

**Minutes of the meeting of the COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE held
in the Committee Room at Eskdale Community Centre
on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr B. Ezra, Cllr P Wood, Cllr D Field, Cllr D. Wilmer, C Jenkins
 Clerk: None Absent: None
 Assistant: Mr Peter Rayner Residents: None

C23/73	APOLOGIES – None	
C23/74	Cllr Jenkins was welcomed to the committee.	
C23/75	<p>OPEN FORUM FOR PARISHIONERS Councillors raised the following points on behalf of residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Work is going to be done to repair the drains in Brudenell Drive and the work could last 40 days. b) One or more benches has been requested on the grass verge where Winterton Drive and Kynaston Avenue meet opposite Booker Park School 	Asst Clerk
C23/76	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION None</p>	
C23/77	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The minutes of the meeting of the Communities Committee held on the 12th September-2023 were unanimously AGREED as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. b) The action plan was reviewed and would be updated accordingly. 	
C23/78	<p>CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON It was AGREED that we would follow the same arrangements as last year. Cllr Field will provide a red button and Cllr Wood will fit it to a table that she will provide. Cllr Woods will buy sweets to give out to the children. The Assistant Clerk will switch on the lights.</p>	Cllr Field Cllr Woods Asst Clerk
C23/79	<p>CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN It was AGREED that we would remove the existing tree which has not established itself well and replace it with three conifer trees - one 8ft tree and two 5ft trees.</p>	Cllr Field Asst Clerk
C23/80	<p>FOOTPATH AROUND ESKDALE PARK The report from Alexander Associates was considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It was AGREED that we will try a bitumen pour to repair the wider cracks on the far side of the field near the ditch. Advice from Alexander Associates will be sought on the best time of year to do it. b) It was AGREED to get a detailed specification of the porous tarmac from Alexander Associates and then use that to get a quote to replace a small section of path. The quote will then be reviewed by the committee to decide whether to proceed. 	Asst Clerk Asst Clerk
C23/81	<p>SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENT This will be discussed in more detail at the Full Council Meeting but the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cllr Field suggested we have a working party drawn from the full council. b) Sunday 26-May is the suggested date. c) Entertainment/refreshment provision would be similar to the coronation event with the following differences: 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bands would be booked by the PC. • The fairground provider who set up in the car park would be offered a larger area and some of the others would not be used. • A cheaper burger option could be provided possibly by the Sea Scouts. • The PC should offer soft drinks along with the teas and coffees. • A raised stage area. • More marquees in case of rain. <p>d) Leafleting should be done again but only within the parish.</p> <p>e) Chiltern Railways should be asked for the car park again.</p>	
C23/82	<p>D DAY 80 CELEBRATIONS</p> <p>It was AGREED the Parish Council will organise a celebration on Friday 6-June. The following point were made:</p> <p>a) Contact local British Legion clubs to see if they would do a sunset ceremony for us, probably at 9pm, on the village green.</p> <p>b) Arrange for a fish and chip van to be in the village at the same time as the ceremony.</p> <p>c) We should check whether The Bull will have the fish and chip van.</p>	<p>ClIr Jenkins</p> <p>ClIr Jenkins</p> <p>ClIr Field</p>
C23/83	<p>BOLLARDS</p> <p>The provision of bollards to protect the green at the end of Brudenell Drive was considered. It was AGREED that a letter should be sent to all residents of Brudenell Drive giving a choice of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No bollards • Tall black bollards • Wooden post and rope/chain 	<p>Asst Clerk</p>
C23/84	<p>DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE</p> <p>The provision of a Dial-A-Ride Service was considered at the request of a resident. There is such a service in all the old Buckinghamshire district council areas except Aylesbury Vale. It was AGREED that it would be too costly and complicated for the Parish Council to set up such a service.</p>	
C23/85	<p>MEETING SCHEDULE</p> <p>It was NOTED that the meeting schedule for the communities committee will change to monthly on the first Tuesday of the month from January.</p>	
C23/86	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting date will be Tuesday 9-January-2024.</p>	

The meeting closed at 21:12.

Signed _____

Dated: 9-Jan-2023

Action List

Date	Minute	Description	By Whom	Status
12/05/22	C22/18	Work with Buckinghamshire Council to get yellow lines on corners in Hampden Road. Update 12-Sep, this is registered with Bucks Council but is low priority.	Clerk	In progress
14/03/23	C23/17	Replace the footpath map on the Eskdale Road Community Centre but not until it is clear what the post HS2 situation is.	Asst Clerk	On hold
9/05/23	C23/37	Continue to work with Chiltern Railways and The Chiltern Society to rewild and tidy up the station approach green space. Update 9-Nov, funding from Chiltern Railways agreed and work due to commence in November. 4 volunteers signed up to help with ongoing maintenance. Area where suckers have grown is to be left until Chiltern Railways sort out the problem.	Asst Clerk	In progress
12/09/23	C23/60	Follow up on government funding scheme for chess tables.	Clerk	In progress
14/11/23	C23/75	Investigate provision of a bench near Booker Park School.	Asst Clerk	
14/11/23	C23/78	Provide red button for Christmas lights switch on.	Cllr Field	
14/11/23	C23/78	Provide table for Christmas lights switch on.	Cllr Wood	
14/11/23	C23/79	Source 3 conifer trees 2 x 5ft and 1 x 8ft	Cllr Field	
14/11/23	C23/80	Arrange bitumen pour to fix patch cracks, get spec for porous tarmac and get quote to replace a small section.	Asst Clerk	
14/11/23	C23/82	Contact British Legion to see if they can provide a ceremony at a D-Day event.	Cllr Jenkins	
14/11/23	C23/82	Source a fish and chip van for D-Day celebrations.	Cllr Jenkins	
14/11/23	C23/82	Check if The Bull would host a fish and chip van for D-Day celebrations.	Cllr Field	
14/11/23	C23/83	Send a letter to Brudenell Drive residents regarding bollards on the green	Asst Clerk	