

Drayton Parslow Parish Council

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Dated: 28th March 2023

MINUTES OF FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 27th March 2023

Name	Position	Present	Absent	Tally
James Bruce	Chairman	✓		
Dave Wheeler	Vice Chairman	✓		
Steven Colborne-Baber	Councillor	✓		
Joanne Bruce	Councillor	✓		
David Perry	Councillor		✓	
Sue Spavin	Councillor		✓	
Vacancy	Councillor			
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Jilly Jordan	Unitary Councillor	✓		
Chloe Collins	Clerk	✓		N/A
Huw Perry	RFO	✓		N/A
Members of Public				

Papers circulated in advance of meeting

- March 2023 Agenda
- Draft February 2023 Minutes
- March 2023 Meeting Bundle

Meeting Opened: 19:30

Closed: 21:28

23/038 Apologies for Absence

RESOLVED

To note the apologies on the grounds tendered received from
Cllr David Perry
Cllr Sue Spavin

23/039 Declarations of Interest

None received

23/040 Dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None received

Signature:

Date:.....

23/041 Public Participation

RESOLVED

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 received

23/042 Reports from District Councillors

To receive reports from the District Councillors.

RESOLVED

To receive report from Cllr Jilly Jordan (copy of report attached).

In addition Cllr Jilly Jordan forewarned members of concerns raised by other Councils in relation to Electricity Bill increases making street lighting unaffordable. The matter has been taken to the MP. It is noted that the councils contract is to renew in November 2023.

Following an email from a resident Council has been asked to support the reduction in the speed limit. Cllr Jilly Jordan suggested that we conduct a feasibility study and that to fund this we could make an application to the Community Board. Applications are closed at present but these will open again soon.

Action Make a FOI for the reasoning as to why and how the red road marking was installed.

Contact Highways regarding the new pole for MVAS and ascertain if permission is required for its installation.

23/043 Minutes

RESOLVED

That the draft minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on 27th February 2023 be accepted as a true record and be signed by the Vice Chairman. A copy of the minutes are available on the website:

<https://draytonparslowparishcouncil.org.uk/meetings/>

23/044 Planning and Licensing Matters

RESOLVED

- 1) To note planning decisions from Buckinghamshire Council

23/045 Allotments

RESOLVED

- 1) To note update on Accounts for the Allotments and that two allotments are vacant
- 2) To instruct contractor to weed vacant plots and to cover with a ground cover.
- 3) To hire skip to remove waste

23/046 Neighbourhood Plan

RESOLVED

To note update that the Neighbourhood plan is back with the Council being checked against regulation 15.

Signature:

Date:.....

23/047 Finance
Financial Matters - Payments Schedule

RESOLVED

To 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.

D/debit	NPower	MPAN1 (1/2/23-28/2/23)	£492.16 (410.13 + 82.03 VAT)
D/debit	NPower	MPAN2 (1/2/23-28/2/23)	£25.00 (20.83 + 4.17 VAT)
U009	Forde & McHugh	Streetlight repairs	£192.00 (160.00 + 32.00)
U010	Hon RFJ Carington	Allotment half yearly rent (25/3/23-28/9/23)	£18.00 (15.00 + 3.00)
U011	Hon RFJ Carington	Rec half yearly rent (25/3/23-28/9/23)	£1176.20 (980.17 + 196.03)
U012	Tring Rural PC	Shared PO box fee	£189.00
U013	REDACTED	salary; WHA; expenses	£359.90
U014	REDACTED	salary; PAYE rebate	£80.65
U015	REDACTED	Salary	£101.16
1145	DP PCC	Churchyard maintenance grant	£1000.00
1146	HMRC	March PAYE	£93.80

[U00x denotes new Unity online bank code assigned for each payment made this way]

23/048 Best Kept Village

RESOLVED

- 1) To approve the application to the Best Kept Village competition for 2023 and agree to fee of £25.00
- 2) **To Action:** Report road/defect to fix my street
Address points of concern raised by previous year's competition
- 3) To agree to organise a litter pick
- 4) **To Action:** the litter pick is to coincide with Bucks Spring Clean 17/3 – 2/4 – Risk Assessment
High Viability Vests
To instruct contractor to Clear brambles and clean gates

23/049 Recreation Ground

RESOLVED

- 1) To note that the RoSPA has been booked and fee agreed £75.00 on the promotional rate
- 2) To approve the application for use of a Bouncy Castle on the Recreation Ground between the hours of 19:00 and 21:00 subject to receipt of a risk assessment.

23/050 War Memorial

RESOLVED

- 1) To purchase a memorial to commemorate the Canadian Air Crew who crashed in Drayton Parslow
- 2) **To Action:** Article in the Newsletter to inform villagers
To obtain quotes from Stone Masons

23/051 Highways

RESOLVED

- 1) **To Action:** Contact contractor and update them on scope of project for new quotation
To obtain alternative quotations

Signature:

Date:.....

Contact Highways to confirm the Parish Council has permission to have a fixed MVAS pole installed.

23/052 Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies/Working Parties/Warden

RESOLVED

To note report received from the Warden

23/053 Clerk Correspondence

RESOLVED

- 1) To receive and consider any items of correspondence or communication brought forward by the Clerk (report enclosed).
- 2) To note a request was made to extend the parking at The Sports and Social club no formal decision could be reached but it was felt that this would impede accessibility and so was unlikely to be something the council would agree.

23/054 Any items of Discussion for a Future Meeting

None

23/055 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

RESOLVED

To note the date, time and venue of the next council meeting scheduled for 24th April 2023 7:30PM at the Sports and Social Club.

Signature:

Date:.....

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Report to Members of the Parish Council

TO:	Members of the Parish Council
MEETING DATE:	27 th March 2023
SUBJECT:	Planning
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: 7

7.1

None

7.2

None

7.3

Reference	23/00566/APP
Address	4 Bell Close Drayton Parslow Buckinghamshire MK17 0JX
Proposal	Householder application for new bay windows and side extension
Status	Approved
Decision	Householder Approval
Decision Issued Date	Mon 27 Mar 2023

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SUBJECT:	Allotments
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: 8

8.1

- a) All plots are paid up to date.
- b) Two vacancies

8.2 Request has been received to

The allotment next to me used to be worked by AG but appears to be unlet. It was not cultivated at all last year. Consequently the weeds were too dreadful as many seeds blew onto my allotment. If it is still not let, please will you allow me cover the beds with black plastic. This way it will be kept tidier and reduce the weeds generally on the allotments.

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

Agenda item No: 14

Background

At our previous meeting the Council approved the purchased of an MVAS.

Upon placing the order it was noted that the quoted did not include the cost of a pole mount. Quote has been obtained at an additional cost of £850.00 plus VAT

It is noted that the signs are designed to use existing furniture if available.

Action

Council are asked to approve the quotation as detailed.

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Report to Members of the Parish Council

TO:	Members of the Parish Council
MEETING DATE:	27 th March 2023
SUBJECT:	Wardens Report
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: 15

To receive the attached end of month report.

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Report to Members of the Parish Council

TO:	Members of the Parish Council
MEETING DATE:	27 th March 2023
SUBJECT:	Clerk Correspondence
REPORT AUTHOR:	Chloe Collins

Agenda item No: 16

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- Email from Resident
- Email from Resident
- Street Lighting
- Great British Spring Clean
- HR Matters

March 2023 Update – Finance items

Finance

Account Balances:

The balances for the Lloyds Bank accounts are as follows:

Treasurers Account	£ 497.24 (as of 28 February 2023)
BIA Account	£ 91,947.42 (as of 28 February 2023)
Poor Land Treasurers Account	£ 1,250.34 (as of 28 February 2023)
Poor Land Call Account	£ 6,725.42 (as of 28 February 2023)

The balances for the Unity Bank accounts are as follows:

Current Account	£ 1,995.11 (as of 28 February 2023)
Savings Account	£ 8,006.05 (as of 28 February 2023)

Payments:

February 2023 (Agreed at Feb meeting)

D/debit	NPower	MPAN1 (1/1/23-31/1/23)	£581.62 (467.87 + 93.57 VAT)
D/debit	NPower	MPAN2 (1/1/23-31/1/23)	£27.76 (23.13 + 4.63 VAT)
D/Debit	Anglian Water	Allotment water usage (3/11/22-2/2/23)	£48.50
D/Debit	BT	Broadband (2/8/22-28/2/23) [Billed on 3/1/23]	£223.52 (186.27 + 37.25 VAT)
U001	Forde & McHugh	Streetlight repairs	£192.00 (160.00 + 32.00 VAT)
U002	D. Perry	Printer ink expenses	£88.68 (73.90 + 14.78 VAT)
U003	Forde & McHugh	Streetlight repairs	£192.00 (160.00 + 32.00 VAT)
U004	R&D Agri Services	Hedge cutting	£88.20 (73.50 + 14.70 VAT)
U005	BMKALC	Planning application responses sub	£45.00
U006			£360.10
U007			£33.72
U008			£80.85
1144	HMRC	Feb PAYE	£76.60

[U00x denotes new Unity online bank code assigned for each payment made this way]

Income

Interest: £137.00

Allotments/rent: £226.75

Precept: £35,750.00

Devolved services payment: £1,492.19

VAT refund: £0.00

DPD payment: £300.00

Misc: £3.38

Total: £37,862.49 (YTD)

Income & Expenditure Reports

Members are asked to review and confirm the reports dated 28/2/22.

General Information

- I will need to move some money into the Lloyds current account to cover the direct debits and HMRC payment, so will provide a letter for signing by two councillors to move some money over. I was thinking £2000.00 will stave us over until the precept payment comes in April.
- The internal audit is set to take place on the 18th of April, so I will have the rest of the documents ready for the April meeting to be signed and sent off to the external auditor.

[illegible]

DRAYTON PARSLow PARISH COUNCIL BANK RECONCILIATION													
	31/03/2022	30/04/2022	31/05/2022	30/06/2022	31/07/2022	31/08/2022	30/09/2022	31/10/2022	30/11/2022	31/12/2022	31/01/2023	28/02/2023	31/03/2023
Lloyds Current A/c 30-91-39 xxxx0441	3,588.29	23,450.65	20,843.66	4,740.54	3,357.27	2,071.57	18,967.33	16,646.86	14,843.61	3,485.04	1,751.39	497.24	
Lloyds Deposit A/c 30-91-39 xxxx0557	96,816.47	91,817.35	91,818.08	91,818.86	91,819.67	91,822.71	91,826.61	91,830.51	91,840.32	91,861.33	91,900.59	91,947.42	
Unity Current A/c 60-83-01 xxxx8415									0.00	-4.89	-4.89	1,995.11	
Unity Savings A/c 60-83-01 xxxx8428									0.00	10,006.05	10,006.05	8,006.05	
Total	100,404.76	115,268.00	112,661.74	96,559.40	95,176.94	93,894.28	110,793.94	108,477.37	106,683.93	105,347.53	103,653.14	102,445.82	0.00
Change in Bank Balance (A)		14,863.24	-2,606.26	-16,102.34	-1,382.46	-1,282.66	16,899.66	-2,316.57	-1,793.44	-1,336.40	-1,694.39	-1,207.32	-102,445.82
Receipts		19,368.07	0.73	0.78	300.81	3.04	17,878.90	3.90	177.44	67.41	61.41	46.83	0.00
Payments		2,444.90	15,583.84	1,514.11	1,645.29	1,157.65	2,666.74	1,537.35	1,296.05	1,818.41	1,553.72	1,815.17	0.00
Difference(B)		16,923.17	-15,583.11	-1,513.33	-1,344.48	-1,154.61	15,212.16	-1,533.45	-1,118.61	-1,751.00	-1,492.31	-1,768.34	0.00
Difference (A-B)		-2,059.93	12,976.85	-14,589.01	-37.98	-128.05	1,687.50	-783.12	-674.83	414.60	-202.08	561.02	-102,445.82
Cheques now paid		Cheque 1055 £726.20 Cheque 1057 £100.00 Cheque 1059 £1301.00 Cheque 1060 £232.77 Cheque 1061 £1176.20 Cheque 1062 £402.80 Cheque 1063 £46.35 Cheque 1064 £11.40	Cheque 1056 £207.95 Cheque 1065 £25.00 Cheque 1066 £107.39 Cheque 1067 £87.50 Cheque 1068 £20.00 Cheque 1069 £105.00 Cheque 1070 £40.00 Cheque 1072 £339.10 Cheque 1073 £42.80 Cheque 1074 £1170.00	Cheque 1077 £40.01 Cheque 1078 £36.90 Cheque 1079 £422.78 Cheque 1080 £511.00 Cheque 1081 £81.42 Cheque 1082 £50.00 Cheque 1083 £193.20 Cheque 1084 £2100.00 Cheque 1085 £8268.00 Cheque 1086 £90.00 Cheque 1087 £1443.34 Cheque 1088 £235.00 Cheque 1089 £1286.04 Cheque 1090 £320.90 Cheque 1091 £43.00	Cheque 1092 [VOID] Cheque 1093 £234.00 Cheque 1094 £183.58 Cheque 1096 £72.00 Cheque 1099 £43.00	Cheque 1103 £54.60 Cheque 1104 £440.00	Cheque 1105 £67.00 Cheque 1106 £18.00 Cheque 1107 £142.50 Cheque 1110 £76.65 Cheque 1111 £62.40	Cheque 1112 £240.00 Cheque 1114 £98.40 Cheque 1115 £45.00 Cheque 1116 £1333.40 Cheque 1118 £76.65 Cheque 1119 £62.60	Cheque 1120 £142.50 Cheque 1121 £265.00 Cheque 1124 £120.00 Cheque 1125 £340.10 Cheque 1126 £105.63 Cheque 1127 £62.20	Cheque 1123 £25.00 Cheque 1129 £60.00 Cheque 1130 £190.00 Cheque 1133 £110.60	Cheque 1113 £198.00 Cheque 1134 £732.00 Cheque 1138 £68.20	Cheque 1141 £446.88 Cheque 1142 £80.65 Cheque 1143 £68.60	
TOTAL		£3,996.72	£2,144.74	£15,121.59	£532.58	£494.60	£366.55	£1,856.05	£1,035.43	£385.60	£998.20	£596.13	
Cheques not yet presented		Cheque 1055 £726.20 Cheque 1056 £207.95 Cheque 1057 £100.00 Cheque 1058 £[VOID] Cheque 1059 £1301.00 Cheque 1060 £232.77 Cheque 1061 £1176.20 Cheque 1062 £402.80 Cheque 1063 £46.35 Cheque 1064 £11.40	Cheque 1065 £25.00 Cheque 1066 £107.39 Cheque 1067 £87.50 Cheque 1068 £20.00 Cheque 1069 £105.00 Cheque 1070 £40.00 Cheque 1072 £339.10 Cheque 1073 £42.80 Cheque 1074 £1170.00	Cheque 1077 £40.01 Cheque 1078 £36.90 Cheque 1079 £422.78 Cheque 1080 £511.00 Cheque 1081 £81.42 Cheque 1082 £50.00 Cheque 1083 £193.20 Cheque 1084 £2100.00 Cheque 1085 £8268.00 Cheque 1086 £90.00 Cheque 1087 £1443.34 Cheque 1088 £235.00 Cheque 1089 £1286.04	Cheque 1092 [VOID] Cheque 1093 £234.00 Cheque 1094 £183.58 Cheque 1096 £72.00 Cheque 1099 £43.00	Cheque 1103 £54.60 Cheque 1104 £440.00	Cheque 1105 £67.00 Cheque 1106 £18.00 Cheque 1107 £142.50 Cheque 1110 £76.65 Cheque 1111 £62.40	Cheque 1112 £240.00 Cheque 1121 £265.00 Cheque 1122 £12.50 Cheque 1123 £25.00 Cheque 1124 £120.00 Cheque 1125 £340.10 Cheque 1126 £105.63 Cheque 1127 £62.20	Cheque 1129 £60.00 Cheque 1130 £190.00 Cheque 1133 £110.60	Cheque 1134 £732.00 Cheque 1138 £68.20	Cheque 1139 £139.99 Cheque 1140 £60.00 Cheque 1141 £446.88 Cheque 1142 £80.65 Cheque 1143 £68.60	U001 £192.00 U002 £88.68 U003 £192.00 U004 £88.20 U005 £45.00 U006 £360.10 U007 £33.72 U008 £80.65 Cheque 1144 £76.60	
TOTAL	£4,204.67	£1,936.79	£15,121.59	£532.58	£494.60	£366.55	£2,054.05	£1,072.93	£360.60	£800.20	£796.12	£1,157.15	
NET TOTAL AGREES TO DIFFERENCE (A-B above)		-£2,059.93	£12,976.85	-£14,589.01	-£37.98	-£128.05	£1,687.50	-£783.12	-£674.83	£414.60	-£202.08	£561.02	£0.00

DRAYTON PARSLow POOR CHARITY BANK RECONCILIATION														
	31/03/2022	30/04/2022	31/05/2022	30/06/2022	31/07/2022	31/08/2022	30/09/2022	31/10/2022	30/11/2022	31/12/2022	31/01/2023	28/02/2023	31/03/2023	
Lloyds Current a/c 30-91-39 xxxx0778	£931.25	£931.25	£2,261.25	£2,261.25	£2,250.34	£2,250.34	£2,250.34	£2,250.34	£2,250.34	£2,250.34	£2,250.34	£1,250.34		
Lloyds Savings a/c 30-91-39 xxxx0883	£6,715.83	£6,715.89	£6,715.94	£6,716.00	£6,716.06	£6,716.28	£6,716.57	£6,716.86	£6,717.58	£6,719.12	£6,721.99	£6,725.42		
Total	£7,647.08	£7,647.14	£8,977.19	£8,977.25	£8,966.40	£8,966.62	£8,966.91	£8,967.20	£8,967.92	£8,969.46	£8,972.33	£7,975.76	£0.00	
Change in Bank Balance (A)		£0.06	£1,330.05	£0.06	-£10.85	£0.22	£0.29	£0.29	£0.72	£1.54	£2.87	-£996.57	-£7,975.76	
Receipts		£0.06	£1,330.05	£0.06	£0.06	£0.22	£0.29	£0.29	£0.72	£1.54	£2.87	£3.43	£0.00	
Payments		£0.00	£0.00	£10.91	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	
Difference(B)		£0.06	£1,330.05	-£10.85	£0.06	£0.22	£0.29	£0.29	£0.72	£1.54	-£997.13	£3.43	£0.00	
Difference (A-B)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10.91	-£10.91	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	-£1,000.00	-£7,975.76	
Cheques now paid					Cheque 160 £10.91							Cheque 161 £200.00 Cheque 162 £300.00 Cheque 163 £100.00 Cheque 164 £100.00 Cheque 165 £200.00 Cheque 166 £100.00		
TOTAL					£10.91							£1,000.00		
Cheques not yet presented					Cheque 160 £10.91							Cheque 161 £200.00 Cheque 162 £300.00 Cheque 163 £100.00 Cheque 164 £100.00 Cheque 165 £200.00 Cheque 166 £100.00		
TOTAL					£10.91							£1,000.00		
NET TOTAL AGREES TO DIFFERENCE (A-B above)	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10.91	-£10.91	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	-£1,000.00	£0.00	

Drayton Parslow Parish Council		279.40		279.40
		127.95		127.95
		2021/22	2021/22	2022/23
		Budget	YTD 2021/22	Budget
				YTD 2022/23
Opening Bank Balance		84,480.23	84,480.23	100,404.76
Unpresented chq		871.15	871.15	4,205.27
Opening Book Balance		83,609.08	83,609.08	96,199.49
Mower replacement fund earmarked		9,000.00		10,000.00
Street Lighting replacement fund		8,000.00		9,000.00
Accrual for devolved services 3 years		0.00		0.00
Cluster services BCC shortfall - longterm post 2022		6,500.00		8,000.00
Cluster Equipment replacement fund		2,000.00		2,500.00
CCTV upgrade fund		0.00		0.00
Cricket Pitch levelling contingency		2,000.00		2,000.00
MUGA netting replacement		4,000.00		6,000.00
MUGA surface replacement		7,500.00		9,000.00
Legal Costs Rec lease renewal		1,500.00		1,500.00
Legal Costs - gen reserve		4,430.00		4,430.00
Upper Rec access repair reserve		7,500.00		7,500.00
Traffic Calming Study (HGV signs)		0.00		0.00
Neighbourhood Plan		1,832.00		1,832.00
War Memorial		0.00		0.00
2021 Election carry over from 2020		1,000.00		880.00
Opening book balance available for spend		28,347.08		33,557.49
RECEIPTS				
Precept		35,750.00	35,750.00	35,750.00
Greenacre Hall		0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest		15.00	9.36	9.00
Allotment Rent		225.00	231.48	250.00
Cluster Allowance for Devolved Services		1,449.00	1,448.73	1,449.00
Grants & donations		0.00	0.00	0.00
Neighbourhood Plan Grant from DCLG		0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous		0.00	0.00	0.00
Reclaimable VAT		0.00	1,245.14	0.00
TOTAL		37,439.00	38,684.71	37,458.00
ROUTINE PAYMENTS				
Rec & Play Area maintenance/grass cutting		1,800.00	267.60	1,800.00
Recreation Ground & Playground rent Carington		2,100.00	2,062.82	2,100.00
Playground equipment and maintenance		1,500.00	931.00	1,500.00
Hedge and Grass Area maintenance		0.00	0.00	0.00
Burial Ground footpath maintenance GPC		750.00	750.00	750.00
Expenses for Cluster Devolved Services		2,000.00	1,554.64	2,000.00
War Memorial		1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00
Allotment rent and maintenance		400.00	213.54	400.00
Upper rec Mower servicing & repairs		2,000.00	898.52	2,000.00
Purchase of equipment/servicing for Cluster Services		600.00	429.75	600.00
Clerk/RFO's Pay		5,000.00	3,846.70	4,500.00
HMRC PAYE		0.00	671.40	500.00
Office Expenses		800.00	1,471.10	800.00
Insurance		1,200.00	1,196.19	1,200.00
Subscriptions / publications / training		750.00	364.16	750.00
Website		150.00	232.77	240.00
Hire of DPSSC (PC Meetings)		200.00	144.00	200.00
Audit Fee		250.00	250.00	250.00
Street lighting (power and repairs)		4,000.00	4,140.09	3,000.00
Dog Bin collection (AVDC)		550.00	468.25	550.00
Post Office - use of DPSSC		600.00	1,050.00	600.00
Parish Elections		1,000.00	116.82	0.00
BT/Broadband		662.00	708.18	1,762.00
Cllr Expenses/Training		360.00	1,021.39	360.00
Document Storage Greenacre		25.00		25.00
Repairs/Sundries		1,500.00		2,500.00
VAT		0.00	2,264.98	0.00
TOTAL		29,297.00	25,053.90	29,487.00
				30,228.93

MUGA refurb included

Carried over from 2021/22

EXCEPTIONAL PAYMENTS	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22	2021/22
GPC: Poppy Wreath	20.00	18.00	20.00	25.00
MUGA & Rec Security	250.00	787.40	250.00	0.00
Outdoor Gym (grants received)	0.00		0.00	
Traffic Calming Project (New Homes Bonus Grant rec'd)	0.00		0.00	
Youth Amenity Projects/New play equip/MUGA refurb	500.00		500.00	
Misc bins	50.00	0.00	50.00	67.85
Legal costs re. Recreation Ground leases	0.00		0.00	
Legal Costs	0.00		0.00	
Defibrillator replacement battery & pads	0.00	235.00	350.00	142.00
Neighbourhood Planning expenses	0.00		0.00	136.90
Kerbing project			3400.00	
Misc payments			0.00	2432.55
Recreation ground access / car park security	0.00		0.00	
TOTAL	820.00	1,040.40	4,570.00	2,804.30
Street Lighting Reserve Fund	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Tractor/Mower replacement fund	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Cluster Equipment replacement fund	500.00		500.00	
Devolved Services 2020 and beyond	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Recreation ground access - replacement reserve	1,500.00		1,500.00	
MUGA surface replacement 2021/22	1,500.00		1,500.00	
MUGA netting replacement	2,000.00		2,000.00	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	30,117.00	26,094.30	34,057.00	33,033.23
Incl Reserve payments	39,117.00		43,057.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS LESS TOTAL ACTUAL PAYMENTS & RESERVE ACCRUALS	-1,678.00	12,590.41	-5,599.00	4,876.09
CLOSING BOOK BALANCE	90,931.08	96,199.49	99,600.49	101,075.58
Chqs not yet presented		£726.20		£0.60
		£207.95		£12.50
		£100.00		£139.99
		[VOID]		£60.00
		£1,301.00		£76.60
		£232.77		£1,080.55
		£1,176.20		
		£402.80		
		£46.35		
		£11.40		
		£0.60		
CLOSING BANK BALANCE	90,931.08	100,404.76	99,600.49	102,445.82

Jubilee costs included

1046

1122

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New parking charges to come in across Buckinghamshire

New charges for on and off-street parking across Buckinghamshire will come into force from Monday 3 April. The changes are being introduced following a review by the council's budget scrutiny committee.

The changes will see an increase of 20p per tariff for on street parking and 10p per tariff for off street parking. Where applicable, free parking periods are expected to remain unchanged.

Commenting on the new charges, Steven Broadbent, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Transport, said:

"The increased fees will go into maintaining the upkeep and enhancement of these valuable assets, which benefit the whole community, along with our environmental and transport objectives.

"The changes form part of a wider programme of work to improve our car parks, which includes installing new ticketless payment machines to make it easier for people to pay for parking – with customers able to choose cashless payment in addition to the options to pay via the RingGo app or phonenumber.

"This reflects changes in how people have chosen to pay for their parking in recent years. We've seen a decrease in cash payments and significantly more people choosing to pay using contactless cards or the RingGo app or phonenumber."

All funds raised from the council's on and off-street parking facilities are used to support the upkeep of facilities and wider transport initiatives.

More information on Buckinghamshire Council car parks can be found here:

www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/parking

The Buckinghamshire School Awards – Who gets your vote?

Join us in celebrating our wonderful school communities across the county as we run our first ever Buckinghamshire School Awards.

The awards have been introduced by Buckinghamshire Council, in recognition of the dedication and hard work of all school staff across the county. Nominations are now open to all staff in schools in Buckinghamshire. The 12 award categories include; Teacher of the Year, Teaching Assistant of the Year, Unsung Heroes Award and Pupil Voice Award.

One award is open for the public to vote on – The Community Engagement School of the Year Award. Anyone with a connection to a local school can nominate the school they feel deserves this award which recognises schools that are actively involved in their local community, making a difference to local people beyond the school gates and in the wider area. The award will recognise schools that actively bring together families, staff, pupils and local residents to create a safe and inclusive community.

The awards have been generously sponsored by Wycombe Wanderers, Pinewood Studios, Buckinghamshire Skills Hub in partnership with Buckinghamshire Business First, Thakeham, The Entertainer, Supply Desk, Bosch and LEAP. Nominations will close at 5pm on Friday 28 April.: “Buckinghamshire schools work hard to provide a first-class education for our children, nurturing and caring about their growth, wellbeing and development. We want these awards to recognise the amazing dedication, commitment and passion that the whole school community is showing day in and day out.

“To all those working in schools, whether you want to celebrate a fantastic teaching colleague, an inspirational senior leadership team or an unsung hero in your school, please nominate and tell us about the difference they are making to our children and young people across Buckinghamshire.”

To nominate a school for the Community Engagement School of the Year award [visit the Buckinghamshire School Awards 2023 webpage](#).

Once nominations close, nominations will be reviewed by a panel of judges and the winners chosen. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony 21 June 2023.

Buckinghamshire Council announces new highways contractors

Buckinghamshire Council have announced the 12 approved contractors who will be working on highways, maintenance and infrastructure projects within the county from 1 April 2023.

The announcement completes all elements of the transition of the council's highways and maintenance contract work to new partners, as part of a planned move as the contract with current partner, Ringway Jacobs, comes to a close at the end of this month.

Last year Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) were awarded the council's Term Maintenance Contract and the Term Consultancy Contract was awarded to Atkins, starting from 1 April 2023. The 12 newly-appointed contractors will work alongside BBLP and Atkins to carry out the works needed, under new Framework 1 and Framework 2 contracts which will run for a period of four years.

The 12 contractors have been appointed following a procurement process and will operate as follows:

Buckinghamshire Highways Framework One - Minor Works

Lot 1: Conventional Surfacing Work

- Balfour Beatty Living Places Limited
- Eurovia Infrastructure Limited
- O'Hara Bros Surfacing Limited

Lot 2: Surface Treatments including Surface Dressing

- Colas Limited
- Eurovia Infrastructure Limited
- Kier Highways Limited

Lot 3: Minor Works (under £500K)

- Balfour Beatty Living Places Limited
- J McCann and Co Limited
- O'Hara Bros Surfacing Limited

Buckinghamshire Highways Framework Two - Major Works (over £500K)

- Balfour Beatty Living Places Limited

- Keltbray Highways Limited
- Tilbury Douglas Construction Limited

The frameworks have been set up in this way to deliver value for money and to allow the council to align delivery of highways and regeneration infrastructure projects under a new delivery model. The new model will mean other council services such as Flooding and Development, Transport Strategy and Rights of Way teams can benefit from the wide range of expertise and experience provided by the range of contractors.

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Council joins forces with Forestry England to create new woodland in Wing

Plans to plant a brand-new woodland in Wing have been given the green light in a joint project between Forestry England and Buckinghamshire Council. The new Wing Wood will see 132,000 trees planted on land owned by Buckinghamshire Council, creating an inspiring green space for local people, a valuable habitat for wildlife and a sustainable source of timber.

The decision to create the new woodland on the 51-hectare site follows a public consultation last year and local and national organisations were also involved in discussions over the woodland plan. Wing Wood will include a mix of tree species suited to the locality, five new wildlife ponds and a community orchard as well as accessible paths for walking and cycling. As part of the woodland design, Forestry England hope to link the new Wing Wood with Long Spinney Wood, creating clear paths and an easy connection between the two areas.

Forestry England will begin planting this year and aim to get most of the trees in the ground before the end of April with the rest planted in the autumn and winter. The 132,000 trees will form part of the council's pledge to plant 543,000 trees, one for every resident in Buckinghamshire by 2031, as part of its Climate Change Strategy.

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

"We are really pleased to be able to join forces with Forestry England to develop this new countryside space in Wing. Not only will it provide an additional green space for people to enjoy, but it will also create a welcome new haven for wildlife, enhance and enrich the existing countryside and help us to work towards our net zero carbon goal for the future."

Bethany Cambridge, Head of Woodland Creation at Forestry England, commented:

"Expanding the nation's forests is an important part of Forestry England's work and is supported by the Government's Nature for Climate Fund. We are delighted to be partnering with Buckinghamshire Council to grow an inspiring woodland for local people to explore and enjoy.

"As it grows and matures, Wing Wood will bring health and wellbeing opportunities to local people and benefits to the wider landscape by providing thriving wildlife habitats to boost biodiversity, improving air quality and helping prevent soil erosion and flooding."

Forestry England will hold volunteer planting days in the autumn for local people to help plant the community orchard trees and learn more about the woodland design and plans. News and updates on Wing Wood will be shared at: www.forestryengland.uk/wing-wood-community-woodland

Funding available to support Bucks charities impacted by rising costs

Charities and community groups across Buckinghamshire can now apply for grant funding to help with unexpected and unmanageable costs through the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector Resilience Fund.

The £230,000 fund has been established in partnership with [Heart of Bucks](#) and funded by Buckinghamshire Council, The Mulberry Trust and [The Rothschild Foundation](#). This funding is on a one-off basis, recognising the exceptional circumstances organisations are in this year.

The new fund is designed to support organisations suffering from increased operating costs due to cost-of-living pressures, which they have not been able to manage in other ways.

Steve Bowles, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet Member for Communities, commented:

"The voluntary sector plays a crucial role in supporting our local communities, but we know that many organisations are currently struggling with financial pressures. This new fund will provide a lifeline to those groups most in need, helping to ensure they can continue to make a positive impact on the lives of residents across Buckinghamshire."

Grants of up to £10,000 are available, and priority will be given to organisations aiming to reduce inequalities amongst residents living in the most disadvantaged areas of the county. The funding can be used to support operating costs, including one-off salary payments to help staff with the cost-of-living pressures.

Henry Allmand, CEO at Heart of Bucks, said:

"Across the county, there are hundreds of charities and community groups carrying out vital work to support our communities, and the cost-of-living crisis is impacting their ability to deliver vital services. We are pleased that this partnership has enabled us to launch a fund dedicated to helping local organisations during this difficult time."

Applications for funding are open from now until **28 April 2023**.

For more information on the VCSE Sector Resilience Fund, and to apply, please click here:

<https://heartofbucks.org/voluntary-sector-resilience-fund>

Free, fun and flavourful – Buckinghamshire Council continues support and countywide holiday clubs for eligible families this Easter

This Easter, Buckinghamshire Council is continuing its support for eligible children and families during the Easter Holidays as part of its ongoing Helping Hand and Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programmes. These services provide a range of assistance, including food vouchers, holiday clubs and hot meals. There is also a range of support and advice available to help with the cost of living for families in Buckinghamshire.

Thousands of HAF holiday club places are on offer in over 45 locations for eligible children and young people in Reception to Year 11. There is a fantastic range of high-quality activities for all ages and interests including day trips, adventure activities, sports, dance, cookery and more! Each child or young person can attend up to four HAF sessions over Easter and a healthy hot meal is provided at each activity. The HAF programme is funded by the Department for Education and coordinated by the council.

Details of all the HAF holiday activities are available on [Buckinghamshire Council's website](#).

“Each year, the HAF programme is a great success in Buckinghamshire, and I am pleased that we have once again been able to provide such a great free resource for eligible children and young people. I am hoping that even more children will make use of this fun-filled programme this year, as they can enjoy a fun activity and a healthy meal, as well as learn new skills and make new friends.

“There are many fun activities running in Buckinghamshire during the Easter holidays, and if the popularity of the clubs during the last few years has been any indication, I’d urge parents and carers to use their HAF booking codes and book their children on as early as possible to avoid any disappointments.”

In addition to the holiday activities, Buckinghamshire Council’s Helping Hand scheme is providing eligible families with a digital £30 food voucher code to use during the Easter holidays. Children and young people who receive free school meals are eligible for a £30 voucher code, as well as those receiving early years’ pupil premium or 2-year-old funded free education places. These digital voucher codes will be distributed through schools ahead of the Easter holiday. This scheme is funded from the Department for Work and Pensions Household Support Fund. The vouchers can be used in most major supermarkets in Buckinghamshire and instructions will be provided by schools when vouchers are issued.

Buckinghamshire Council is also offering a wide range of support and practical guidance for residents who might be struggling with day-to-day issues such as the cost of living. You can view the council’s [Money Problems webpage](#) or our [cost of living pages](#) to discover the help and support available.

“As we are facing significant rises in the cost of living and many families are feeling the pinch, I’d encourage eligible families to take up the digital food vouchers on offer. As a council, we always want to do as much as we can to help, especially during these difficult times. I hope the voucher recently changed voucher providers, but they are still as simple to use as before - just remember to redeem them before they expire.

“I know many of our residents are experiencing varying amounts of financial pressure and I urge anyone facing difficulties to get in touch with our Helping Hand team. We are there to help if you are struggling to afford basic necessities such as food, fuel and other household costs. All residents can contact Buckinghamshire Council's Helping Hand team on 01296 531151 or complete the [online contact us form](#) and someone will contact you.”

For further support, advice or further activities and events for children this Easter, you can search the [Bucks Online Directory](#).