



West Wycombe Parish Council

**YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
TO BE HELD AT 8PM ON THURSDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2022 IN THE CHURCH ROOMS, WEST WYCOMBE**

**MEMBER OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
WEARING A MASK IS VOLUNTARY; PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU HAVE COVID SYMPTOMS**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests by Members relating to agenda items
3. To confirm and sign the minutes of the July Parish Council meeting
4. Report on progress on items in the previous minutes

MEETING CLOSED FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND MEETING RE-OPENED

5. Correspondence – see Appendix 1
6. Planning applications & Decisions: None at the time of producing the agenda
7. To discuss the proposed Boundary Commission change to our Ward
8. To consider the Pedestal Playing Field inspection report
9. To consider the Licence application by West Wycombe Estate for The Caves
10. To discuss the allotment water supply
11. To report and discuss any highways issues including the proposed Princes Risborough relief road; the process and cost for speed limit changes
12. To consider the budget against expenditure to date
13. To approve the accounts for September 2022 - appendix 2
14. Members questions
15. Date of next meeting -Thursday 13th October at 8pm in the Church Rooms, West Wycombe

SHARON L. HENSON, CLERK

1.9.2022

**PLEASE REPLY TO: Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs. Sharon L. Henson,
18, Portway Drive, West Wycombe, Buckinghamshire HP12 4AU
Telephone: 01494 – 448048 Email: clerk@westwycombeparishcouncil.gov.uk**

Appendix 1

Correspondence received 15th July – 1st September 2022

1. Buckinghamshire Council daily and weekly updates and press releases – links put on website.
2. Website statistics – emailed
3. Police & Crime Commissioners bulletin – emailed and on website
4. Emails from many residents about the lack of waste collections.
5. Mails from residents about the number of 8-wheeler heavily loaded lorries from the Molins site
6. Emails about the final specification and date for the completion of the HS2 Safety Fund work on the Bradenham Road.
7. Email from a resident about reducing the Bradenham Road speed limit to 30mph – Agenda item
8. Boundary Commission proposal of changing the Wards in Buckinghamshire – currently we will move into the Chiltern Villages – emailed - Agenda item
9. Request for work to be undertaken on one of the Manna ashes on the West Wycombe Road – Clerk is discussing with the tree officer and TfB.
10. Pedestal Playground Inspection report – emailed
11. Licensing training – Clerk is booked on for 27th September
12. BALC Conference – Cllr Rowland and Clerk booked on it
13. BALC AGM – 16th November
14. Newest issue of Charles Arnold Baker now available for pre-order – Clerk has reserved a copy as there have been many changes in legislation since the copy we hold is the 9th edition - £137.
15. Notification that the Castle Water direct debit is increasing to £17.30.
16. Pensions Regulator – re-enrolment and re-declaration request.

Clerks Report

1. Clerk is waiting to receive a response from the Asset Manager at Bucks Council stating in relation to our request about undertaking the work on the Pedestal Monument, adding it to the Asset Register and future liability.
2. Clerk has been communicating with the Cabinet member for the Environment on the continuing inefficient bin collection service.
3. Clerk had reported the poor state of the double yellow lines and zig zag markings at the school – these have all been repainted during the school holiday.
4. Clerk reported the water leak at Kittys Lodge was eventually repaired after contacting the CEO of Thames Water.
5. Clerk requested a price for cutting the bank on Towerage Lane (Sands end) and clearing the grips on Church Lane from the top of the hill, cutting back the shrubs and hedging at the entrance to the houses on Church Lane and the verge from The Pound – all the work was undertaken in August.
6. Clerk had conducted an inspection of allotments and written to three tenants about the state of their plots – all three tenants have responded and work undertaken. We have one half plot vacant now. Rent invoices will go out at in September.
7. The wild flower survey went ahead in the Community Orchard – support from two parish families otherwise Chiltern Ranger volunteers.
8. Final 50% of precept due in September.
9. Clerk has worked out water usage on the allotments for the years since 2016 and up to 1 September 2022 - enclosed.
10. Clerk had to make a correction to the external audit form as the asset figure had been incorrect – the figure for last year and this year should have been the same as we did not add to our assets.
11. Information on speed limit changing is enclosed.

Appendix 2

Payments made in August

SOPHOS – Debit card	50.00	Software annual charge
Castle Water (dd)	12.40	Allotment water 5/6
Adverset Display -Debit card	165.60	Pedestal Barrier sign
Mrs S Henson - BACS	619.22	July salary
Bucks Council - BACS	231.34	August pension
HMRC – BACS	95.20	Tax
Acorn Landscaping - BACS	692.72	Highway grass, burial ground maint, Pedestal strimming
TBS Hygiene - BACS	144.00	July collections
Glynn Spratt	265.00	Toweridge Lane, The Pound Area, the grips
Glynn Spratt	55.00	Clearing back the top of Church Lane

Giff gaff (debit card)	6.00	Monthly charge for mobile
Smart Numbers (dd)	23.99	Monthly service charge
Southern Electric (dd)	81.44	Streetlight energy
Microsoft – Debit card	59.99	Software annual charge
Total	2501.90	

Statement of account as at 1st August 2022

Opening balance as at 1 st July	42461.76
Less July payments	3023.64
Total	39438.12

Payments for September

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Mrs S Henson - BACS	619.22	August salary
Bucks Council - BACS	231.34	September pension
HMRC – BACS	95.20	Tax
Acorn Landscaping - BACS	692.72	Highway grass, burial ground maint, Pedestal strimming
Acorn Landscaping	153.00	Replacement of 3 posts in Pedestal Playing Field
TBS Hygiene - BACS	115.20	August collections
Giff gaff (debit card)	6.00	Monthly charge for mobile
Smart Numbers (dd)	23.99	Monthly service charge
Southern Electric (dd)	81.44(approx)	Streetlight energy
Total	2035.41	

Statement of account as at 1st September

Opening balance 1 st August	39438.12
Less August payments	2501.90
Plus memorial fee	90.00
Total	37026.22

Allotment water usage since 2015

2015 68 units

2016 84 units

2017 47 units

2018 110 units

2019 53 units

2020 130 units

2021 70 units

2022 65 units to 1st September

A4010 Bradenham Road speed limit

Having seen the temporary reduction to 30mph on the Bradenham Road when the tarmac melted and for a short time after the repair, a local resident asked if we could consider asking for a permanent speed reduction.

The road was considered in an Area Speed Review in 2004/5, which we participated in. It was also considered by County and District Councillors Thames Valley Police and County Highways Officers.

Once the speeds were agreed it went out to Statutory Consultation. The guidelines in place at the time have been superseded. Speed limits are usually implemented by an increase in pedestrian movements or a residential area- this would account for the 40mph in front of the main row of houses. 50mph is considered acceptable on rural/non rural roads if collected speed data supports it.

Buckinghamshire Council are not considering any further speed limit assessments. If the Parish Council wanted to consider this, then we would have to pay for it with possible financial help from the Community Board. The full cost of changing a speed limit is in excess of £10,000.

1st September 2022

Have your say

We are now consulting local people on a new pattern of wards for Buckinghamshire Council. We have an open mind about our final recommendations, and we will consider every piece of evidence we receive from local groups and people, regardless of whom it is from or whether it relates to the whole council area or just a part of it.

If you agree with our recommendations, please let us know. If you don't think our recommendations are right for Buckinghamshire we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of wards.

We aim to propose a pattern of wards for Buckinghamshire Council which delivers:

- **Electoral equality:** each councillor represents a similar number of electors.
- **Community identity:** reflects the identity and interests of local communities.
- **Effective and convenient local government:** helping your council discharge its responsibilities effectively.

A good pattern of wards should:

- Provide good electoral equality, with each councillor representing, as closely as possible, the same number of electors.
- Reflect community interests and identities and include evidence of community links.
- Be based on strong, easily identifiable boundaries.
- Help the council deliver effective and convenient local government.

Electoral equality

- Does your proposal mean that councillors would represent roughly the same number of electors as elsewhere in the council area?

Community identity

- **Transport links:** are there good links across your proposed ward? Is there any form of public transport?
- **Community groups:** is there a parish council, residents association or another group that represents the area?
- **Facilities:** does your pattern of wards reflect where local people go for shops, medical services, leisure facilities etc?

Write to:
Review Officer (Buckinghamshire)
LGBCE
PO BOX 133,
Blyth,
NE24 9FE

- **Interests:** what issues bind the community together or separate it from other parts of your area?
- **Identifiable boundaries:** are there natural or constructed features which make strong boundaries for your proposals?

Effective local government

- Are any of the proposed wards too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the wards appropriate?

Useful tips

- Our website has a special consultation area where you can explore the maps. You can find it at consultation.lgbce.org.uk.
- We publish all submissions we receive on our website. Go to: www.lgbce.org.uk

Our consultation area:
consultation.lgbce.org.uk

Email:
reviews@lgbce.org.uk

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[@LGBCE](https://twitter.com/LGBCE)

Buckinghamshire Council

Draft Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements



Who we are

- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament.
- We are not part of government or any political party.
- We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons.
- Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

Electoral review

An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority, including:

- The total number of councillors representing the council's electors ('council size').
- The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors for each ward or division.

Why Buckinghamshire?

- The Commission is carrying out an electoral review of Buckinghamshire Council to deliver electoral equality for electors across Buckinghamshire, after being established as a unitary authority.

Our proposals

- We propose that the council should have **98 councillors** in future, 10 three-councillor wards, 27 two-councillor wards and 14 single-councillor wards.

You have until 10 October 2022 to have your say on the recommendations

Summary of our recommendations

Our draft recommendations propose that Buckinghamshire Council should have 98 councillors.

Those councillors should represent 51 wards, represented by 10 three-councillor wards, 27 two-councillor wards and 14 single-councillor wards.

Before drawing up the draft recommendations, the Commission carried out a public consultation inviting proposals for a new pattern of wards for Buckinghamshire.

We have considered all of the submissions we received during that phase of consultation. The boundaries of most wards should change.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right. A detailed report on the recommendations and interactive mapping is available on our website at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

We welcome comments on our draft recommendations, whether you support the proposals or wish to put forward alternative arrangements.

Have your say at consultation.lgbce.org.uk:

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- find more guidance on how to have your say.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- send us your views directly.

Stage of Review	Description
7 September 2021 - 2 November 2021	Public consultation on councillor numbers
11 January 2022 - 4 April 2022	Public consultation on warding arrangements
2 August 2022 - 10 October 2022	Public consultation on draft recommendations
10 January 2023	Publication of final recommendations
May 2025	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of draft recommendations for Buckinghamshire Council

View this map online: consultation.lgbce.org.uk

Follow the review on Twitter: [@LGBCE](https://twitter.com/LGBCE)

If you are viewing this page online, click on the map to go straight to our interactive consultation area.



Number	Ward name	Number	Ward name
1	Abbey	27	Gerrards Cross & Denham
2	Amersham & Chesham Bois	28	Grendon Underwood
3	Aston Clinton & Weston Turville	29	Haddenham & Stone
4	Aylesbury East	30	Hazlemere
5	Aylesbury North	31	Horwood
6	Aylesbury North West	32	Iver
7	Aylesbury South East	33	Ivinghoe
8	Aylesbury South West	34	Long Crendon
9	Aylesbury West	35	Marlow
10	Beaconsfield	36	Marsh & Micklefield
11	Berryfields, Buckingham Park & Watermead	37	Newton Longville
12	Bierton & Kingsbrook	38	Penn, Tylers Green & Loudwater
13	Booker & Cressex	39	Princes Risborough
14	Buckingham	40	Quainton
15	Burnham	41	Ridgeway East
16	Castlefield & Oakridge	42	Ridgeway West
17	Chalfont St Giles & Little Chalfont	43	Sands
18	Chalfont St Peter	44	Steeple Claydon
19	Chesham North	45	Terriers & Amersham Hill
20	Chesham South	46	The Missendens
21	Chiltern Ridges	47	Totteridge & Bowerdean
22	Chiltern Villages	48	Waddesdon
23	Disraeli	49	Wendover, Halton & Stoke Mandeville
24	Downley	50	Wing
25	Farnham & Stoke Poges	51	Winslow