



## Missendens Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Missendens Community Board held on Thursday 22 July 2021 in MS Teams.

### **Committee members present**

P MartinS Baker (LMPC), K Banks, C Black, C Bunting, S Burke (LMPC), J Cadman, M Dormer, C Eaden, M Etkind, J Fallon (LMPC), R Gibson, M Harker, M Johnstone, I Lovegrove, P Martin (BC), V Martin (BC), B Rowett, J Stiel, E Thickett, C Veysey, J Veysey,

### **Officers in attendance**

M Burgh, L Charleston, L Hornby, E Quesada and K Wager

### **Agenda Item**

#### **1      Welcome and apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Wallace, Cllr MacBean, Cllr Birchley Cllr Walters, M Alson, A Hewitt, M Lloyd Webb and L Farn

#### **2      Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

#### **3      Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed new local councillor M Harker who would be representing the Missendens ward.

#### **RESOLVED**

**The Chairman confirmed M Harker as the new Vice-Chairman of the Missenden Community Board for the commencing year.**

#### **4      Minutes of the last meeting**

**Members of the board AGREED the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2021 as an accurate record.**

#### **5      Missendens Community Board Summary**

The Chairman referred to the slides circulated with the agenda.

The Board had been allowed to carry over unused funding from 2019/20 as a one off given a total of £111,045.00. This must be allocated by the end of the 2020/21 financial year.

## **6 Key areas of focus, views on local priorities and establishing action groups**

The Chairman referred to a presentation, a copy of which would be appended to these minutes.

The following Action Groups would be formed for the year ahead:

- Environment and climate change
- Economic regeneration
- Health and wellbeing
- Community safety
- Youth voice

In addition, there would be:

- A highways group to meet to address specific issues only.
- Task and finish groups to see specific projects from beginning to end.

Ms L Charleston introduced a Google document that attendees could anonymously update with ideas for each area of focus. Alternatively ideas could be emailed to [Liz.Charleston@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:Liz.Charleston@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).

## **7 Presentation on the Environment**

Mr C Black, local resident, gave a presentation on ideas for the environment action group.

Mr Black encouraged attendance at the first meeting of the environment and climate change action group including those from other action groups to discuss cross working.

## **8 Community Boards Updates**

Ms L Charleston referred to the presentation circulated with the agenda.

The slides covered changes had been made the application process and details of funding applications received to date.

Mr R Gibson gave an update on behalf of the Chiltern and South Bucks Policing Issues Forum. A copy of the presentation was circulated with the agenda. It was hoped that the community board could help to drive up response rates of the forum's resident survey particularly among young people.

## **9 Community Matters**

Nag Lane, Great Kingshill petition

To address concerns raised regarding speed pneumatic tubes would be laid across the road to allow for data collection. Once this data had been analysed a plan of action would be developed.

Prestwood recreational grounds ownership/management

A petition had been submitted for Buckinghamshire Council to pass ownership of

the Prestwood recreational grounds to Great Missenden Parish Council who already own and manage the Prestwood Commons on the same site. The Chairman had met with Cllr S Bowles, Cabinet Member for Communities who had been positive something could be done. A proposal would be taken to the next meeting of the Devolution Committee in September 2021.

Ms L Charleston, Community Board Co-ordinator, drew attendee's attention to updated circulated with the agenda which included information on:

- Ongoing consultations.
- Changes to home to school transport.
- Covid update and key messages.

In response to questions it was confirmed:

- The government review of electoral boundaries was ongoing and in the long term may lead to less Buckinghamshire Council councillors. Possible impact on community boards was not known at this time but reviews would be carried out at the appropriate time.
- Democratic Services would look into including whether a copy of the meetings chat transcript could be downloaded and circulated with the minutes. **ACTION Ms Kenward**

**10 Date of next meeting**

28 October 2021, 7pm

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## Community Board Missendens

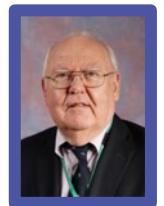
### Who's involved?

- Buckinghamshire councillors
- Local businesses
- Health colleagues
- Voluntary & Charity Sector organisations
- Places of worship
- Parish councillors
- Thames Valley Police
- Community Associations
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Residents
- Schools

### Key Contacts



Peter Martin  
*(Chairman)*



John Gladwin  
*(Vice-Chair)*



Liz Charleston  
*(Coordinator)*

### Population Stats

- The population is over **15,000**
- **18.7%** of the population are under 16
- **25.5%** of the population are over 65
- There are **11** schools in the Board area
- There are **509** clinically extremely vulnerable people in the Board area
- **5%** of children are living in poverty
- **1%** of households lack central heating
- Overall crime rate is lower than average
- **7%** of people have a limiting long-term illness
- **14%** of people have no qualifications
- **37%** of people aged 16-74 are in full time employment

### Community Board Stats

- **4** Community Board meetings held in 2020/21
- **4** Local priorities/ working groups established
- **19** projects funded
- **23%** of budget allocated



## Top 5 Successes

- 1.** Wycombe Women's Aid received funding to address increased need during the pandemic. Funding supported 43 children living in a refuge and pay for increased outreach worker hours.
- 2.** Supported the Make Lunch Club in Prestwood to operate during the pandemic, delivering 30 hot lunches during school holidays to vulnerable families.
- 3.** Citizens' Advice received an award which will pay for dedicated support for residents in the Board area. The dedicated caseworker will offer help and advice on housing and debt support for those who need assistance
- 4.** Provided funding for Misbourne Area Youth group which enabled them to continue with online group sessions to provide this needed support to young people in the area during the pandemic.
- 5.** An award to Holmer Green Village Society enabled work to start on the conversion of an unused field to a sensory garden which will be constructed by the community for the community with accessible access for all.

# Community Board Priorities



## Transport & environment



## Health & wellbeing



## Young people & families



## Community safety

## Working Groups

Working groups have been set up to address each priority. We have over 30 local residents currently involved, representing the voice of their community and facilitating recognition of the Board locally.

The Young people and Families group are actively recruiting young people to join to ensure that the youth voice is heard in their community

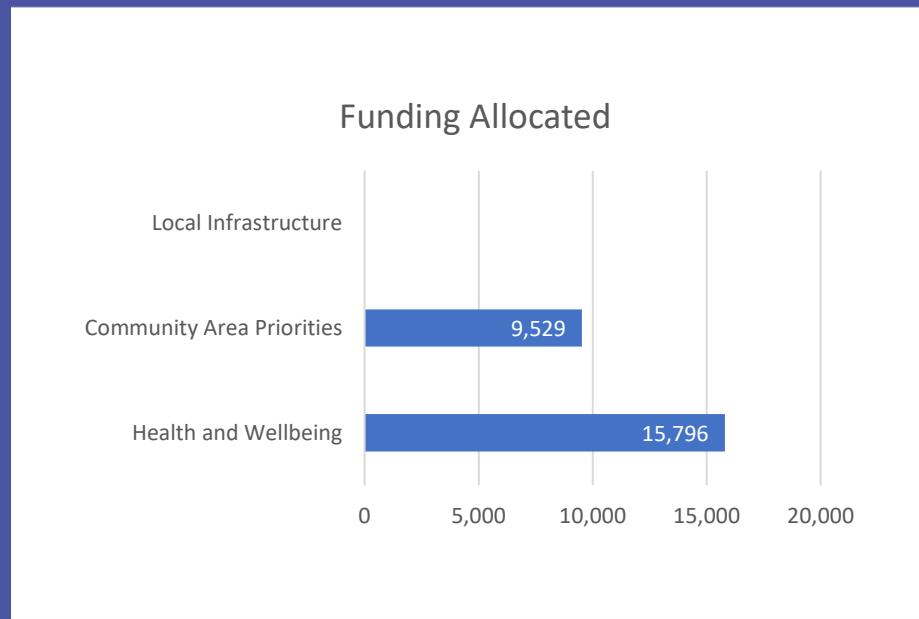
*'We have had a challenge to establish the new Board in the midst of the COVID pandemic. This would not have been possible without the great help and support of our community.  
We have seen the terrific work of our local volunteers during COVID and that spirit has come through in the Community Board.  
We have already been able to help a number of valuable causes and we are passionate about our work and developing projects that can make a real positive difference for our community.'*

*- Cllr. Peter Martin*



Next meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021, 7pm

## Budget Breakdown



Total budget for  
2020/2021  
**£111,045.00**

Funding  
allocated so far  
**£25,325.00**

## Project Summaries



Holmer Green Garden is being created for the community from a disused field in the village with a lot of the work being carried out by local residents. The garden will contain many different areas including sensory and wildlife sections and will be accessible to all. Ideas for its design were sought from all areas of the community and villagers of all ages are involved.



The Citizens Advice Bureau has seen an increase in the number people seeking help with financial insecurity and who need advice with benefits. Support from the Board will enable a caseworker to dedicate 1 day per week to helping residents in our Board area. They have helped over 40 people with problems ranging from advice on benefits, to support with access to food and housing

## Get Involved

We welcome anyone to get involved, come along to our working groups, share ideas and get involved with shaping the work we do. It's all about being creative, understanding the needs in the area and developing projects that will make a real difference. Contact our Community Board Coordinator to find out more.



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# 2020/21 In Review

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## April- May 2020

- Cllr Crisis Fund launched in response to the first lockdown.
- Supporting local VCS groups in supporting vulnerable residents during lockdown.

## Highlights & Board Focus

## Projects Funded

- For the Love of Scrubs - £2000 –created 750 scrubs bags, 180 crocheted ear protectors, 123 face masks and 538 scrub suits.
- Restore Hope - £2,000 – for emergency food provision
- Wycombe Women's Aid - £2,000 – for outreach worker and support for children in a refuge
- Family Support at Holy Trinity Church, Prestwood - £750 – to enable the Make Lunch Club to operate in lockdown
- The Source HP16 - £865 – local paper and vital source of local information for the community
- Road Farm - £1,000 – for provision of an area for mental health recuperation
- Missenden Walled Garden - £1,283 – to provide a safe environment

## June- July 2020

- Launch of Community Boards
- **First meeting- 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020**
- Key topics included presentation from Public Health Buckinghamshire presenting information relevant to the Board area.
- Discussion of priorities for the area

## August- September 2020

- **Second meeting- 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020**
- Presentation from Citizens Advice Chief Officer Emma Burgham on the rise in people requiring assistance and support
- Presentation from Bucks Business First Managing Director, Phillipa Batting on support available for local businesses
- Welcome from Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council



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# 2020/21 In Review

October-  
November 2020

## Highlights & Board Focus

- Working groups meeting virtually to discuss priorities and possible projects using information from Public Health and local statistics
- Relationship building – community, partners and local groups
- Community Crisis Fund was launched in response to the second lockdown

December 2020-  
January 2021

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- **Third meeting- 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020**
- Introduction and presentation from Board Champion Ms E Quesada, Service Director of Adult Social Care Operations, Adults, Health and Housing on her role and vision for role of the board
- Local 'Proud of Bucks' award presented to a volunteer who set up and co-ordinated a volunteer support group for the community.

February- March 2021

- **Fourth meeting- 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021**
- Updates from all working groups
- Discussion around some potential projects for the Board to consider

## Projects Funded

- Prestwood Events Group- £1,184 – supporting the village at Christmas
- Restore Hope - £1,000 – for provision of emergency food parcels for local families
- Little Missenden PC- £345 – supporting local traders
- Great Missenden Traders Group - £500 – supporting local traders
- Holmer Green Village Society- £75 – to provide a Christmas activity for the village, children and adults taking part
- Lantern Club- £50 – ensuring that the elderly received a Christmas parcel
- The Source HP16- £523
- Chiltern Dial A Ride - £500 – support to enable provision of free transport to vaccination clinics
- Citizens Advice - £5,000 – for provision of a dedicated caseworker for the area
- Holmer Green Sports Association - £2,500 – for security equipment upgrades to tackle local ASB
- Misbourne Area Youth - £833 - for continuing online sessions with young people, to address mental health issues
- Holmer Green Village Society - £5,000 – for the community garden



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