wild flower growth. David Child, member of the Buckingham Society transport group, last contacted me in early April to let me know that he is still in conversation with all land owner parties with respect to being able to have the Railway Walk pathway added to the BCC Definitive Map, to offer it some legal protection as a pathway. If I should hear any news I will let you know. I think that sums up our achievements and our short term plans. The group is doing well'.

6. **Maids Moreton Avenue Conservation Group update – no report received.**

Ruth had asked Bill whether he had heard about the tree that had been felled possibly improperly as it was protected by a TPO and was a big Ash backing on to Woodlands Close, and there was nothing on the planning website.

7. **Bourton Park and Heartlands** – Lee reported that he'd been working with the ponds and renovating and improving the penstock end with the Environment Agency and would be good to have fish passage so fish can migrate up stream. In addition ponds would be desilted, river banks improved and the ponds renovated; work with the EA to do a feasibility study. May be able to get funding from EA, TC or 106 funding. Similar thing happening at Stony Stratford.
8. **Buckingham Canal Society** - Athina had sent in a written report that at our site at Bourton Meadow the contractors have relined the canal bed where it was leaking and now that the liner has been replaced everything seems fine. Our volunteers have been back and have re-planted about 4,000 aquatic plants some of which are now in flower and there have been at least two sets of ducking's using the canal
9. **Buckingham Society**  
Ted was still concerned about the Maids Moreton Avenue path which was uneven, and a month ago he had found runners who could not run on it, and a mother who could not push her pram on it. The improvements were specifically to aid walking to school, so defeated the purpose. The group were very concerned to hear that Ian Hopcraft had left AVDC, but Ian had felt no more work was needed to tidy it up. Ted was concerned about rubbish up there in the section behind the schools fence. and reiterated our wish to restore the area commandeered by the school. Ted was sorry to be negative but the path at the moment is worse than it was beforehand. Lee suggested that we ask for the surface we would like and request it. Lee offered to suggest what may be suitable.
10. **Wildlife update from AVDC**  
The group were sad that Matt Dodds had left. Ruth had sent a late invite to Paul Holton to join the group, or to update us with written reports. Ruth had helped a mother duck and 6 ducklings across the road from the bottom of Page Hill to the river. Red kites were regularly seen over Page Hill.
11. **AOB**  
Terry reminded members that the River rinses were on **SUNDAY 13 September 2015** starting at the floss and clearing to Fishers Field meet at 10:30am at the University car park – Terry lead member. Also **SUNDAY 4 October 2015** – meet at 10:30 am at Bourton Park car park clean through to Cricket Field, all welcome.  
Another stretch needed doing, from Cornwall's Meadow to Buckingham Athletic, and that would be logged for next year.
12. **Date and time of next meeting - Monday 14 December 2015 at 6pm**

*Meeting closed at 6:45pm*

## **Buckingham Community Wildlife Project Meeting**

**on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 6pm**

in the Town Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow

### **Agenda**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015
4. Matters arising
5. Buckingham Railway Walk Conservation Group (Jenny)
6. Maids Moreton Avenue Conservation Group (Bill)
7. Bourton Park and Heartlands (Lee)
8. Buckingham Canal Society (Athina)
9. Buckingham Society (Ted Farmer)
10. Wildlife update from AVDC (Paul Holton?)
11. Any other business
12. Date and time of next meeting - awaiting dates of Environment Committee meetings for 2016

Circulation:

**Aylesbury Vale District Council** – Paul Holton

**Buckingham Canal Society** – Athina Beckett

**Buckingham Railway Walk Conservation Group** – Jenny Manning

**Buckingham Society** – Ted Farmer

**Buckingham Town Council** – Terry Bloomfield , Derrick Isham,  
Ruth Newell,

**Maids Moreton Avenue Conservation Group** – Bill Truscott