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Town Clerk: Claire Molyneux



Wednesday, 04 June 2025

Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of the Environment Committee of Buckingham Town Council which will be held on Monday 9th June 2025 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Please note that the meeting will be preceded by a Public Session in accordance with Standing Orders 3.e and 3.f, which will last for a maximum of 15 minutes. Members of the public can attend the meeting in person. If you would like to address the meeting virtually, please email committeeclerk@buckingham-tc.gov.uk or call 01280 816426 for details.

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Claire Molyneux Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Election of Chair

To elect a Chair of the Environment Committee for 2025-2026.

2. Apologies for absence

Members are asked to receive apologies for absence.

3. Election of Vice Chair

To elect a Vice Chair of the Environment Committee for 2025-2026.

4. Declarations of interest

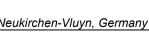
To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

5. Minutes

To agree the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 7th April 2025.

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6. Buckingham Community Wildlife and Climate Emergency Group

To note the minutes from meetings held on 16th October 2024 and 12th February 2025.

Appendix A

7. Boules Courts

To note a letter from the Twinning Society.

Appendix B

8. Buckingham Primary School - Speeding and Parking

To receive and consider a response to correspondence from Buckingham Primary School.

Appendix C

9. Budgets

To receive the latest figures.

Appendix D

10. New cemetery and allotments

To receive a report from the Estates Manager.

E/29/25

Draft Handbook.

11. Moreton Road Phase 3 BMX track and Rugby pitches

To receive a report from the Estates Manager. Covering letter.

E/30/25

Layout plan.

Appendix E
Appendix F

Plans review.

Appendix G

BMX track maintenance schedule. BMX track design. Appendix I
Appendix I

12. Benches survey

To receive a verbal update from Cllr. Davies.

13. Parks and Green Spaces Working Group

To receive a report from the Town Clerk.

E/31/25

14. Action report

To receive the report and note the updated information.

Appendix J

15. Compliments and complaints

To receive the compliments and complaints log.

Appendix K

16. Bridge Removal Tender

To receive a report from the Estates Manager.

E/32/25

17. News releases

18. Chair's announcements - for information only

19. Date of next meeting: Monday 28th July 2025

To Committee Members:

Cllr. T. Allen
Cllr. F. Davies Town Mayor

Cllr. R. Newell

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Cllr. L. Draper Cllr. A. Schaefer Cllr. J. Harvey Cllr. S. Singh Cllr. H. Haydock Cllr. R. Stuchbury

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Notes of a meeting of the Buckingham Community Wildlife and Climate Emergency Group held on Zoom on 16 October 2024 at 6pm.

Present - Athina Beckett, Chris Gardiner, Margaret Gateley, Michael Hunt, Fiona Kelner, Ruth Newell (Chair and notes), Ian Orton, Lee Phillips, Nina Stockill.

Apologies – Simon Bumstead, Katherine Miskin, Lee Phillips.

Absent – Lucy Draper, Emma Foster, Rebecca Nutley.

1. Apologies and welcome

Apologies were received from those noted above and new members welcomed following the suggestion made at the annual town meeting, to add Climate Emergency representatives to our group - Fiona Kelner (Climate Café), Rebecca Nutley (Feedback Global/ Gleaning Networks Bucks) and Chris Gardiner (Repair Café) to learn from one another and record activities in Buckingham and that is shared with the Town Council Environment Committee.

2. Notes of meeting held on 19 June 2024

Agreed.

3. Matters Arising

Any would be covered under the relevant agenda item.

4. Bourton Park, Chandos Park, Railway Walk – Nina stockill Bourton Park

There had been a clean-up of Bourton Park following the floods and lots of storm damage. Bourton Park had a 'Rights of Way' diversion consultation following the closure of the unsafe bridge, that was too expensive to repair, and other bridleways and an extra footpath would join it up next year.

On 2 November 2024 the Town Council Fireworks would take place in the park now there were pallets for the bonfire. Trees damaged in storm had been cleared by the tiny forest. The mini orchard would be invigorated. Section 106 funding for picnic benches, by river. Removal of willow branches around the play area.

Michael Hunt had done weeding in the tiny forest as the tree labels could not be seen, and most had been found to submit the data to Earthwatch.

Railway walk

Lee had previously confirmed fence repairs had been completed, but the steps were outstanding, Mike did not think they needed to be replaced.

Postponement of pedestrian cycle survey by Bucks regarding upgrades to the railway walk by end of month. Railway walk /scenic walk transport scheme planned at a cost of £1.7 million upgrade to 3 metres wide tarmac. Scenic walk straightforward, planned for summer 2025.

The Council's Biodiversity policy would be consolidated into one policy and went to the last Environment Committee, looking to get ecological surveys by consultants of all the sites to

improve diversity and inform larger management plans. There would be consultation with stakeholders.

5. Buckingham Canal Society – Athena Beckett

2 sites covered by the society Bourton Meadow in Buckingham and Hyde Lane in Foscote, They work with volunteers 30 different outside companies use volunteer days. In Bourton Meadow the leaflet box had been vandalised 3 times. Poster shared for green gym, to advertise and support.

Athena reported there was still an issue with the BBOWNT Hyde Lane site in the parish of Foscote, through the actions of the farmer Clive Pullen and the commercial fishing club leading to no access for over a year BBOWT had owned the site for 70 years. There was a heritage walk but features were disappearing as the Canal Society cannot access the site to maintain it. 5 bench sets were unusable. 2 car parks used by Embyo Fishing Club, but track owned by Clive Pullen of Home Farm and the Anglian pumping station was used for storing tools. Anglian Water and fishing club bat between the two sites. Margaret advised encouraging the landowner to allow access via Foscote Parish Council as it was outside the Town Council's area. The Canal Society was looking after Ouse valley walk for Buckinghamshire Rights of Way. Licenced by Anglian Water to use the pumping station but not access. Commercial group stopped use of the car park. Work had been completed with a small work van dropping off, but it was a one-mile walk. The site was too far along a footpath, one mile, to carry heavy tools and machinery.

Nina offered to check with the Town Clerk whether the Town Council could assist.

6. Buckingham Railway Walk Conservation Group - Katherine Miskin

Katherine's written report follows: -

I am afraid - am running lots of corporate volunteering days at this time of year.

Not much to report on the Railway Walk group other than we are still working towards the group becoming independent and applying for funding. The group particularly enjoyed scything the glade areas over the last couple of sessions and look forward to seeing the results in the wildflowers next year.

Outstanding actions from previous meeting - Next year would make sure that the volunteers are skilled and can run themselves.

ACTION Katherine

Lee was still seeking tool storage nearer to the site from when TCV were no longer involved and had contacted Matthew Cross estate manager at the University.

ACTION Lee Phillips

Lucy had also suggested asking the RLS and Michael Hunt would do this when he was next on site.

ACTION Michael Hunt

7. Buckingham Riverfly Monitoring and River Wardens - Simon Bumstead

Written report from Simon Bumstead

7.1 Riverfly Surveys

7.1.1 Chandos Park

Monthly Riverfly Surveys continue to take place at the Chandos Park site when river levels allow. The results of which are logged onto the Riverfly Partnership Database. Trigger Level for site is 6 and five surveys have been completed since my last report.

20 Jun 24 ARMI Score 8 20 Jul 24 ARMI Score 9 16 Aug 24 ARMI Score 10 13 Sep 24 ARMI Score 9

17 Sep 24 ARMI Score 12 - Survey carried out at the Riverfly Training event. In summary, since we have been surveying (since August 2021) the scores have remained fairly stable and always above the trigger level.

7.1.2 Bourton Park

Second survey site in Bourton Park -though not designated yet as an official site so no Trigger Level set. Survey scores though will guide the EA to set a level.

Three surveys completed since last report.

28 Jun 24 ARMI Score 10 8 Aug 24 ARMI Score 10 20 Sep 24 ARMI Score 9.

7.2 Walkover Surveys

7.2.1 The 7 RWs, with a designated river stretch, carry out Quarterly Surveys. These should be reported through the Upper and Bedford Ouse Catchment Partnership website. I still have no visibility of these. No progress made since last report so item remains open.

7.3 Recruitment & Training

7.3.1 As reported we have three new people interested in becoming RWs.

Two of these John Walters and Fran Smith attended and gained their Riverfly Survey certificates at a Riverfly training event held at Chandos Park on 17th September along with Nina Karvik, Lead Ranger from Stowe NT. Three other RWs from Beds/Berks also attended. The trainer was John Findley of the EA. Also, under training to become Riverfly trainers themselves was Jon Balaam (UBOCP vice chair) and Chloe Apicella Conservation Officer (Bedfordshire), The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire. Both Richard Cobb and myself attended as a refresher.

- 7.3.2 River walkdown survey training has still to be arranged. This is on Jon Balaam's to do list. Baseline surveys will follow on new stretches with the help of Tony Gilbert when diaries allow.
- 7.3.3 Richard Cobb and myself attended an Extended Riverfly training event at The Working Woodlands Centre, Maulden Wood, Beds on 23 September. The extended Riverfly scheme looks to identify 33 invertebrate groups as opposed to the 8 groups in the standard scheme. We both gained our certificates so survey's going forward where Rich and myself are in attendance will start to use the extended riverfly categories.

7.4 Other Items

7.4.1 Events

The RW group attended the Celebrate Buckingham Day event on Saturday 22nd June in the Paddock, Bourton Park. Both the adults and children that visited our stall enjoyed identifying and sorting the various Riverfly invertebrates that we had sampled earlier that

morning.

7.4.2 Funding

BTC grant of £271 received in May has been spent – £221 has been spent on an additional Riverfly survey kit along with replacement nets and sorting trays. Richard Cobb is holding a Riverfly survey kit set. The remaining £50 was spent on a new set of waders for lan Hopcraft.

We shall be applying for a another grant this year for replacement consumables for the water quality testing kits.

7.4.3 Water Quality Testing

We recently took receipt of two Water Quality Testing Devices. These have been provided by UBOCP. With the use of the BDAA's own DO meter we will now be able to measure Ammonia, Phosphate and Dissolved Oxygen levels at our two survey sites on a regular basis.

Chandos Park test results – Ammonia (NH3) 0.02 ppm Phosphate 0.21ppm and DO at three points measured 7.8, 6.5 and 8.9. We will be obtaining guidance on what ranges are acceptable.

7.4.4 Revised Riverfly Methodology monitoring for Lakes

Nothing to report following a pilot of the process at Willen Lake in February 2024. This is being developed by Freshwater Biological Association, Natural England and the EA.

7.4.5 Mink Rafts

There are supposedly five mink rafts located on the river around Buckingham though we are still not sure who monitors these and whether they have survived the floods over the years they have been deployed. No progress made since last report so item remains open.

7.4.6 Visit

Tony Gilbert and myself visited George Eaton of Rectory Farm on the 10th July to see the work undertaken on his stretch of the river and how it looks after 5 years. In 2019, the Wild Trout Trust and the Environment Agency (as funder) delivered 6 gravel riffles to provide new spawning habitat for brown trout, chub, dace and minnows. The visit was very informative. Going forward we need to consider allocating a RW to survey part of his stretch and possibly establish another Riverfly Survey site. Unfortunately, the river was too high determine a possible site with easy access to the river. Follow-up visit required. George is also very interested in eradicating mink both along his part of the river but also further downstream.

The meeting discussed would like to know when there is sewage in the river. Ian raised sewage and drainage problem and Michael bad rainfall overflow sewage through storm drains at March edge area. Sewage plant issues, Anglian Water legal obligation to connect any new house.

8. Buckingham Society - Ian Orton

8.1 Flower bed outside the Community Centre

As part of our 50th anniversary commemoration the Society has offered to replant and maintain the big flower bed outside the Community Centre.

This is currently owned by Buckinghamshire Council and the Society's view was that had

been neglected during recent years.

It will probably take some time to negotiate all the hurdles that are typically put in place by local and central government to frustrate any community-based initiatives (especially if they involve taking over functions which should be, or perhaps were, formally discharged by central/local government).

We will prepare a detailed planting plan to help boost biodiversity as well as providing a focal point for a neglected part of the townscape. Some present had welcomed the perennial planting of a diversity of grasses.

The Rotary Club, along with other individuals, have also expressed an interest and we will do our best to involve them in the project as well.

2. London Road Bridge

The Society has also been concerned at the current state of the London Road bridge. The area between the footbridge and the road has been colonised by brambles at the south end of the bridge. For most of the summer it has not been possible to see the river from the footbridge because of the extent to which vegetation has grown. In addition, the frieze on the bridge itself has sustained more damage.

Although we acknowledge that the brambles and the growth of other vegetation might have biodiversity and ecological benefits, our concern is that if unchecked structural and other more substantive problems could occur in the future as a consequence of ongoing neglect. We have informed Buckinghamshire Council of these issues.

We have also researched the costs of repairing the frieze with a view to either paying for all or part of the work and materials required. These exceed the Society's resources by a significant margin, however.

3. Buckinghamshire sub-contractors

We have been disappointed by the work done by the sub-contractors currently used to maintain the green and open spaces owned by Buckinghamshire Council in the town. Many trees currently carry scars of the sub-contractors ineptitude in cutting grass and the lack of ongoing maintenance to newly planted trees continues to cause us concern. In an ideal world we would prefer Buckingham Town Council (BTC) to take over the maintenance contract, assuming, of course, that a satisfactory financial agreement could be negotiated.

4. Railway Walk upgrading

The Society is concerned that Buckinghamshire Council's plans for upgrading the Railway Walk will proceed without any proper consultation with the general public or any other "stakeholders" that might have an interest.

MH also concerned about the trees that had failed as not watered. Watering trees first aid.

9. Climate Café – Fiona Kelner

Fiona update event in June big green week seed swap plan at waste busters at larder café nice event. People worthwhile nothing else planned at moment. end summer sir quality around schools Eco Council and demo at BPS and whole school assembly idling around schools think negligible and spoke at Town Council Environment Committee. Continue focusing on that area and working with schools and improve safety and air quality for children due to irresponsible car use around schools. Air quality monitoring want to so it. Use data already available but was spec data to camping. More events have focus so that trying to achieve.

10. Feedback Global (Gleaning Networks Bucks) - Rebecca Nutley

No response had been received from the meeting invitation from Rebecca.

11. Repair Café & Men in Sheds - Chris Gardiner

Repair café - Focus on stopping waste by repairing things and started 15 years ago in Amsterdam, there were 6000 in the world and a few in Bucks, launched waste team found money seed funding and swan community hub, finance facilities and charity helped financial part. Volunteers found via Facebook 8 to 12 people so things electrical, silver, carpentry seamstress. Would be thrown away and not taking work from local business. Café element WI cakes, tea and coffee, 50% share profits, and cakes are wonderful. Nina heled with banners in the market square and Leeders and Nimble Thimble provide stuff at cost and the first sessions were held on 10 February. It took place for 3 hrs every second Saturday at The Centre in Verney Close.

It was financially viable people give a donation and that covers costs of hire of the Centre and insurance, they had a good deal on hiring the Centre. Volunteer community come back to share skills and get to know one another in sessions and outside the session and work together. 30 to 50 repairs at each session, or 400 items over 10 sessions.

The café really helps, and willing to come back and run it. Can we do more yes, repair master classes. Table I café, water busters, wrap up coats, Specsavers fee for adjustments to spectacles. There was a table that could be used by others, for example a table for climate cafe.

Men in sheds had around 20 members attending in the Cote at the Woolpack and suffered from flooding. At the RLS the following Wednesday with bird and bug boxes.

12. Tree Wardens - Ian, Margaret, Michael, Ruth

Nina reported that Katharine the Planning clerk kept tree wardens updated about tree work applications so they could comment. The Council had obtained funding for native tree planting and in the hedge line in the new cemetery this half of winter. 2030 whips and 40 standard trees. Tree wardens will be invited to help with the planting of whips, according to the planting plan of phase 1 of the cemetery. There was wildflower mix for parts as well.

13. Any other business

All were reminded that Town Council grants forms were available for groups to apply for grants.

14. Dates and times of next meetings at 6pm on 12 February 2025, 18 June 2025, 15 October 2025

All were thanked for all they were doing for wildlife and nature conservation in Buckingham.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

Ruth Newell 16 & 31 October 2024 Notes of a meeting of the Buckingham Community Wildlife and Climate Emergency Group held on Zoom on 12 February 2025 at 6pm.

We aim to learn from one another and record Wildlife and Climate Emergency activities in Buckingham and it is shared with the Town Council Environment Committee.

Present - Robert Brignall, Simon Bumstead, Lucy Draper, Margaret Gateley, Michael Hunt, Fiona Kelner, Ruth Newell (Chair and notes), Lee Phillips.

Apologies - Athina Beckett, Emma Foster, Katherine Miskin, Rebecca Nutley, Ian Orton.

1. Apologies and welcome

Apologies were received from those noted.

2. Notes of meeting held on 16 October 2024

Agreed.

3. Matters Arising

Any would be covered under the relevant agenda item.

4. Bourton Park, Chandos Park, Railway Walk - Lee Phillips

Annual Town Meeting: Thursday 6th March @ 6pm – all welcome

Spring Green fair: Sunday 27th April 10-2pm – still looking for local groups to host stalls – Nina organising.

Tree planting at new cemetery 31 standards, funding from HS2, – in March dates TBC. It will need to be during week as the trees are large & containerised etc. and will need the assistance the green spaces staff team to dig holes, tree wardens will be invited. Railway walk footpath project from Bucks Council – we are awaiting updates and public consultation – as soon as the TC know more they will let us know.

5. Buckingham Canal Society - Athena Beckett

The Canal Society AGM was on 15 March at 7.30pm. Athena's poster had been circulated to this group and the Town Council would add the poster to their noticeboard.

Concerning the access issue with Hyde Lane site, discussed at the last meeting, Nina had checked with the Town Council and they could not assist as it was outside Buckingham TC boundary.

Here is Athina's report:-

The Society continues its work at Bourton Meadow and were helped by corporate groups joining us most days including last year including Thursday 19th December when we were joined by a group from WD40 and the weather was warm enough to have a picnic lunch. We also have children taking part in the DoE scheme working with us again this year.

Regarding the Hyde Lane situation nothing much has changed. Athina did contact Lady Scott from Foscote who contacted the local farmer but unfortunately didn't manage to change his mind about allowing us access to the site. One of the other

Trustees has been in contact with MP Callum Anderson and we are hoping he may be able to assist us in the future and a further meeting is being arranged.

6. Buckingham Railway Walk Conservation Group - Katherine Miskin

Katherine had hoped a volunteer may be able to attend this meeting in her absence, but no one had offered.

Outstanding actions from previous meeting - Next year KM would make sure that the volunteers are skilled and can run themselves.

ACTION Katherine

Lee was still seeking tool storage nearer to the site from when TCV were no longer involved and had contacted Matthew Cross estate manager at the University.

ACTION Lee Phillips

Lucy had also suggested asking the RLS and Michael Hunt would do this when he was next on site.

ACTION Michael Hunt

7. Buckingham Riverfly Monitoring and River Wardens - Simon Bumstead

1 Riverfly Surveys

1.1 Chandos Park

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25 Oct 24 ARMI Score 9 Water Quality Score – 21 Silt & Flow Score 22 21 Jan 25 ARMI Score 11 Water Quality Score – 31 Silt & Flow Score 35

We are now surveying using the Extended Riverfly Scheme this samples 33 different invertebrate groups.

Since we have been surveying (August 2021) 33 Surveys have been completed and the scores have remained fairly stable and always above the trigger level.

1.2 Bourton Park

Second survey site in Bourton Park -though not designated as an official site so no Trigger Level set. Survey scores though will guide the EA to set a level. Plan to submit this to be a designated site shortly.

One survey completed since last report.

1 Nov 24 ARMI Score 8 Water Quality Score – TBD Silt & Flow Score TBD.

1.3 Rectory Farm – Tingewick

Rich Cobb and myself visited George Eaton's Rectory farm and have found a potential third Riverfly Invertebrate survey site on the Great Ouse – upstream of Buckingham. First survey is planned for the Spring.

2 Walkover Surveys

2.1 The 7 RWs, with a designated river stretch, carry out Quarterly Surveys. These should be reported through the Upper and Bedford Ouse Catchment Partnership website. I still have no visibility of these. So item remains open so I will talk to Jon Balaam of UBOCP.

3. Recruitment & Training

- 3.1 We have three volunteers awaiting to be allocated a stretch of river. Two of these John Walters and Fran Smith have gained their Riverfly Survey certificates and are now active carrying out surveys.
- 3.2 River walkdown survey training has still to be arranged. This is on Jon Balaam's to do list. Baseline surveys will follow on new stretches with the help of Tony Gilbert when diaries allow.
- 3.3 Richard Cobb and Simon plan to attend an Upper Bedford Ouse Catchment Partnership Water Quality Workshop at the Working Woodlands Centre Monday, 17th February 2025.

This workshop will cover the sampling technique to be used in the field using our newly acquired Hanna Phosphate meter and Hanna Ammonia meter. These were provided / donated by UBOCP in September.

4 Other Items

4.1 Events

The RW group will be attending the Buckingham Green Spring Fair on Sunday 27th April 2025. As with previous events we will have a stall and a sample survey of Riverfly Invertebrates for adults and youngsters to help identify. Essentially Pond Dipping brought to the cattle pens of Buckingham.

4.2 Funding

Applied for BTC grant of £385 to cover calibration kits and replacement chemical test kits for the new Hanna meters plus replacement kit / nets for surveying.

4.3 Water Quality Testing

We are now able to measure Ammonia, Phosphate and Dissolved Oxygen levels at our two survey sites on a regular basis.

Most recent Chandos Park results –showed Ammonia (NH3) 0.40 ppm and Phosphate 0.31 ppm DO was not measured last visit. We need to obtain guidance on what ranges we should expect.

4.4 Revised Riverfly Methodology monitoring for Lakes

Nothing to report following a pilot of the process at Willen Lake in February 2024. This is being developed by Freshwater Biological Association, Natural England and the EA.

Michael asked whether dragonfly and damselfly nymphs were included in the extended survey, they are. Michael advised the willow emerald damselfly was now in Buckingham, and he had seen evidence in willows as they cut into the stems. Simon agreed to take photos of dragonfly and damselfly nymphs for Michael to identify.

8. Buckingham Society - Ian Orton

Buckingham Ablaze, the week of events that commemorates the 300th anniversary of the Great Fire of Buckingham in 1725, has provided the main focus of the Society's activities in recent months. However we have held two events that have had a wildlife focus since the last meeting.

In October we organised a tree walk at Evenley Wood Garden curated by Michael Hunt. As members of the group will know Michael has an unrivalled knowledge of dendrology and ornithology and those that attended had a very rewarding morning.

The following month Stuart Hutchins, the head of Thames Valley Police's rural crime unit gave a fascinating talk on all rural crime. The range of crimes Stuart described was large and many have an international dimension with stolen tractors and farm equipment turning in places like Ukraine and other jurisdictions.

Fly tipping, which sometimes happens on a near industrial scale is causing increasing problems. And, of course, it can ruin sensitive habitats in the process.

The unit also investigates cruelty to animals as well as animal theft. Cattle and sheep rustling really does happen in the area covered by Thames Valley Police.

We are still working on plans to restore and replant the border outside the Community Centre to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Society.

9. Climate Café - Fiona Kelner

Fiona advised there had been a quiet 2 months and was drawing up plans for 2025, and would be at the spring fair. Pollution and problems were caused around schools and the university with cars, and they would like to do air quality monitoring.

Lucy had met with Furze Down students who were interested with community volunteering, suggested Furze Down could help with monitoring.

10. Feedback Global (Gleaning Networks Bucks) - Rebecca Nutley

Rebecca had been on horticulture therapy training in Reading and apologised if she was not back in time for this meeting. Rebecca wished to offer any youth orientated attendees her details as she has funding for sustainability/ environmental/ food based projects in Bucks. Here's a link to the project

https://feedbackglobal.org/actionpage/greenfutures/

11. Repair Café & Men in Sheds – Robert Brignall

Repair café – Robert had taken over as Chair of the café in the summer as Chris was Chair of Rotary. The repair café had completed 12 months and 11 cafes (not one in December), 421 items had been brought for repair, 214 items were fully repaired, 200 left to be fixed elsewhere, and just 95 items could not be repaired at all.

The first AGM would take place very soon, very happy with how it had gone, with donations covering costs and with the start-up grants had reserves and replenishing them as it goes along. Held at the Centre at Verney Close and the WI do refreshments and cake. There is a stall in the café that can be used by relevant groups and had been used by waste busters, Rotary for winter coat collections, and Specsavers to repair gasses. Any more interested groups please let Robert know.

Future plans include outreach in schools, and had repaired bicycles at Buckingham Primary to be used for pupils without bicycles for Bikeability cycle training, and the bicycles were donated to Buckingham Primary for years 5 and 6. Lee added that

bicycles are retrieved from the river at the river rinses in the autumn, and are recycled.

12. Tree Wardens – Ian, Margaret, Michael, Ruth

Tree wardens were keeping on top of commenting on planning requests for tree works circulated by Katharine McElligot. Lucy advised that a number of TPOs had been put on trees in Linden Village, and it was agreed that Lee would share the TPO map with tree wardens and ask for further suggestions for valuable trees outside the conservation area that should have TPOs on them. **ACTION LEE AND TREE WARDENS**

13. Buckinghamshire Council

Report from Emma Foster. Emma was sorry that she was unable to attend the meeting, as most Wednesdays and Fridays she is booked up in the evening. Emma is in contact and discussion with BBOWT with regards to the mink rafts along the great river Ouse. There was nothing further to add yet on this matter but Emma hoped to have further updates with regards to the rafts at the next meeting.

Emma had offered to have a catch up with anyone in the meeting outside of the BCWCE group should they have any questions or wish to discuss a matter, and was happy for her email to be shared if anyone wishes to have a chat. Please note Emma's email is on our open circulation list.

14. Any other business

Michael raised litter tipping around the town and the problems of getting it dealt with. He had reported it on 'fix my street' with no result. There were rubbish bags dumped on the track to Lockmeadow Farm and on London Road by the brook, when the cutting back of the undergrowth had chopped up a dumped duvet, that caused an unsightly mess. Confirmed it was by Otters Brook behind Hare Close. Michael to send photos to Lee. It was understood the Internal Drainage Board had done the work.

15. Dates and times of next meetings at 6pm on 18 June 2025, 15 October 2025

All were thanked for all they were doing for wildlife and nature conservation in Buckingham. This was Margaret's last meeting and all were thanked for their input. Margaret had found this meeting most worthwhile and thanked all for their input.

The meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

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I was asked by Buckingham Twinning Association to look into a permanent Boules Court, considering the complexities of organising the Annual tournament that has been held in the Cattle Pens for many years. Such a Boules Court would of course not be for the exclusive use of Twinning but be a facility for all of Buckingham.

Therefore, in 2024 Howard Mordue facilitated a meeting with Buckingham Town council, at which I proposed a permanent Boules Court, on behalf of Buckingham Twinning. This was followed by a meeting with Claire Molyneux and Lee Philips.

I proposed my preferred location, between the Tennis courts and Basketball courts in Chandos Park (see below). This site has access to parking as well as public toilet facilities. It was rejected on the grounds that the site occasionally floods. While this is correct, it is very unlikely that it would flood during the summer, but other facilities have been permitted which also flood, for example the Tennis courts, Baseball court, and at least four children's play areas in Chandos and Bourton Park.



My second proposal was for the concrete areas adjacent to the new skate park (see below). These were also rejected on the grounds of flooding. I explained that before any Boules contest, the court would be raked. An important advantage of my suggestions above is that both have access to public conveniences and plenty of car parking. This location has the support of many members of the Twinning Committee because of its central location, access to toilets and parking, and it would improve the look of currently unsightly areas.





An alternative suggestion has been made by Howard Mordue, which is also in Chandos Park, beyond the children's play area and adjacent to the Bowling green. Whilst this also has the advantage of car parking and public conveniences, the approaches are quite steep and this may be a problem for visitors of limited mobility.

In November 2024 I contacted Buckinghamshire Council about the land adjacent to the Scout Building in Embleton Way. I simply asked who I should approach about a permanent Boules Court in this space. I received a speedy response from a Mr Simon Coultas, Operations Manager – Parks



and Green Spaces, saying "Unfortuntaly we would not be able to allow this at this location as the site is deignated Open space as part of the planningf requirement for the devlpoment". (Not my spelling!)

I feel this rejection was very dismissive and should be challenged, because having checked the definition of Parks and Green spaces, a Boules Court would not be in contravention. Furthermore, our Boules Court would occupy less than 1% of the grass area. See below approximate location (not to scale).



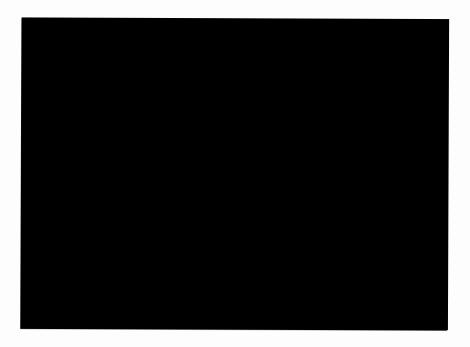
Finally, a suggestion from Councillor Jon Harvey was for the Church Green, which is under the control of Buckingham Town Council. Before progressing this option I contacted Church Rector Will Pearson-Gee, whose response has been very encouraging, stating "as long as it was sited away from the central area and so as not to impede use of the main grassed area then we wouldn't have a problem". I have mentioned this to a meeting of the Buckingham Society, who would also support it.



To summarise, I list below the areas above mentioned in order of preference: -

- 1. Either of the concrete ares adjacent to the new Skate Park at Bourton Park. Very central with good access to car parking and public toilets. This location is very much favoured by members of Buckingham Twinning. The occasional flood in winter would not be a problem as Boules is not played then, and is very unlikely to be a problem in summer.
- 2. Church Green. Again good level grass with car parking and access to toilets. We have no objection form the Church and favourable response from the Buckingham Society, and town councillors.
- 3. Between Tennis Courts and Baseball Court in Chandos Park. An area of good level grass with access to car parking and toilets. Again, flooding is very unlikely to be a problem in summer.
- 4. Adjacent to Scout Building in Embleton Way. Level grass with access to car parking and potentially toilets through the Scout Building. Rejected by Buckinghamshire Council on grounds of it being a green space. I do not believe that this is a valid reason for the rejection.
- 5. Higher ground in Chandos Park, but this has steep access and is quite small.

Finally, funding has not yet been addressed but I feel that if we could first narrow down the proposals to a short list, then the question of funding can be be followed up concurrently.



Buckingham Town Council Library The Buckingham Centre Verney Close Buckingham MK18 1JP

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Speed Limit Reduction and Parking Improvements on Highlands Road and Foscott Way

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Health and Safety Link Governor at Buckingham Primary School, located at the end of Highlands Road. I wish to raise several urgent concerns regarding road safety in the vicinity of our school, particularly with respect to traffic speed and ongoing parking issues at both the Highlands Road and Foscott Way entrances.

Buckingham Primary School is a large school and busy nursery with over 420 children accessing the site each day. We have two main pedestrian entrances—one on Highlands Road and one on Foscott Way. During peak times, such as school drop-off and pick-up, these entrances experience a high volume of pedestrian traffic, making road safety a critical concern. Despite our efforts to promote walk-to-school initiatives, include reminders about safe driving in our newsletters, and involve the local police, we have not seen significant improvements in road safety. Parking issues and the speed of traffic on Highlands Road continue to pose serious risks to our school community.

Highlands Road is a dead-end street, with no through traffic or connection to other roads beyond the school. Because of this, reducing the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph would not disrupt onward traffic flow or affect wider travel patterns in the area. It is a self-contained road used almost exclusively by school traffic and local residents, making it an ideal candidate for a speed reduction. Lowering the speed limit would create a much safer environment for the children, parents, and staff who use the road daily, without causing inconvenience to other road users.



Sadly, a child from our school was recently struck by a vehicle on Highlands Road. While we are deeply relieved that their injuries were not serious, this incident has highlighted the urgent need to address the safety risks on this road. I respectfully request that the Town Council, in consultation with Buckinghamshire Council, implement a 20mph speed limit on Highlands Road as soon as possible.

In addition, I would like to draw your attention to the ongoing parking challenges at both the Highlands Road and Foscott Way entrances. Currently, there are no zig-zag lines outside either entrance, which has led to unsafe parking practices. Cars frequently park too close to the gates, obstructing visibility and creating hazardous conditions for pedestrians, particularly during peak times. We would greatly appreciate guidance on how to request the installation of zig-zag lines at both entrances to help improve safety.

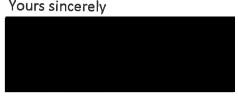
The housing estate surrounding both Highlands Road and Foscott Way has also seen changes over recent years. As the area matures, an increasing number of properties are being occupied by older residents, which adds to the volume of pedestrian traffic and the need for safer crossing points. Additionally, more people are commuting into the estate during peak times, with further development planned in the area, the number of vehicles and pedestrians is expected to rise significantly. This will place additional pressure on both Highlands Road and Foscott Way, further exacerbating existing safety concerns. Addressing these issues now will not only improve conditions for the current community but also ensure the area remains safe and accessible as it continues to grow.

While I understand that such changes may involve some financial costs, Buckingham Primary School does not have the resources to fund such initiatives. Our budget is dedicated to education and cannot extend to traffic safety improvements. We are, therefore, seeking the support of the Town Council, in collaboration with Buckinghamshire Council, to take forward this important safety measure.

Given the importance of these concerns, I would like to extend an invitation to a representative from the Town Council to visit the school and observe the situation firsthand. A site visit would provide an opportunity to see the current challenges, including traffic flow, parking issues, and pedestrian safety risks, and to discuss potential solutions in greater detail. We would be delighted to welcome you to the school and show you the areas of concern. Alternatively, I would be more than happy to visit you at a time and place of your convenience to discuss these issues further.

The safety of our children is our highest priority, and we are hopeful that, with your support, we can work together to make Highlands Road and Foscott Way safer for everyone. I trust the Town Council will consider this matter with the urgency it deserves. I am available at your convenience to arrange a site visit or discuss this further, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this further.



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Appendix D

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 30/04/2025

Month No: 1

Committee Report

| | | Actual Year To Date | Current Annual Bud | Variance Annual Total | Committed Expenditure | Funds Available | Transfer to/from EMR | Explanation |
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| ENVIRO | <u>DNMENT</u> | | | | | | | |
| <u>201</u> | Environment EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | |
| 3995 | NI Environment | 0 | 26,112 | 26,112 | | 26,112 | | |
| 3996 | Pensions ERS Environment | 0 | 62,851 | 62,851 | | 62,851 | | |
| 4004 | Salaries environment | 0 | 253,650 | 253,650 | | 253,650 | | |
| 202 | Roundabouts INCOME | | | | | | | |
| 1051 | Roundabout no. 1 | 480 | 2,881 | 2,401 | | | | sponsorship cancelled after June, new sponsor tbc |
| 1052 | Roundabout no. 2 | 1,535 | 1,535 | 0 | | | | |
| 1053 | Roundabout no. 3 | 2,520 | 2,520 | 0 | | | | |
| 1054 | Roundabout no. 4 | 3,211 | 3,211 | 0 | | | | |
| 1056 | Roundabout no. 6 | 3,422 | 3,422 | 0 | | | | |
| 1057 | Roundabout no. 7 | 1,746 | 1,746 | 0 | | | | |
| 202 F | Roundabouts EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | |
| | Roundabout | 0 | 2,000 | 2,000 | | 2,000 | | |
| <u>203</u> | Maintenance EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | |
| 4082 | Allotments | 0 | 2,350 | 2,350 | | 2,350 | | |
| 205 | Grounds maintenance EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | |
| 4033 | Waste disposal | 0 | 6,081 | 6,081 | | 6,081 | | |
| | Machinery | 0 | 2,973 | 2,973 | | 2,973 | | |
| | Fuel (Mower) | 0 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 60 | 1,840 | | |
| | | 0 | 3,251 | 3,251 | 251 | 3,000 | | |
| | Vehicle hire and running costs | 0 | 7,242 | 7,242 | 242 | 7,000 | | |

| | 21 of 48 | Actual Year To Date | Current Annual Bud | Variance Annual Total | Committed Expenditure | Funds Available | Transfer to/from EMR | Explanation | Appendix D |
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| <u>248</u> | 8 Depot EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | | |
| 4013 | 3 Equipment purchase | 0 | 5,462 | 5,462 | 462 | 5,000 | | | |
| 4055 | 5 Alarm | 0 | 600 | 600 | | 600 | | | |
| 4225 | 5 Rates | 0 | 4,928 | 4,928 | | 4,928 | | | |
| | 1 Repairs & maintenance fund | 0 | 900 | 900 | | 900 | | | |
| 4602 | 2 Electricity | 0 | 1,660 | 1,660 | | 1,660 | | | |
| 4603 | 3 Water | 0 | 635 | 635 | | 635 | | | |
| 249 | 9 C Meadow Toilets/Shopmobility INCOME | | | | | | | | |
| 1085 | 5 Shopmobility income | 0 | 245 | 245 | | | | | |
| 249 | C Meadow Toilets/Shopmobility EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | | |
| 4602 | 2 Electricity | 0 | 600 | 600 | | 600 | | | |
| | 3 Water | 0 | 600 | 600 | | 600 | | | |
| 4608 | 8 Shopmobility | 0 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 158 | 842 | | | |
| 4612 | 2 Contractor charge | 0 | 11,774 | 11,774 | | 11,774 | | | |
| 4709 | 9 Maintenance | 219 | 1,000 | 781 | | 781 | | | |
| <u>250</u> | 0 Lace Hill INCOME | | | | | | | | |
| 1026 | 6 Lace Hill Community Centre | 9,289 | 42,000 | 32,711 | | | | | |
| 1027 | 7 Solar income | (2,170) | 150 | 2,320 | | | | | |
| 250 | Lace Hill EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | | |
| | C Lace Hill playing fields | 0 | 555 | 555 | | 555 | | | |
| | 8 Solar panels | 0 | 400 | 400 | | 400 | | | |
| | 8 Lace Hill gas | 0 | 5,112 | 5,112 | | 5,112 | | | |
| | 9 Lace Hill electricity | 0 | 7,202 | 7,202 | | 7,202 | | | |
| 4160 | D Lace Hill water | 0 | 1,124 | 1,124 | | 1,124 | | | |
| 4161 | 1 Lace Hill Repair & Maintenance | 0 | 4,800 | 4,800 | | 4,800 | | | |
| 4162 | 2 Lace Hill Planned Maintenance | 0 | 8,200 | 8,200 | | 8,200 | | | |
| 4164 | 4 Lace Hill equipment | 0 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 122 | 3,078 | | | |
| 0.5 | 1. Chandes Dark INCOME | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 Chandos Park INCOME | _ | | 24: | | | | | |
| | O Bowls income | 0 | 644 | 644 | | | | | |
| | 5 Tennis Court Rent | 0 | 799 | 799 | | | | | |
| | Chandos Park EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | | |
| | 1 Repairs & maintenance fund | 0 | 4,088 | 4,088 | 44 | 4,044 | | | |
| | 2 Electricity | 0 | 800 | 800 | | 800 | | | |
| | 3 Water | 0 | 2,535 | 2,535 | | 2,535 | | | |
| 4606 | 6 Bowls Club Maintenance | 0 | 2,120 | 2,120 | | 2,120 | | | |
| <u>252</u> | 2 Bourton Park EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | | |
| 4601 | 1 Repairs & maintenance fund | 0 | 11,000 | 11,000 | | 11,000 | | | |

| 1041 Burial fees | 22 of 48 | Actual Year To Date | Current Annual Bud | Variance Annual Total | Committed Expenditure | Funds Available | |
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| 255 Cemeteries EXPENDITURE 225 Rates 0 2,494 2,4 | 253 Cemeteries INCOME | | | | | | |
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| | 4122 Tree works | 0 | 36,760 | 36,760 | 1,760 | 35,000 | |

Appendix D

Transfer

to/from EMR

Explanation

| | 23 of 48 | Actual Year To Date | Current Annual Bud | Variance Annual Total | Committed Expenditure | Funds Available |
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| | | | | | | |
| 4168 | Defibrillators | 0 | 560 | 560 | | 560 |
| 4275 | Play area replacement fund | 0 | 10,500 | 10,500 | | 10,500 |
| 4276 | Conservation Volunteers | 0 | 2,240 | 2,240 | | 2,240 |
| 4280 | Machinery Repair / Replace | 0 | 2,500 | 2,500 | | 2,500 |
| 4281 | Vehicle Repair / Replace | 0 | 2,500 | 2,500 | | 2,500 |
| 4284 | Biodiversity Audit | 0 | 2,000 | 2,000 | | 2,000 |
| 264 | New Cemetery EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| 4282 | New Cemetery PWLB Repayments | 0 | 2,600 | 2,600 | | 2,600 |
| | Grand Totals:- Income | 20,033 | 98,981 | 78,948 | | |
| | Expenditure | 877 | 697,148 | 696,271 | 40,167 | 656,103 |
| | Net Income over Expenditure | | | | | |
| | · | 19,156 | (598,167) | (617,323) | | |

Explanation

Transfer to/from EMR

Appendix D

Buckingham Town Council Environment Committee Monday 9th June 2025.

Contact Officer: Estates Manager

Tingewick Road Cemetery Draft Handbook and

Derrick Isham Allotments

1. Recommendations

- 1.1. Members agree to review the attached first initial 'Draft Tingewick Road Cemetery Handbook' and email any suggested amendments/queries to the Estates manager for consideration by the 4th July. An amended document will be bought to a future meeting.
- 1.2. Members agree in principle for the creation of a 'Derrick Isham Allotment Association' to take over the devolved management for the new allotments. With the details of which to be brought back to this committee for agreement.

2. Background

- 2.1. The cemetery handbook sets out the rules of the new cemetery and give guidance for the new cemetery users of what is expected in the new cemetery.
- 2.2. A further separate 'New Cemetery Guide' will be created which will clearly explain the new sections of the new cemetery.
- 2.3. The agreement in principle of this committee to allow the devolved management of the allotments to an association this will allow the office to investigate this matter further.

3. Information

3.1. DRAFT Tingewick Road Cemetery Handbook

- 3.1.1. Tingewick Road Cemetery Fees will be investigated further looking at other cemeteries and taking into account the different sections of the new cemetery.
- 3.1.2. A signed agreement will be required for when someone purchases the exclusive rights of burial for a burial plot, which will make it clear what is permitted within the different sections of the cemetery. This agreement will need to sit alongside the Deed of Exclusive right of burial and be different for each section of the cemetery. This will be investigated further and brought back to committee for agreement.

3.2. Derrick Isham Allotments:

- 3.2.1. The new association will take on the responsibility of the day to day running of the allotments.
- 3.2.2. Advice is being sought from the National Allotments Society regarding the setting up of the new association.
- 3.2.3. The new association will need to have an elected committee and become a formally constituted group.
- 3.2.4. There will be an agreement put in place between the Town Council and the new Association which will dictate the rent, rules, responsibilities of the Town Council and the new allotment association.
- 3.2.5. Some rules will have to be set in regards to what is permitted within the allotments this detail will be investigated further, including one detail that was already agreed in the land transfer agreement; which states: 'not to erect any buildings or other erections on the Allotment Land other than a single shed or greenhouse or poly tunnel on each allotment plot for use with the relevant allotment plot as authorised by the Planning Permission and in accordance with a specification to be agreed between the parties acting reasonably as soon as reasonably practicable after the date of this Transfer;' This will need to be discussed and agreed with New College Oxford.
- 3.2.6. It is expected the Town Council will need to work closely with the new association particularly to get the group set up and running in the first few years particularly as there may not be many plot holders initially.
- 3.2.7. A budget will need to be set to get the association established, a recommendation for this will be brought to a future meeting.

Buckingham Town Council Environment Committee Monday 9th June 2025.

Contact Officer: Estates Manager

Moreton Road phase 3 BMX track specification and Rugby pitch installation.

1. Recommendations

- 1.1. Members agree to the attached specification for the new BMX track requesting the addition of appropriate signage as highlighted in the Rospa report.
- 1.2. Members to note the progress of the new rugby pitch construction.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Town Council will be adopting the BMX track, play area and Rugby pitches in due course.
- 2.2. A part of the S106 agreement for the development of Moreton Road phase 3 the developer is obliged to provide a BMX track and in line with these requirements the developer is consulting with the Town Council.
- 2.3. As a part of the S106 requirements the developer is obliged to provide 2 rugby pitches with appropriate drainage and flood lighting.

3. Information

3.1. BMX track Specification Request the addition of signage as per the Rospa report with the following guidance:

Signage should be installed which includes at least the following:

- a) Ownership details,
- b) Dog ban (preferably pictographic),
- c) An indication that this is designed for BMX bikes.
- d) The wearing of helmets is recommended.
- 3.2. The 2 rugby pitches are to be built to a high standard and they need to be inspected and a report is prepared to confirm the pitches have been installed to the correct standards by the Grounds Maintenance Association. This was queried with the s106 officer at Bucks Council and with Bellway Homes to ensure that this will be a part of the process.
- 3.3. The following update was given: I understand that we are still agreeing the groundworks order and levels information for the whole of the northern field so will not be making a start until likely August. Our team are aware of the

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need to involve the GMA and this will be part of the responsibilities of the appointed groundworkers. Once we have a pre-start and inspection steps agreed, I will confirm. I have informed the TC that we are not quite at this stage yet but is something we are aware needs to be undertaken.



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Date: 16th April 2025

Ref: NHC/KT/MoretonRoad3Buckingham/L1kt

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Dear Ms Molyneux

Re: Moreton Road Phase 3, Buckingham - S106 BMX Pump Track Approval

I write further to our meeting in September 2024, and specifically with regards to the now approved open space and BMX Pump Track therein.

As you and your colleagues on the Town Council will be aware, the completed S106 Agreement, dated 1st November 2023, sets out a number of obligations on Bellway as developer in respect of open space matters. These are set out in The Fourth Schedule. Amongst the obligations, at Paragraph 1.1.2 of The Fourth Schedule, is an obligation to deliver a BMX Pump Track as part of the Open Space Land. For ease, please see below extract detailing the relevant requirement:

"BMX Pump Track"

means the design and construction of a BMX

Pump Track:

- i. developed through consultation with the Council and relevant stakeholders such as the Town Council via an established specialist contractor who are CHAS and Construction Line and RoSPA endorsed; and
- ii. is of a similar size to that indicated on the planning layout drawing number 5440.PP.4.1 Rev E in Appendix E; and
- has had its final design signed off by RoSPA

In line with the requirements for delivery of the BMX Pump Track (extracted above), Bellway have developed the design through Miracle a CHAS, Construction line and RoSPA endorsed contractor. We now present this to the Town Council for your consideration.

As such, Bellway would like to submit for Buckingham Town Council's approval full details of design, maintenance and RoSPA certification for the BMX Pump Track for delivery as part of the Open Space Land and to be transferred into the Town Councils ownership. I attach Miracle Design and Play Drwg No. Q10848_C setting out design details of the BMX Pump Track. As well as, landscape plan Drwg No.

5440.SK001 Rev H (POS Detail Plan) which sets out the footprint of the BMX Pump Track in context of the approved play space and landscaping details.

The proposals are of a similar size to that indicated on the approved landscaping plans as required, but updated to take account of comments raised by Buckinghamshire Council's Leisure Officer on surface treatment and experience value. I am happy to meet to further discuss any details on the BMX Pump Track Design if required.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of
Bellway Homes Limited
(Northern Home Counties)



Elaine Connolly
Senior Planning Manager

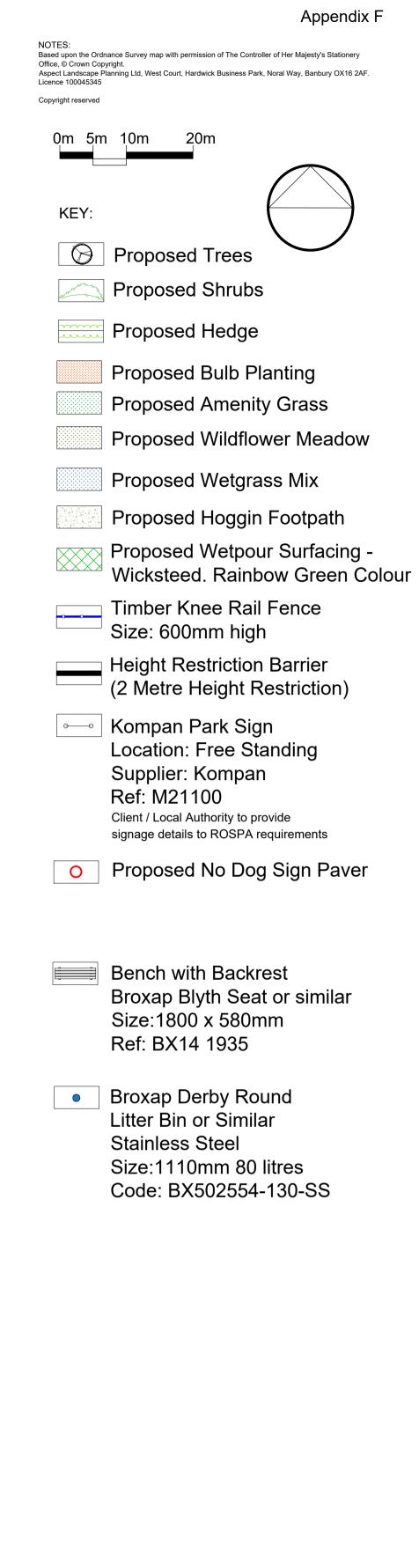
Cc:

Enc: Miracle Design and Play Drwg No. Q10848_C (BMX Pump Track Design)

Aspect Landscape Drwg No. 5440.SK001 Rev H (POS Detail Plan)

Miracle Design and Play BMX Track Maintenance Schedule

RoSPA Plans Review (15th April 2025)



Indicative Location of

Rugby Pitches



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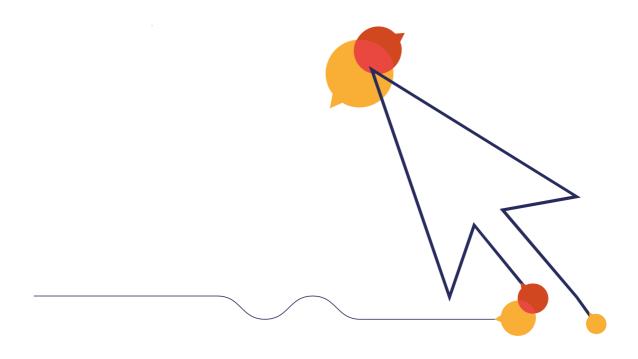


Q10848 Moreton Road BMX Track



Plans Review

15th April 2025





Playground Plans Review

Site Name: Q10848 Moreton Road BMX Track
Commissioning Agent: Miracle Design and Play Limited

Date of Review: 15th April 2025
Reviewer: David Yearley

General Comments

This design provides for an interesting and useful BMX track, with a variety of features.

It complies with the recommendations of the applicable guidelines and standards and is fit for its purpose.

Report Introduction and General Recommendations

Report Introduction

The commissioning agent has submitted the following materials for review to determine the safety of the proposed playground.

Q10848 C Moreton Road BMX Track Phase 3-Pump Track Plan.pdf

It is important to note that this report has been prepared by review of the submitted material and, where applicable, searches against manufacturers' specifications. The accuracy of these materials is beyond the responsibility of the report author, and we cannot guarantee it accuracy.

Every reasonable care has been taken in the production of this report, but it must be understood that the material may not be truly representative of the finished installation. The report is not an absolute statement of safety or suitability. It must be used for guidance only.

A post-installation inspection of the finished installation should be conducted, as per the recommendations of Standard EN 1176-7:2020, clause 5.3. Furthermore, EN 1176-7:2020, clause 6.1 recommends a three-tier inspection system comprising:

- Routine visual inspection
- Operational inspection
- Annual main inspection

It is important that these inspections are undertaken, at a frequency not less than that given by the manufacturer, to ensure equipment and playgrounds are inspected and maintained in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions and remain suitably safe for users.

We shall be happy to undertake these inspections for you or provide training to enable the site operator to you conduct routine and operational inspections.



Report Introduction and General Recommendations

General Recommendations

- 1. There is a general duty to make reasonable provision for disabled persons in connection with the provision of facilities and services.
- 2. The equipment has been assessed against the appropriate Standards, or recognised industry guidance where no standards exist. The standards against which the equipment in the report has been assessed is listed within the Report Findings below.
- 3. Where trees are within falling distance of a facility, we recommend that they be assessed for safety and suitability by an appropriately qualified expert. We have not undertaken any such assessment as part of this review.
- 4. Where children are likely to visit the playground by bicycle, we recommend the provision of suitable bike storage racks. They should be installed outside of the playground.
- 5. Answers to many questions about the design, installation, inspection and management of playgrounds are available on our website at www.rospa.com/playsafety



Report Findings and Observations

The material submitted has been assessed against criteria in Table 1, where applicable and where possible from the material supplied. Where the assessed criteria have been found to be suitably met this will be noted in the suitability column. Observations about the findings are noted in Table 2.

Table 1 – Assessment Criteria

| Assessment Criteria | Suitability | Observation Reference |
|---|----------------|--------------------------|
| Ramps, tracks and surfaces comply with the requirements of the applicable standard. Standards to which the equipment is assessed: | Compliant | 1 |
| UCI BMX Track Guide 2017 | | |
| BS EN 14974:2019 (so far as it is relevant for signage) British Cycling checklist | | |
| The surfacing type is suitable, regardless of compliance. | Suitable | |
| The layout is suitable and discourages movement clashes. | Suitable | |
| Minimum signage has been planned, in accordance with our | Not assessed | 2 |
| recommendations at | | |
| https://www.rospa.com/play-safety/advice/signs/ | | |
| Ancillary items are suitable and are suitably located. | Suitable | |
| The play provision is suitably protected from the public highway through proximity or technical measures. | Suitable | |
| Planned planting is suitable (but bear in mind it will change in future) | Suitable | |
| Suitable shade has been provided. | Not applicable | |
| The site has at least two pedestrian gates or provides a suitable | Suitable | |
| alternative. They open outwards or are otherwise correctly oriented. | | |
| They are of a contrasting colour to the fence. | | |
| Gates open outwards or are otherwise correctly oriented. | Not applicable | |
| The site complies with the positioning and separation | Suitable | |
| recommendations of PD CEN/TR 16879:2016 (Siting of Playground and | | |
| other recreational facilities – Advice on methods for positioning and | | |
| separation) | | |



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Report Findings and Observations

Table 2 - Observations

| Observation | Observation | | | | | | |
|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Reference | | | | | | | |
| 1 | The design and layout comply with the recommendations of the associated guidance. | | | | | | |
| | The risks presented to users are tolerably low (bearing in mind that wheeled sport | | | | | | |
| | facilities carry an inherently higher level of risk than other play and recreational | | | | | | |
| | activities). | | | | | | |
| 2 | Signage should be installed which includes at least the following: | | | | | | |
| | a) Ownership details, | | | | | | |
| | b) Dog ban (preferably pictographic), | | | | | | |
| | c) An indication that this is designed for BMX bikes, | | | | | | |
| | d) The wearing of helmets is recommended. | | | | | | |



The risk scores are calculated by plotting the likelihood of harm against the severity of the injury sustained. The likelihood is given a score of 1 to 5, and the severity is given a score of 1 to 5. In doing this a matrix is produced which gives a numerical assessment of the risk on a score of 1 to 25, and a judgement is made as to which risks are low, are medium and which are high. Risk scores may be adjusted in the light of experience and therefore may not be exactly as per the table. For example, a score of 7 may be noted.

Risks are calculated in this way:

- 1. An assessment of the likelihood of harm taking place is made using the numbers 1 to 5, by following these descriptions:
 - a. 1 = Rare. b. 2 = Unlikely. c. 3 = Moderate. d. = 4 Likely. e. 5 = Certain.
- 2. An assessment of the severity of the injury sustained is made using the numbers 1 to 5, by following these descriptions:
 - a. 1 = Insignificant. b. 2= Minor. c. = Moderate. d. = Major. e. = Catastrophic.
- 3. The two numbers are multiplied to give a risk score on a scale of 1 to 25.
- 4. Scores of 1 to 7 inclusive are considered to be low risk and are considered to be tolerable,
- 5. Scores of 8 to 14 are considered to be medium risk and some control measures may be identified to reduce the risks to low, tolerable levels,
- 6. Score of 15 and above are considered to be high risk and urgent action is considered to be necessary to reduce the risks to tolerable levels.

It is important to note that where an outcome is catastrophic, but for which the likelihood is rare this will present a score of $1 \times 5 = 5 = low risk$. Similarly, a certain event for which the consequence is insignificant will present a score of $5 \times 1 = 5 = low risk$. It is important to consider likelihood and consequence, and not just one of the factors in isolation.

The multiplication of the factors into a risk matrix is given here in Table 1, with a judgement made as to risk scoring indicated by colour.

Green = LOW risk, Amber = MEDIUM risk, Red = HIGH risk.

Table 1 - Risk Score Matrix

| | Severity | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------|--------|----------|--------|--------------|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| L | | Insignificant | Minor | Moderate | Major | Catastrophic | |
| i | 1 = Rare | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| k | | LOW | LOW | LOW | LOW | LOW | |
| е | 2 = Unlikely | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | |
| 1 | | LOW | LOW | LOW | MEDIUM | MEDIUM | |
| i | 3 = Moderate | 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 | |
| h | | LOW | LOW | MEDIUM | MEDIUM | HIGH | |
| 0 | 4 = Likely | 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 20 | |
| 0 | | LOW | MEDIUM | MEDIUM | HIGH | HIGH | |
| d | 5 = Certain | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | |
| | | LOW | MEDIUM | HIGH | HIGH | HIGH | |



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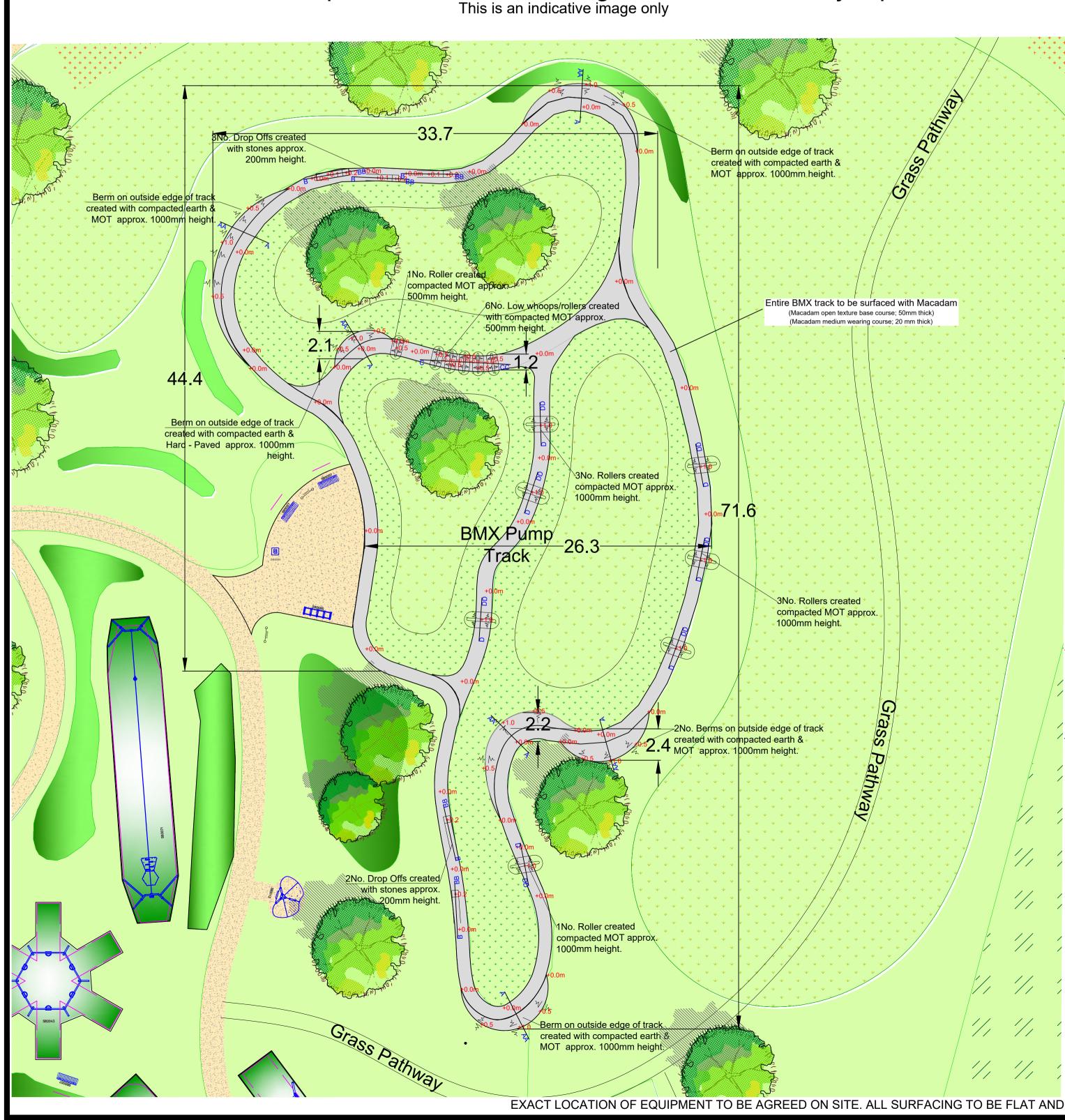


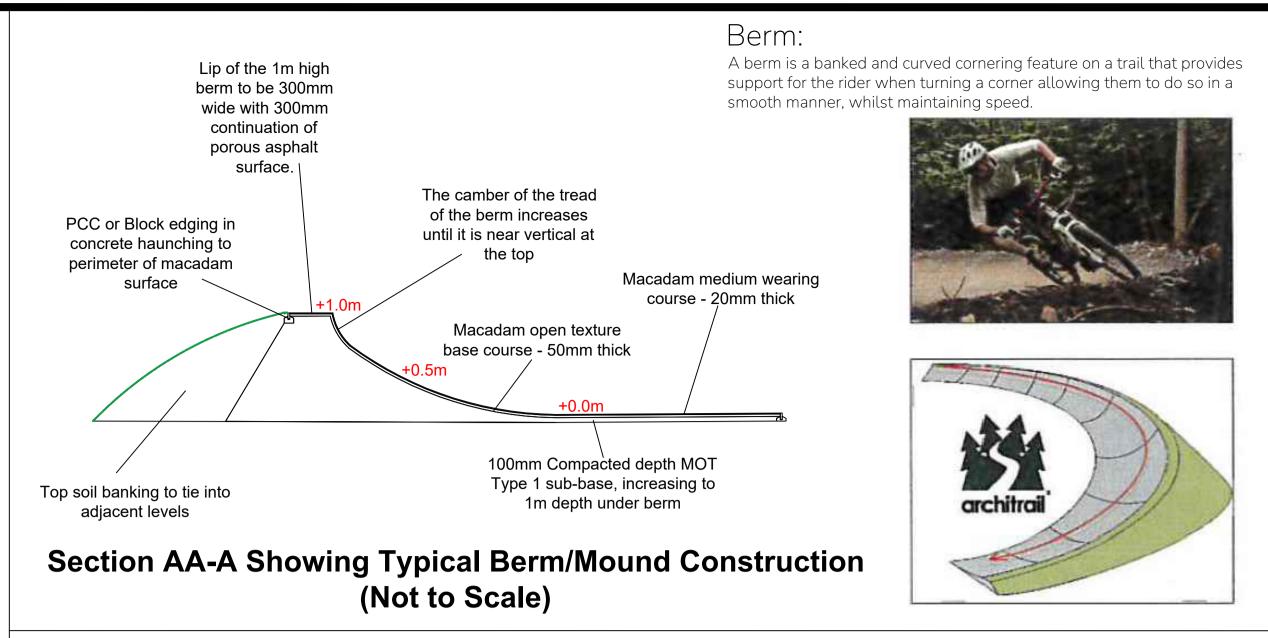
BMX TRACK MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE - ONGOING

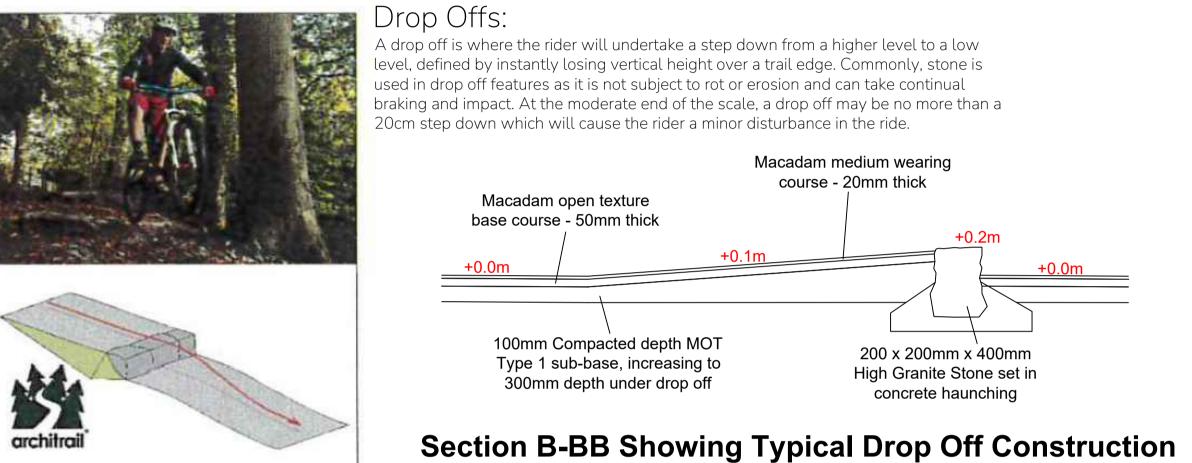
| Area | Maintenance Operation | Objective | Notes | Frequency of Operation | Action By |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Generally (Whole Site) | Litter Picking | To maintain high standard of appearance | All contents to be bagged up and disposed of in the appropriate manner off site | Weekly | Landscape Maintenance Firm |
| | Emptying/clean litterbins. Dispose of waste. Clean as required including cigarette stub plates if applicable and immediate surrounding area. | To maintain high standard of appearance to area and cleanliness. Ensures litterbins are useable at all times. | All contents to be bagged up and disposed of in the appropriate manner off site | Weekly | Landscape Maintenance Firm |
| | Manual weed control | To ensure ongoing success of landscape planting and hard surfaces remain weed free. | To be undertaken by hand, using hand tools only throughout all planted areas and hard surfaces. All weeds to be removed, bagged up and disposed of off site | Monthly | Landscape Maintenance Firm |
| | Chemical weed control (non-residual) | To ensure ongoing success of landscape planting. | Generally utilised where all other methods of weed control are proven to be unsuccessful. | As required and approved (generally monthly during growing season) | Landscape Maintenance Firm |
| | | To ensure all hard surfaces remain weed free. | Spot-application to areas of hard surfaces where all other methods of weed control are proven to be unsuccessful. | As required and approved (generally monthly during growing season) | Landscape Maintenance Firm |
| | Mechanical cleaning of hard surfaces | To maintain high standard of appearance to area and to ensure all hard surfaces remain free from debris/trip hazards | Road/path sweepers and pressure washers only permitted, use of chemical not permitted. | As required and approved (generally monthly) | Landscape Maintenance Firm |
| | Removal of dog dirt from dog bins and ground | To ensure the park remains a clean, safe and pleasant environment for all users. | Remove dirt and dispose of by bagging and disposal off site. | Weekly | Landscape Maintenance Firm |
| | Graffiti removal | To maintain high standard of appearance | | Monthly | Landscape Maintenance Firm |
| | Clearance of fallen leaves | To reduce potential slip hazards | Leaf litter to be disposed of off-site in a sustainable manner I.e. to a composting facility | Twice a month during Oct / Nov / Dec | Landscape Maintenance Firm |



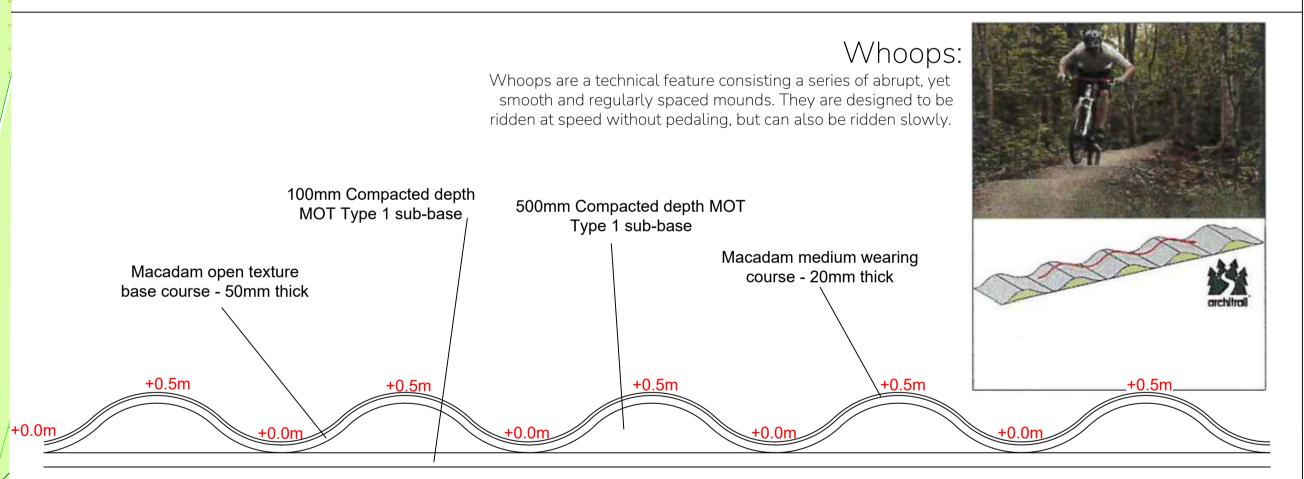
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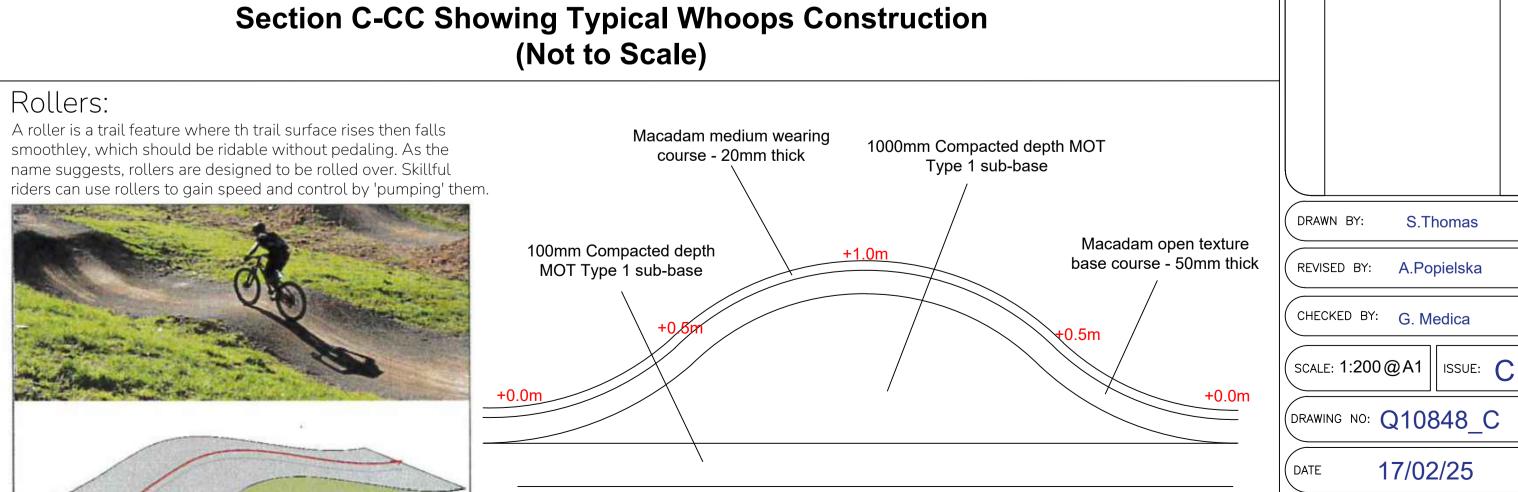






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Section D-DD Showing Typical Roller Construction (Not to Scale)

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PCC Edging to perimeter of Surfacing

Planting by Others

Moreton Road

BMX Pump Track

Compacted Aggregate Pathway by Others

Macadam Surfacing With PCC Edging

Equipment Fall Zone (No safety surfacing required if located on well maintained turf

04/02/25

22/11/24

and under 1.5m CFH)

REVISIONS

Revised as per comments

Layout Change

Layout change

PROJECT TITLE:

SHEET TITLE:

EXACT LOCATION OF EQUIPMENT TO BE AGREED ON SITE. ALL SURFACING TO BE FLAT AND LEVEL, ANY DISCREPENCIES IN LEVELS TO BE REPORTED TO MIRACLE DESIGN & PLAY IMMEDIATELY.

Buckingham Town Council Environment Committee Monday 9th June 2025.

Contact Officer: Town Clerk

Parks and Green Spaces Policies Working Group

1. Recommendations

1.1. Members agree to form a working group to examine various matters in our parks and green spaces and to set relevant policies.

2. Background

- 2.1. Buckingham Town Council do not currently have clear policies around matters such as commercial businesses, encampments, dogs and other day to day activities. It is proposed to establish a working group to look in detail at parks and green spaces affairs and to recommend any identified policy or procedure changes back to this committee.
- 2.2. Doing this at the start of a new council cycle will enable staff to advance the priorities and values of the committee.

| Action | Action Required | Action Owner | Update | Deadline |
|---|---|--------------------------|--|---|
| | Historical correspondence and agreements to be reviewed by the Town Clerk. | Town Clerk | To be reviewed following the new SPD introduction/with BNDP at this time | NB Neighbourhood Plan now awith examiner. Await updated local plan. |
| • | Members AGREED the report be brought back to Environment Committee in six months time in the same format. | | | on Agenda |
| | AGREED for a report regarding an additional external fire exit door is brought back to the next committee meeting. | Estates Manager | This project will need to be restarted. The walls in the Sports will need to be completed first. | Paused |
| 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. | | Offer received and legal team have been instructed to start transfer process. Snagging list started. | ROSPA reports returned on two play areas. Awaiting snagging meeting with Barratts |
| Bourton Park bridges. | Members agreed to add the bridges to the action list. Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed an explanatory press release regarding the current status of the bridges. Cllr. Harvey Seconded. Member unanimously AGREED. | Estates Manager | ROW application has been submitted. Bucks Council seeking legal advice on the application. Obtaining Quotes | On agenda |
| Buckingham Community Centre roof. | A request will be made to the Town Clerk for an update on Community Centre solar panels. | Town Clerk | The Town Clerk confirmed that when we go to quotes, we will ask again about the feasibility of including solar panels. | For the next agenda |
| Shrub bed at Community Centre | Members requested that this is added to the action list. | Environment Committee | Buckingham Society in discussions with Buckinghamshire Council | No current actions |
| Value of trees | Cllr. Stuchbury Proposed that the Estates Manager looks at the system of adding a value to trees. | Estates Manager | Tree surveys in process. Full BC survey due 24-25. | On going |
| | The Town Clerk will make contact to discuss this further and a report can be brought to a future Environment Committee meeting. | | | On agenda |

| Action | Action Required | Action Owner | Update | Deadline |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| Motion: Cllr. Harvey | "This Committee agrees to create a Seating Strategy - to take stock of existing provision and to consider how best to improve the availability of public benches (etc.) where there is need and demand, and to take into account previous decisions about seating and benches made by this Council." | | | On agenda |
| Motion: Cllr. Gateley | , , , | Cllr. Gateley and Cllr. Davies | | Related matter on the agenda |
| Public seating | Cllr. Ralph will raise the possibility of a new bench at the Buckingham Society meeting. | Buck Soc | | Awaits updates |
| Railway Walk Conservation Group | We will look at our conservation groups after the summer and see how we can support them. | Town Clerk | | Autumn |

| Ref | Date | How was | Problem | Location | Who is |
|------|------------|-----------|---|-------------|-----------------|
| | | Comments | | | responsible for |
| | | Were Made | | | area |
| s152 | 30/11/2024 | Facebook | I would like to voice a big thank you to the green spaces | Greenspaces | BTC |
| | | | team from the Town Council, for the time they spent | Team | |
| | | | helping a disabled Buckingham resident, during the | | |
| | | | recent flood outcome. Even to the extent of collecting a | | |
| | | | new prescription to manage the residents pain. | | |
| | | | Also to Lucy Draper one of our Town councillors for all | | |
| | | | her phone calls to Social Services and for helping to push | | |
| | | | the resident in her wheelchair to the White Hart to safety. | | |
| | | | To the White Hart who have gone over and beyond their | | |
| | | | roles. | | |
| | | | The White Hart manager and staff have been incredibly | | |
| | | | kind and thoughtful for the ongoing support and care | | |
| | | | during this difficult period. | | |
| | | | Thank you all, it's so nice to see such kind and | | |
| | | | supportive people in Buckingham. | | |
| s153 | 07/02/2025 | Facebook | I would like the canal stocked with nice fish and there is | Referred to | Canal Society |
| | | | a lot of fishermen in Buckingham. Please can you | Canal | |
| | | | arrange. | Society | |
| s154 | 05/03/2025 | Email | I wish to make a complaint as my Father's memorial | Referred to | BCC |
| | | | bench is damaged, it is located in High Wycombe. | High | |
| | | | | Wycombe's | |
| | | | | Authority | |

| s155 | | Email | Can someone help me clarify the rules for walking dogs | Response | ВТС |
|------|------------|-----------|---|--------------|-----|
| | | | in public areas. on multiple occasions my wife has been | from the | |
| | | | walking our dog on leash when she has been approached | Estates | |
| | | | by a large German Sheppard dog who is off leash. My | Manager | |
| | | | wife has had to pickup our dog who is small and nervous | | |
| | | | around larger dogs causing stress to both my wife and | | |
| | | | our dog. My wife has asked the owner on multiple | | |
| | | | occasions to control her dog who is off leash to then be | | |
| | | | insulted and racially abused for asking the lady to keep | | |
| | | | her dog on leash. | | |
| | | | i thought that there was a rule that dogs need to be kept | | |
| | | | on leash at all times in public spaces. | | |
| | | | We are not against people letting their dogs run, but | | |
| | | | common decency should prevail in these situations and | | |
| | | | being racially insulted for asking nicely to put her dog | | |
| | | | back on it's lead should not be tolerated and I want to | | |
| | | | know the councils policy and what action could be taken | | |
| | | | here. | | |
| | 22/05/2025 | | | | |
| s156 | | In person | There's concern that fat balls may be being placed in the | Public | BTC |
| | | | undergrowth around Bourton Park, which could make | awareness | |
| | | | dogs unwell if eaten. | campaign to | |
| | | | | be raised by | |
| | | | | Estates Team | |
| | 03/06/2025 | | | | |

Buckingham Town Council Environment Committee Monday 9th June 2025.

Contact Officer: Estates Manager

Bourton Park footbridge removal tender.

1. Recommendations

1.1. Members agree to recommend to Full Council to proceed with the tender from company 14 to remove the footbridge in Bourton Park.

2. Background

- 2.1. Due to the value of this tender, this process has been designed to comply with the Procurement Act, with the tender documents being posted on Contracts Finder. This resulted in considerable interest and seventeen responses were received.
- 2.2. It was agreed that the bridge be removed by the Environment Committee on the 19th December 2022 -
 - "Bridge number 2 is removed and not replaced due to the proximity of bridge 1 that already crosses the river." (minute 507/22.1) and then apply to have the right of way diverted on the (minute 331/23).
- 2.3. The agreement which states that the Town Council will continue to maintain the footbridge which the right of way will be diverted over is being reviewed by Buckinghamshire Council Rights of Way team so the right of way diversion can be finalised.
- 2.4. Once this tender has been agreed the contractor will be engaged and as promptly so the Town Council can work with them to apply for a Flood Risk Activities Permit from the Environment agency which can take 10-12 weeks.
- 2.5. The tender closed on the 30th May and on the 2nd June the Town Clerk and the Mayor opened the tender submissions, following this a structured internal tender evaluation was carried out.

3. Information

3.1. To find the 'Most Advantageous Tender' the evaluation takes into account commercial assessment, quality assurance, programme and supply.

3.2. The Following Evaluation criteria was used to assess the tenders:

| | % |
|--|-----------|
| Evaluation Criteria | weighting |
| Commercial Assessment | |
| Priced Tender Return demonstrating value for money and | |
| commercial terms. | 60 |
| Programme Demonstrated by programme of works, labour resource and material lead in times. Understanding of the brief quality of | 10 |
| tender | 10 |
| Assurance of Supply Demonstrated by the use of local labour (the contractor or subcontractors) and supply chain, utilisation of materials obtained from local source including any ways of working to expedite the programme whilst still ensuring high quality workmanship | |
| throughout. | 5 |
| Quality Assurance | |
| Demonstrated by the supply of Case Studies of previous experience with bridge work, demolition or working alongside rivers (EA works applications) membership of appropriate bodies. Have all the environmental implications been considered. i.e. removal of waste. working over river etc. | 25 |

3.3. A preliminary examination of the tenders eliminated any tenders that did not meet the essential tender submission criteria required, following these 9 tenders had a commercial assessment and from this the top five of these had a further detailed evaluation for quality by 3 officers, the scores are detailed below:

| Company Ref number: | Initial Screening for complete tender submission | Tender Price | Commercial Assessment score | Quality Assessment score | Total Evaluation score | |
|---------------------|--|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----|
| 1 | Pass | £34,985 | 48 | 28 | | 76 |
| 2 | Pass | £88,632 | 19 | | | |
| 3 | Pass | £64,645 | 26 | | | |
| 4 | Pass | £33,122 | 51 | 20 | | 71 |
| 5 | Fail | £32,400 | | | | |
| 6 | Enquiry only | | | | | |
| 7 | Enquiry only | | | | | |
| 8 | no attachments | | | | | |
| 9 | Pass | £54,988 | 31 | | | |
| 10 | Fail | £40,502 | | | | |
| 11 | Pass | £34,000 | 49 | 24 | | 73 |
| 12 | Pass | £27,995 | 60 | 28 | | 88 |
| 13 | repetition | - | | | | |
| 14 | Pass | £29,982 | 56 | 33 | | 89 |
| 15 | Fail | £25,751 | | | | |
| 16 | Pass | £38,500 | 44 | | | |
| 17 | Fail | £29,541 | | | | |

3.4. Company number 14 scored the highest in the tender evaluation scoring 89 points out of 100 and is recommended that they be awarded the contract.