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Dated: 26th October 2022

FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING –MONDAY 28th November 2022

MINUTES

Councillors Present: Cllr James Bruce, Cllr Steve Colborne-Baber, Cllr Joanne Bruce, Cllr David Perry and Cllr Dave Wheeler

Officers: Chloe Collins Clerk and Huw Perry RFO

Members of Public: 0

Unitary Councillors: 0

Meeting Opened: 19:34 **Closed: 21:05**

78. Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED

- 1) To accept the apologies on the grounds tendered received from**
Cllr Sue Spavins
Cllr Jilly Jordon

79. Declarations of Interest

None

80. Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

81. Public Participation

RESOLVED

- 1) To adjourn the formal business of the meeting to allow members of the public to make representation on the business items on the agenda and to register public comments received via email.**

None

82. Reports from Unitary Councillors

To receive reports from Unitary Councillors

RESOLVED

- 1) To receive report from Cllr Jilly Jordon**

83.Minutes

To receive and approve the draft minutes of the full parish council meeting held on 31st October 2022 as a true and accurate record to be signed by the Chair. A copy of the draft minutes is available on the website: <https://draytonparslowparishcouncil.org.uk/meetings/>

RESOLVED

- 1) That the draft minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on 31st October 2022 be accepted as a true record and be signed by the Chairperson.**

84.Planning and Licensing Matters

- 1.1 To note the list of planning applications considered for comment since the last meeting and delegated to the Clerk in consultation with due to meeting the statutory consultation deadline.
- 1.2 To consider and comment on planning applications within the Drayton Parslow parish on the Buckinghamshire Council planning portal. Any applications received by the Clerk after publishing the agenda will be tabled at the meeting).
- 1.3 To receive notification of planning decisions from Buckinghamshire Borough Council [attached].

RESOLVED

- 1) To note planning applications and respond to all outstanding applications as no comment.**
- 2) To note planning decisions from Buckinghamshire Council**

85. Allotments

- 1.1 To receive update on tenancies and rent dues
- 1.2 To consider Allotment requests

RESOLVED

- 1) To note that we continue to have two vacancies and that the rent report will be provided at the January 2023 meeting.**
- 2) To note no new requests received**

86.Neighbourhood Plan

To receive update on the Neighbourhood plan

RESOLVED

To note that the neighbourhood plan has been submitted some queries have been raised which Councillors have responded to.

87.Finance

87.1 Financial Reports

87.1.1 To receive finance report and approve the bank reconciliation statements for the Deposit and Current Account

RESOLVED

- 1) To approve the Bank Reconciliation as presented**
- 2) To note statement of Councils reserves**

87.1 Payments Schedule

To receive and approve the schedule of payments and receipts as tabled or presented at the meeting that require authorisation for payment in accordance with the Financial Regulations (enclosed) and to note the payments authorised in accordance with the delegation to the RFO.

RESOLVED

- 1) To approve the payment schedule as presented and sign cheques**

87.2 Budget

To approve Budget for 2023/24

RESOLVED

- 1) To approve the draft Budget presented by RFO**

88 Cricket Pitch/Recreational Ground

88.1 To receive update on use of Recreation Ground application approved by delegated powers.

88.2 To receive update from DPCC to include the discussion of future plans for the club

RESOLVED

- 1) To note the application for use of the Car Park for a Food Truck was approved for Saturday once a month.
- 2) To note no update from DPCC it was agreed that in the New year DPCC would start a scoping exercise for levelling

Action: Clerk to follow up with Carrington Estate

89 Play Area/MUGA

89.1 To receive report and to discuss the repair to MUGA

RESOLVED

- 1) Report received that a repair to the MUGA gate has been completed and bolt caps replaced

Action: Clerk to produce report to confirm a competent person completed the works.

90 Highways (Cllr Wheeler)

90.1 To receive updates update on 20's plenty campaign

RESOLVED

- 1) To receive report and note 20 is plenty signs continue to be put up across the parish, location of sign agreed.

90.2 To receive report as to the progress to replace MVAS.

RESOLVED

- 1) To receive report and note the update on Solar Powered MVAS. SWARCO are the company used by Stoke Hammond

Action: Clerk to get estimates of costs

91 Streetlighting

91.1 To receive report in relation to Street Light repairs

RESOLVED

- 1) Receive report noting all lights have now been repaired.

- 2) Note that one light continues to not work and contractor should be instructed to attend again.

92 Telephone Box/Defibrillator

To receive report as to the progress of repairs to faults to telephone box

RESOLVED

- 1) To receive and note report updating that Electrician attended and was unable to complete repair. BT has now been instructed to undertake repair to mains supply which is their responsibility.
- 2) To instruct a contractor to secure the electrical cable on the footpath.

93 Warden

- 93.1 To approve Warden Job Description and contractual terms 4 hours per week minimum wage
- 93.2 To agree recruitment process and budget –

RESOLVED

- 1) To employ a Warden for 4 hours per week and the job description is to be finalised as agreed by the Councillors.
- 2) To advertise the position in the village news, on the council website and on facebook. Three persons are to be on the interview panel.

94 Christmas Lights

- 94.1 To receive report and approve the purchase of new Christmas lights
- 94.2 To receive report and approve the financial contribution towards the cost of electrical supply for the village Christmas Lights

RESOLVED

- 1) Approved the purchase of the Christmas lights
- 2) Approve to contribute to the electrical cost in the sum of £2 per day between 3rd December 2022 to 6th January 2023.

95. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies/Working Parties

- 95.1 To receive reports from members appointed to act as representatives on external bodies and working parties. Members appointed onto outside bodies and working parties are required to report to full Council and must not make any decisions on behalf of the Council.

None

96. Clerk Correspondence

To receive and consider any items of correspondence or communication brought forward by the Clerk (report enclosed).

RESOLVED

- 1) To note correspondence

97. Any items of Discussion for a Future Meeting

To notify the Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.

Cllr James Bruce requests that the War Memorial – Canadian Air Force be added to the next agenda Action Clerk to continue the pursuit of who owns the Land.

Cllr Joanne Bruce relays that a resident has asked if areas under the war memorial trees can be reseeded as is looking sparse.

98. Contractual Matters [Exclusion of Press and Public]

To consider matters as per confidential report enclosed and to resolve any further actions.

The Clerk recommends that the council resolves that this item is considered under the exclusion of the press and public in accordance with the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960 due to confidential matters relating to contractual terms.

RESOLVED

- 1) To exclude the Press and Public
- 2) To agree to the reimbursement as per the contractual agreement and to raise matter with the parties involved.

99. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

To note the date, time and venue of the next council meeting scheduled for Monday 30th January 2023 at the Sports and Social Club.

RESOLVED

- 1) To note the next date of the Full Council meeting.

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Report to Members of the Parish Council

TO:	Members of the Parish Council
MEETING DATE:	28 th November 2022
SUBJECT:	Planning
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: 7

7.1

None

7.2

Date Received	Consultation Letter	Application Reference	Link to Application on DC Portal	Type	Comment?	Comments	Outcome	Date Closed	Extension
15/11/2022	Yes	22/03836/COUAR	22/03836/COUAR Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and locational considerations for the conversion of	Residential				15/12/2022	

7.3

Reference	22/02898/CPE
Alternative Reference	PP-11477558
Application Received	Wed 17 Aug 2022
Application Validated	Wed 17 Aug 2022
Address	The Back Field Bletchley Road Drayton Parslow Buckinghamshire LU7 ODP
Proposal	17 August 2022Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use Installation and occupation of a caravan as a dwellinghouse
Status	Certificate Issued
Decision	Certificate Issued – Existing Use
Decision Issued Date	Tue 01 Nov 2022
Appeal Status	Unknown
Appeal Decision	Not Available

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SUBJECT:	Allotments
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: 8

Awaiting update from RFO as to the current status of rental payments it is hoped this information will be provided in advance of the meeting.

Tenancy Levels: Two plot vacancies No waiting list

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TO:	Members of the Parish Council
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SUBJECT:	Recreational Ground/Cricket Club
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: 11

11.1

Food Truck Application – We will Wok You approved for a monthly Saturday night

Proposed Dates – 14th January 2022 and 11th February 2022

Existing Vendor Wesley Pizza is scheduled to attend – 7th January 2022

11.2

No update from DPCC

Emailed Carrington estates trying to ascertain best point of contact reply has now been received. Clerk was told to send email and it will be forwarded to the relevant person.

Email will be drafted and sent Clerk wants to refine this members to ensure our position is reflected accurately.

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TO:	Members of the Parish Council
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SUBJECT:	MUGA Repair
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: 12

It was reported at the last meeting that the gate to the MUGA had been damaged.

The Councillor agreed that the gate needed to be moved to safety to prevent further damage and to remove the risk of injury.

The Clerk was tasked with obtaining quotes for repair.

Whilst undertaking this task on 20/11 an email was received stating that the repair had been completed by residents for nil cost.

The repair involved some welding and they have also undertaken the repair to the bolts.

It has been asked if the work needs to be inspected. The Clerk feels that we should obtain details from the resident to confirm that they are a competent person to complete the works. A visual inspection should be conducted and reported and that at the annual RoSPA we should highlight this as an area from close inspection.

The Clerk also feels that it could be helpful to encourage residents to report the issues and together work with the PC to achieve the outcome of the repair perhaps something on facebook or in the village news?

Lastly a padlock has been used to secure the gate and keep open Members are asked to agree that this is the desired protocol. If necessary would Members like the Warden who will appointed to open and close the MUGA? If so what hours?

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SUBJECT:	Street Lights
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: 14

Street Lights Repairs

Repairs have now been completed to all Street Lights which were out of action. Invoice should have been sent to RFO

New LED Lamps

Clerk has made contact with Unitary Cllr Jilly Jordan with regards to funding to cover the change to LED lamps. We are awaiting a response.

The RFO was tasked with me to comparing the cost of replacing and running LEDs with the current sodium vapour lights we have at the moment.

- £400 per light to replace, with 47 lights that's **£18,800**.
- With the costs of electricity going up it is difficult to pin an exact number on how much we will spend a month so I've assumed an average of £300, leading to a yearly average of £3600.
- LED lamps are 70-80% more efficient (confirmed by multiple sources online) than sodium so I've taken the lower bound 70% in my calculations.
- $£3600 \times 0.7 = £2520$.
- Therefore $£18800 / £2520 =$ **between 7-8 years** to fully pay off the cost of replacing every light (using the £400 figure and assuming the least amount of efficiency).

With regards to the CO2 cost going forward, NPower uses an almost 60/40 split of non-renewable precursors (coal/gas/etc) to renewables (solar/wind/etc), which means that we could potentially save around **2.6 tonnes of CO2 a year** by switching to the more efficient bulbs, but this is very difficult to know for sure depending on how NPower will split their energy precursors from here, since most of the non-renewable fuel is gas (45%).

Contractor states that they would also need to conduct a survey before change over and this quoted on volume of lights

Members are asked to consider if the PC feel this is a long term project which they wish to invest in?

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SUBJECT:	Telephone Box/Defibrillator
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: 15

It was reported by a resident that there was an electrical fault.

Electrician located and attended within 24 hours

Report received:

Attended defibrillator/ telephone point in Drayton Parslow.

After investigating found that the 3A fuses in fused connection unit and the RCD connection unit are working.

However the 6A fuse in the main fuse carrier has blown and there is no voltage/ power on the incoming armoured cable feeding the main 6A fuse.

With no information or access to re energise the power of the incoming cable from the source the electrician was unable to rectify this problem.

There are a few photos attached with other issues which one of potentially caused the problem.

1. Black metal enclosure perished at bottom which comprises external ip rating.[potentially damp causing fault].



2. External to phone/ defibrillator box 20mm plastic conduit not secure creating trip hazard.
Fixing inside box has come loose.



3. Earth fly lead from door to main defibrillator enclosure disconnected.
[Fixed on visit].



Subsequently to receipt of the report BT have been contacted to undertake a repair.

Members are asked if in light of the comments received in the above report if remedial works arising from the highlighted issues should be completed.

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SUBJECT:	Warden
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: 16

16.1

Previously decided to recruit a Warden – Clerk has drafted contract using template and has also compiled a Job description council are asked to review, edit and approve the documents for use.

16.2

The members are asked to agree the process for recruiting Warden - where should the Council advertise the role?

Who would like to be part of the interview panel.

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TO:	Members of the Parish Council
MEETING DATE:	28 th November 2022
SUBJECT:	Christmas Lights
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: 17

17.1

To approve the purchase of two sets of Christmas Light £139.99 for 6000 led lights

17.2

To approve the contribution towards the cost of electricity for the Christmas Lights for 2022 at the rate agreed per day.

The clerk is informed the cost is £0.98 per day per set.

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TO:	Members of the Parish Council
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SUBJECT:	Vehicle Charging
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: 18

Clerk has received a report that the Post Office Clerk is charging their vehicle whilst parked for 2 hours at the DPSSC. It is known that this has taken place on two occasions. DPSSC has requested that the Council reimburse them to the sum of £30.00 to cover electricity costs.

The costs are broken down as £15.00 x2 based on a full charge.

Enquiries undertake have ascertained that this is unlikely to have costs this amount however without full vehicle details it is not able to Calculate. The contractual terms of the agreement are that the PC would reimburse and expenses to DPSSC for the service.

Council need to decide if they will reimburse and if so to what value secondly need to determine how to manage this moving forward:

- 1) Continue to reimburse weekly
- 2) Raise issue with PO and asked to stop
- 3) Raise issue with PO and agree to cover cost

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TO:	Members of the Parish Council
MEETING DATE:	28 th November 2022
SUBJECT:	Correspondence
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: 19

Correspondence received to be noted:

BT Renewal Quote – accepted and contract agreed new hub to be sent out

EWR

Shenley Park Whaddon – New Homes

Highways Devolved Service agreement

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Report to Members of the Parish Council

TO:	Members of the Parish Council
MEETING DATE:	28 th November 2022
SUBJECT:	Cllr Jilly Jordan November 2022 Update
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: 1

Cllr Jilly Jordan update Nov 2022

Bank Holiday bin collections across Buckinghamshire

It's the season of giving – and recycling! As usual, bin collections across Buckinghamshire will be operating to a revised timetable over the Christmas Holiday period. As we produce around 30% more waste during the holiday period, it's important to reduce, reuse and recycle while we enjoy the seasonal festivities. You can make good use of leftover food, donate unwanted gifts and recycle Christmas cards and other Christmas packaging – there is some great and cost-effective ways to be environmentally friendly over Christmas.

Here are some Christmas items you can recycle at home for a greener Christmas:

- Christmas cards and crackers (without the snap)
- Paper hats
- Non-glittery wrapping paper
- Chocolate boxes

Please ensure you fold and flatten cardboard to a manageable size and place any extra cardboard securely next to your recycling container. Please also remove any other packaging, like polystyrene or Sellotape!

After the festive season is over, you can also dispose of your Christmas tree, wreaths, holly and mistletoe with our garden waste collection service. If you are a garden waste customer, you can simply remove all decorations, cut the tree into smaller pieces, and place the pieces in your garden waste bin. If you are not currently subscribed to our garden waste collection service, you can either take the tree to your nearest household recycling centre or see if there is a local charity collection near you.

Buckinghamshire's Household Recycling Centres will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

All other days over the Christmas period, whether Bank Holidays or not, our sites will operate the usual opening days and hours (9am-4pm). Check online before you visit to confirm opening hours and avoid the queues. You can visit our website for all the [latest Household Recycling Centre information](#).

During the festive period, bin collections across Buckinghamshire will be operating with a slightly altered timetable. Collections due to take place on Monday 26 December (Boxing Day) will move to Wednesday 28 December. Collections due to take place on Tuesday 27 December (Christmas Bank Holiday) will move to Thursday 29 December, and collections from Monday 2 January (New Year Bank Holiday) will be collected Wednesday 4 January. Please check the revised timetable below and present any bins or containers by 6:30am on the revised collection day.

Garden waste collection service will also operate with an alternative timetable, as from Monday 12 December to Sunday 22 January 2023 (inclusive) our garden waste collection service will be suspended for six weeks. Collections will resume from Monday 23 January 2023.

Christmas bank holiday collections:

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Monday 26 December (Boxing Day)	Wednesday 28 December
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Wednesday 28 December	Friday 30 December
Thursday 29 December	Saturday 31 December
Friday 30 December	Tuesday 3 January
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Tuesday 3 January	Thursday 5 January
Wednesday 4 January	Friday 6 January
Thursday 5 January	Saturday 7 January
Friday 6 January	Monday 9 January
Monday 9 January	Tuesday 10 January
Tuesday 10 January	Wednesday 11 January
Wednesday 11 January	Thursday 12 January
Thursday 12 January	Friday 13 January
Friday 13 January	Saturday 14 January

For more information including how to check your Bank Holiday bin collections and many useful recycling tips, you can visit: [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/bank-holiday-bins](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/bank-holiday-bins)

You can also follow @BucksCouncil to keep up-to-date with the latest recycling & waste and bin collection information on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.



Christmas Bank holidays: revised bin collection dates



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Tuesday 10 January	Wednesday 11 January
Wednesday 11 January	Thursday 12 January
Thursday 12 January	Friday 13 January
Friday 13 January	Saturday 14 January

Image: Christmas Bank Holidays: reversed bin collection dates

Buckinghamshire Council garden waste collection suspension dates:

Monday 12 December - Sunday 22 January 2023

Collections will resume from
Monday 23 January 2023



LitterLotto Local launched to reward Buckinghamshire residents for binning litter

Buckinghamshire Council has worked with LitterLotto to launch an extra monthly prize for residents who do the right thing and bin their waste. By working closely with LitterLotto to create a geofence around Buckinghamshire, the council can now reward local people who bin their rubbish and help keep litter off the streets and out of our beautiful countryside.

The council has worked with LitterLotto since it launched in the UK in 2021. LitterLotto is a free to enter prize draw with regular spot prizes and huge jackpots. To enter, residents simply use the app to take a picture of litter as they place it in a bin. Each time they submit a new piece of litter it's another chance to win. 85% of litter binned via the app is 'fugitive' rubbish that was on the floor, hedge or out in the environment. The more local users the app has, the more litter will end up in the right place - the bin.

The new LitterLotto Local initiative sees an extra monthly prize draw of £250 just for binning litter in Buckinghamshire. By introducing an extra prize draw the council hopes to reward people who bin their litter and hopefully encourage more people to *bin it to win it*.

Gareth Williams, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, said:

"We spend £2.5million cleaning the streets of Buckinghamshire and unfortunately, much of the tidying up is picking up litter, despite having over 4,000 bins emptied regularly across the county. With the new LitterLotto Local initiative, we want to encourage people to protect their surroundings and reward the right behaviour. If we can get more litter in bins, we can save some money that we are currently spending litter picking and divert it to other projects or services.

"So many residents already take time to litter pick their local areas, and for those people this is a recognition of that. Sadly, some people still drop litter, and we hope this will encourage them to rethink their actions."

David Landsberg, Founder and CEO of LitterLotto, said:

"We're proud to be working with Buckinghamshire Council to launch our new LitterLotto Local initiative. The council has always been at the forefront of adopting new methods and pushing boundaries to address littering and were instrumental in helping us shape our offering. We're looking forward to working with them to create an even more beautiful Buckinghamshire, with less litter."

The initiative with LitterLotto launches 1 November and will run for 12 months across the county. Local groups, individuals, businesses or Town & Parish Councils who wish to spread the word about LitterLotto Local can email waste_strategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk to receive a supporters pack, including posters, stickers and digital content.

Can you offer a spare room in your home for a Ukraine guest?

The dreadful war in Ukraine continues and the most recent development has been the targeting by Russia of Ukrainian power supplies, leaving many towns and cities without lighting or heating during autumn and winter. This obviously means it is difficult for Ukrainians to consider returning to their homes. The generosity of Buckinghamshire residents has been amazing since Ukrainian families and individuals began arriving in the county, with many residents offering to host people from Ukraine, providing not just accommodation, but a warm welcome, a network of support and help with

settling into the UK. While many sponsors are happy to extend to 12 months, for some it isn't feasible to continue beyond the first six months.

Sponsors have told me that they have found the experience hugely rewarding and, in some cases, very positively life changing. As our first Ukrainian guests arrived at the end of March 2022, and with over 1,400 guests having arrived so far, **we now need new sponsors** for many of these families.

There is a ready-made network of support groups from Beaconsfield to Buckingham, including the Marlow Ukraine Collective, Friends of Ukraine at the Vineyard and Hilltops Ukrainian Support Community to name a few.

Each sponsor who accommodates a Ukrainian guest has a Council Liaison Officer to help with any queries or issues and **receives a £350 a month 'thank you' payment which is payable for up to 12 months after guests arrive in the UK.**

If you are interested please contact our Ukraine Team by emailing:

ukrainesupport@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

£3m to help eliminate rough sleeping

We're really proud that in Buckinghamshire we've seen the numbers of people sleeping rough come down to very low levels. Supporting people facing homelessness and eliminating rough sleeping is a key manifesto commitment of the council. Therefore, it's great news that we've successfully secured nearly £3 million in new, targeted funding to help achieve the overall aim of having no one necessarily sleeping rough in Buckinghamshire.

This money will be used to help target the root causes behind why someone becomes homeless and will go towards mental health, drugs and alcohol support, as well as providing more emergency beds to help people off the streets.

Last chance to comment on constituency boundaries

The Boundary Commission for England has recently published its revised proposals for constituency boundaries across the country. Comments on the proposals can be submitted up until 5 December. The proposed new map can be viewed [online](#) where comments can be submitted.

Can you help promote the Christmas toy appeal?

With greater pressure than ever on family finances we want to do what we can to ensure our most vulnerable children and young people don't miss out this Christmas. That is why we have once again joined forces with local charity, Inspire Bucks, to raise funds for gifts for children in touch with our social care service.

The initiative is always a great success. Last Christmas more than 2,000 Buckinghamshire children and young people with disadvantaged backgrounds received presents thanks to the generosity of local donors, who pushed funds well over the target of £10,000. During the past year funds have also allowed birthday gifts to be given to 200 children.

Donating is simple, just go to the [GoFundMe page](#) and Inspire Bucks and our social services team will do the rest, helping to ensure a happy Christmas for children and young people across Buckinghamshire.

Help shape our vision for libraries

The previous item on welcoming spaces just shows how important our libraries are as community hubs. Over a million items are borrowed every year from Buckinghamshire Libraries and they provide diverse services, from book lending, to reading groups, digital access and local events and activities – plus much, much more.

We want our libraries to continue meeting the needs of our communities so are seeking views on what the priorities should be for Buckinghamshire's libraries. We want as many people as possible to take part in this survey, not just current library users so please spread the word and take part in the consultation too.

It's open until Sunday 15 January at www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/libraries-your-views

Are your residents ready for winter?

With temperatures dropping and weather conditions likely to turn more unpredictable as we approach winter, we are asking local residents to think about what they can do to prepare for the worst of the cold season in order to keep themselves and their loved ones safe and well. From knowing how to report an issue such as a flooded road to keeping items such as wellies and snow shovels handy, there are lots of tips people can take note of to ensure they are fully prepared. Find out more on our [website](#).

More trees please!

National Tree Week is approaching, starting on 26 November and once again we are using the focus to plant more trees around the county, and we need your help!

Working in partnership with Chiltern Rangers, we are inviting residents to help us plant 4,000 hedgerow plants and trees along the Platinum Way Greenway in Aylesbury as part of a £1.4m upgrade.

Please invite your local community to get involved. Anyone who would like to take part in the planting which takes place between 30 November and 9 December – even just for a couple of hours – can email info@chilternrangers.co.uk. They will then forward further details of each day's location for planting.

Details on the different events can also be found on Eventbrite, just search for Platinum Way at: www.eventbrite.com

Deadline for cashing council tax energy rebate vouchers is approaching

Earlier this year the Government announced that all households in council tax bands A to D would receive a £150 payment as part of a range of measures to support people with the rising cost of energy pressures. Residents who were eligible for an energy rebate who had not received a BACS transfer were sent a voucher in the post in August this year. The vouchers need to be taken with a form of photo ID, to a post office, where they can be exchanged for £150.

The deadline for cashing the vouchers is **Wednesday 30 November**. Our latest figures show that around 3,600 vouchers are still waiting to be cashed in Buckinghamshire so please could you urge residents in your area who haven't yet cashed their vouchers to do so before it is too late.

The process is fully explained in the voucher letter and on the [council website](#).

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Report to Members of the Parish Council

TO:	Members of the Parish Council
MEETING DATE:	28/11/2022
SUBJECT:	Broadband
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No:

Broadband

Having recently gained access to the Broadband account I was able to see that DPPC was outside of contract and paying £76.00pm for Broadband and a phone line. This in my view was above the market value and so I sourced quotations to achieve better value.

I received a quote from BT and visited some comparison sites

Please see the attached emails to support the report:

The best value product is coming in at £32.95 without outgoing call max speed 64mb