



Missendens Community Board agenda

Date: Tuesday 1 August 2023

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Little Kingshill Village Hall, Windsor Lane, Little Kingshill HP16 0DZ

Please note that you are welcome from 6pm for refreshments and networking.

BC Councillors:

P Martin (Chairman), M Harker OBE (Vice-Chairman), J MacBean, H Wallace and J Waters

Town/Parish Councils and other organisations:

Great Missenden and Little Missenden

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For further information please contact: Kerry Rackstraw and Emma Barrows, Community Board Managers on 01296 382862, email missendenscb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

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1	Chairman's Welcome	18:30	
2	Apologies and Declarations of Interest		
3	Minutes of the last meeting To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2023.		3 - 10
4	Community Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buckinghamshire Council Updates - Lindsey Vallis (5 minutes)• Consultations – Cllr Peter Martin (1 minute)• TVP/Community Safety – Robert Gibson (10	18:40	11 - 16

	<p>minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPetition- Speed Reduction on London Road (Lindsey Vallis / Cllr Peter Martin) (10 minutes) • Questions - (members of the public have been invited to submit questions in advance of the meeting to missendenscb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) 		
5	<p>Project Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingshill Baptist Church- Community Hall - Martin Hatfield (5 minutes) • Misbourne Area Youth – Colin Veysey (5 minutes) • GMPRG Revitalisation Group Written Update – Emma Barrows) (5 minutes) 	19:10	
6	<p>Engagement and Funding Update To be presented by Kerry Rackstraw / Emma Barrows</p>	19:25	
7	<p>Priorities for 2023/24 Cllr Peter Martin / Cllr Mimi Harker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing the community together • Young People and Families • Regeneration • Health and Wellbeing • Community Safety 	19:35	
8	<p>Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 28th November 2023, Venue TBC</p>	19:45	



Missendens Community Board minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Missendens Community Board held on Thursday 19 January 2023 in Via Video Conference, commencing at 7.00 pm and concluding at 8.30 pm.

BC Councillors present

P Martin (Chairman), M Harker OBE (Vice-Chairman) and J Waters

Others in attendance

L Charleston (CB Manager) and K Farooqi

Apologies

H Wallace

Agenda Item

1 Chairman's Welcome

The chairman welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Present:

Vanessa Martin (GMPC)

Mike Johnstone (GMPC)

Barbara Rowett

Robert Gibson

Peter Healy

Stuart Grosse (Bucks Fire Service)

Mike Etkind

Colin Veysey

Wendy Gray

Dave Rollins

Kyle Banks

Pei-Ling Harper

Officers:

Lindsey Vallis

Liz Charleston

Katharine Farooqi

Nicola Surman

Amy Jenner

2 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Cllr Heather Wallace, Jill Stiel, John Cadman, Anne Hewett, Stephen Burke, Carole Eaden, Marcia Lloyd-Webb and Mark Olsen.

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes of the last meeting

An update on Little Kingshill Baptist Church was provided after an informative presentation from Minister Martin Hatfield at the last Board meeting. The church has been put in touch with Krissie Hutton at Buckinghamshire Council to ensure youth activities are considered in the new build. There was also the opportunity to work with Volunteer it Yourself, a charity who work with young people on building projects to give them experience and training of building trades.

The minutes of the meeting held 19th October 2022 were agreed as an accurate record.

4 Council Update and Introduction to Lindsey Vallis, Service Director, Integrated Transport

The Chairman welcomed Lindsay Vallis, Interim Service Director for Integrated Transport as the new Council Senior Officer Guided Mentor for Missendens Community Board.

An update on Council business was provided, the information is appended to these minutes. The following points were highlighted:

- The local heritage list received over 2650 nominations with 750 sites reviewed in phase one of the project. The remaining sites would be looked at in phase two. Further information is available at <https://local-heritage-list.org.uk/buckinghamshire>
- Members of the Board queried community transport schemes and taxi arrangements for SEN residents beyond school age. Members were welcomed to email Lindsay or the transport team for further investigation. It was highlighted Lindsay would provide usage details for the no. 41 bus service from Prestwood as there were concerns the service had been reduced.
- The proposed locations for electric vehicle would be discussed by Town and Parish Councils by 28th January.
- In relation to the Local Plan over 700 sites were submitted for consideration. The team were currently evaluating these for suitability and an interactive map would be published.
- The Council were in the process of setting the budget, a one-year revenue budget and four-year capital programme. The budget would be subject to scrutiny committee and will be discussed at the full Council meeting on 22nd February 2023.
- The Visitor and Tourism Economy survey was live and would be running until 17 February 2023. Buckinghamshire residents, business owners and other tourism stakeholders can complete the survey. Responses from the survey

would help inform the tourism strategy plan. Further information is available at [The Visitor Economy in Buckinghamshire - Your Voice Bucks - Citizen Space](#)

There was a discussion regarding the Council's estates strategy and the reduction of office space in Amersham. It was highlighted staffing levels had been monitored and services had been harmonised through service reviews.

5 Funding Update

Liz Charleston, Community Board Manager provided an update on funding.

It was highlighted Community Board grants had supported the following projects: Great Missenden Parish Council speed survey, Misbourne School youth area, Little Kingshill Baptist Church outdoor furniture, Little Missenden Parish Council bench installation, Kings Church Amersham Christmas hampers and Holmer Green Village Society speed watch signs.

Community grants in the pipeline included an upgrade the Colts pavilion and installation of a kitchen, installation of bike racks in Holmer Green, Holmer Green Sports Club artificial pitch and bat conservation.

It was highlighted projects currently being discussed would need to submit funding applications as a matter of urgency to secure funding before the end of the financial year.

Discussions were underway to install a community fridge in Prestwood and to create a space for young people at the library. The leads on these projects were encouraged to submit funding applications as soon as possible.

A member of the Board queried if the speed survey conducted in Prestwood on Wycombe Road from Lodge Lane to Hildreths Garden Centre covered enough of the road and if the aim of the survey was to lobby for a reduced speed limit from 40mph to 30mph. It was advised the Parish Clerk would be contacted to check if the results of the survey had been received and due to the positioning of the speed camera the survey could not cover the whole of Wycombe Road.

There was a discussion regarding HS2 and the Save Leather Lane project which was linked to bat conservation. The Chairman confirmed discussions were ongoing with senior officers at Buckinghamshire Council and EKFB regarding Leather Lane. Great Missenden Parish Council supported the submission of conservation research to be analysed by EKFB and Buckinghamshire Council's ecology team.

6 Trading Standards – Scams

Pei-Ling Harper, Bucks and Surrey Trading Standards gave a presentation on scams appended to these minutes. The presentation was current at the time of the meeting, members were requested to contact Pei for further information at peiling.harper@surreycc.gov.uk

The following points were highlighted:

- Presentations and talks with community groups were essential to raise awareness of scams. There was a social prescribers talk for patients at the local surgery.
- It was essential to safeguard vulnerable residents particularly as people who were scammed once were twice as likely to be scammed again.
- The team were able to visit scam victims in their homes and support Trading Standards investigation teams to secure prosecutions against scammers. Trading Standards works in partnership with the NHS, Local Housing Authorities and Thames Valley Police.
- The different types of scams were highlighted. Postal scams included letters advising residents they had won a lottery, fake catalogues and offering physio services. Phone scams via either landlines or mobiles were also very prevalent. Doorstep scams included visits from Nottingham Knockers selling fake items and rogue traders. Online scams targeted residents through emails and fake websites.
- The current scams targeting residents included: a free kettle from Currys, Paypal email reporting suspicious activity on your account, prepayment meter scam, Council tax rebate scam, advance fee scam from loan sharks, romance scams and a discount on your phone bill to help with the cost of living.

The steps to safeguard residents to prevent fraud were listed. The call blocking service Truecall was useful to prevent nuisance calls. Doorbell cameras were installed for victims of doorbell scams. Free sticker packs raised awareness of scams and support was available for victims of illegal money lending.

7 Buckinghamshire Fire Service Update

Stuart Grosse, Bucks Fire and Rescue Service gave a presentation on Buckinghamshire fire service.

The following points were highlighted:

- The Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority is made up of 5 Milton Keynes City Councillors and 12 Buckinghamshire Council Councillors. The Chair of the Fire Authority is Simon Rouse.
- The organisation has 300 full time staff, 96 part time staff and 126 support staff.
- There were 9 full time fire stations, 7 of which have on call units. The urban search and rescue modules would be closing next year due to funding cuts. The Authority was funded largely by council tax payments, with staffing the biggest cost.
- Community safety initiatives to promote safer homes included home visits to ensure smoke detectors were installed, safeguarding neighbourhoods, promoting safer roads and environments, investigating fly tipping and water safety.
- The Missendens area falls under the Amersham service delivery area.

Missendens has an on call fire station. The Amersham service area community priorities included reduction in accidental dwelling fires, reduction in secondary fires, deliberate fires and community engagement. There had been seven secondary fires in Missendens and six fires in Prestwood and Kingshill.

- The record temperatures in summer 2022 presented many challenges for the fire and rescue team. July and August resulted in the first ever Met office red warning for heat particularly 18th/19th July. A major incident was declared by Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue on 19th July with two major fires in the north and south of the county.
- The volume of calls taken by Thames Valley Fire Control Service on 19th July were 439% higher than previous years. The authority was looking to purchase 4x4 vehicles and to provide greater extreme temperature training for staff to prepare for rising temperatures in future summer.
- New challenges for the team included HS2 the construction of the second longest tunnel in the UK, climate change and rising temperatures and development in Buckinghamshire.

The Chairman highlighted the HS2 tunnel fire in the south portal in Hertfordshire. It was confirmed the fire safety system activated correctly and staff had a safety cell to shelter in. The Hertfordshire Fire crew tackled the fire without need for assistance. The review and project team were liaising to discuss lessons learnt from the fire. It was advised HS2 does not currently provide extra funding to the fire service.

A member queried how an on call fire station differed to a full time station. The on call station was crewed by part time firefighters who lived or worked locally to the fire station. They were alerted by the app or phone to respond to the station. There was a need for more part time fire fighters in the Missendens area. Members highlighted they would promote the role via various community channels to encourage more volunteers.

8 Project Updates

Cllr Mike Johnstone from Great Missenden Parish Council provided an update on the intra-parish Great Missenden improvement works. The following points were highlighted:

- There were three phases to the project with work completed at both ends of the High Street including Abbeyfield corner, the library corner, the cage and fire station. The improvement works included installing benches, cycle stands and planting bulbs to make better use of the area.
- Work had been carried out by the library and Abbeyfields without the need for traffic lights. Special thanks was passed on to the church and fire station for providing use of their car park for deliveries.
- The next phase of the project was weather dependent however; it was anticipated the work would be completed by early February 2023. It was highlighted an opening ceremony to celebrate the improvement works could be scheduled for spring.

Kyle Banks provided an update on Missenden Walled Garden. The following points were highlighted:

- The Walled Garden received an initial grant in August 2021 for the 'Train the Trainer' scheme which was completed in August 2022. The main grant was to provide a sustainable training and learning environment alongside horticultural training. This formal training supported adults with learning disabilities.
- In the last year the Walled Garden doubled the number of people they support. Training sessions were run in Aylesbury including work with the Bucks Bee Keeper Association.
- The Walled Garden was based at Missenden Abbey and worked closely with Buckinghamshire New University Head of Sustainability based at the High Wycombe Campus. Working with Abbeyfield House in Great Missenden had led to other opportunities to work with Abbeyfield House in Amersham. The team worked with people with milder learning difficulties to mentor and develop their skills. Whilst assisting members to attain qualifications internships were also available through the Rothschild Foundation.
- Work was underway with Council officers to support adults with higher needs. The grant helped to provide specialist communication training with a focus on Makaton training around communication delivery.
- The public health team at the Council were supporting with the Grow It Cook It Eat It initiative. The Walled Garden already provided produce for Missenden Abbey with any surplus produce used to train members on cooking and food hygiene.
- The Walled Garden received a good to excellent rating at the three-year Council inspection. In 2023 investment would be used for a new cabin to help with the 45 people supported. There would be an initiative to increase biodiversity and involve Prestwood nature.

A member of the Board highlighted they could assist with applications to HS2 for community funding.

9 Community Matters

Liz Charleston, Community Board Manager highlighted the Tourism and Visitor Economy survey was live and would close on 17th February
[Have your say – what would you like to see from tourism in Buckinghamshire? | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

The Transport Strategy and Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan consultation closed in December and an update would be provided once received.

A Member of the Board enquired about the results of the Community Safety survey. It was advised the Board would share the results once they were released.

10 Date of next meeting

Thursday 20th April 2023 3pm-6pm (event)

The next meeting is a community event to be held at Prestwood Community Centre. The event would host the Proud of Bucks Awards with nominations open until 12th February [Proud of Bucks Awards | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

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Buckinghamshire Council Update: June 2023

Play Streets launched

Play Streets gives children the opportunity to play safely outside on their doorstep through a new scheme where residents can apply for a Play Streets session to temporarily close their road.

Following successful pilots in Aylesbury and High Wycombe between October 2021 and May 2022, the council will be introducing Play Streets across Buckinghamshire, with a particular focus on the Opportunity Bucks wards.

[Play Streets](#) allows children to play, scoot and cycle on their streets, but also brings neighbours of all ages together to create new opportunities for socialising and friendships, reduce loneliness and prevent social isolation.

Residents can apply to see if their street is suitable for a Play Streets session on [Buckinghamshire Council's Play Streets webpage](#) and there is more information about the scheme on the national [Playing Out website](#). For more information, please contact Public Health Practitioner Layla Ravey at layla.ravey@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Ultrafast broadband boost for rural businesses

Working with Openreach and Buckinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership, we have now completed Phase 3 of the Bucks Rural Business Broadband project. This project has successfully delivered ultrafast gigabit capable fibre connections to 723 rural business and residential premises in 38 towns and villages, including Prestwood, Iver and Quainton.

The initiative was funded by a £1.8m grant from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and managed by DEFRA. Without this scheme, premises in remote rural locations would likely be left facing connectivity issues and unable to access high-speed broadband.

Premises in the following towns and villages will have seen some impacts of the scheme, but we encourage residents to check their postcodes on Openreach's website to understand the speeds available to them www.openreach.com:



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Town/ Village	
ADDINGTON	MARLOW
AMERSHAM	MARSWORTH
ASTON CLINTON	NORTH MARSTON
BEACHAMPTON	OAKLEY
BIERTON	OVING
CHARTRIDGE	PENN
CHESHAM	PITCHCOTT
CRYERS HILL	PRESTWOOD
DORNEY	QUAINTON
DORTON	RADNAGE
FOUR ASHES	SOUTH HEATH
GAWCOTT	STEWKLEY
HALTON	STOKENCHURCH
HAZLEMERE	SWANBOURNE
IVER	WESTON TURVILLE
KINGSHILL	WHITCHURCH
LENBOROUGH	WING
LITTLE HORWOOD	WOOBURN GREEN
LITTLE MARLOW	WOODHAM

Bucks Rural Business Grant – Rural England Prosperity Fund

The Bucks Rural Business Grant scheme launches on 21 June to provide financial support and help to create opportunities for rural businesses in Buckinghamshire. Funding in the form of capital grants ranging from £2,500 up to £300,000 is available for small-scale investment in micro and small enterprises employing fewer than 50 people in rural areas.

The grants are designed to encourage start up, expansion or scale up of rural businesses. Funding is available for a variety of projects such as investment in net zero infrastructure projects, as well as financial support for farm businesses diversifying outside of agriculture. The scheme will run until March 2025.

Businesses are invited to submit an initial expression of interest with outline details of their project. Eligible businesses will then be invited to make an application for funding. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis. Buckinghamshire Business First are supporting us on this. For more information search for Bucks Rural Business Grant on our website

www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk



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The scheme is funded through the Rural England Prosperity Fund which is a capital fund run by DEFRA.

Spreading the word about the Bucks filming locations database

Buckinghamshire Film Office promotes locations, minimises impact on residents and business and maximises the economic and social benefits of filming. Did you know that feature films and high-end TV dramas are estimated to spend between £8,000 and £108,000 per day in the local area?

Buckinghamshire Film Office hosts a free database open to all land/property owners to offer their property as a shoot location. The film office acts as a sign-posting service, directing productions to the relevant contact to negotiate fees and terms direct. The key advantage is that we can create bespoke brochures to meet national and international briefs listing multiple locations to encourage productions to the area. Please share this with residents and business.

We minimise the impact of filming in the area by requesting that all productions adhere to the new code of practice when filming in Buckinghamshire. This includes guidance on consultation for those who may be impacted. If a production approaches you, please ask them to register with us so we can ensure best practice is followed, as well as enabling us to track the local economic impact of filming in Buckinghamshire.

Local Plan and Local Transport Plan

We have just completed consultation on our draft vision and objectives for the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire – to shape and manage future development across Buckinghamshire to 2040 and the Local Transport Plan 5 (LTP 5) – to set out the future priorities for all types of transport across Buckinghamshire.

Local plan – next steps

We will publish the final vision and objectives later this year once we have reviewed the feedback. In the winter we will launch a consultation to invite views on a series of possible growth scenarios. These will look at a range of potential options for Buckinghamshire to meet its future housing needs and provide quality employment opportunities.

Local transport plan – next steps



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Using feedback and comments from the consultation, we will develop the policies and an implementation plan for the LTP5. We will hold a consultation on these in winter 2023 with the aim to adopt the Local Transport Plan in summer 2024.

Cost of Living funding and focus

Although we are now enjoying warmer weather, we continue to recognise that times may be hard for some residents. Our Cost of Living and Helping Hand programmes continue to strive to reduce the impact of increased financial hardship that residents may be experiencing.

Our Helping Hand team continue to provide emergency support and signposting to residents, and the council is preparing the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme for the summer holidays.

We continue the promotion of local initiatives such as Food Champions and the Community Food Chain and the social media campaign continues to signpost residents to support.

Libraries continue to welcome residents by providing a range of activities as well as launching Cosy Corners in some libraries to provide a safe and friendly environment for all who need one, from people with dementia to mums and babies. Details are available on participating libraries' social media pages.

The Get Around for £2 scheme has been extended until 31 October 2023. More information is available at [Using public and community transport | Buckinghamshire Council](#)

We are evaluating the impact of the initiatives delivered to date and will use this feedback to inform the autumn / winter campaign.

Going forwards we will be using this quarterly corporate update to keep you informed of highlights and things you need to know. If you have any questions relating to Cost of Living, Tim Weetman will now be the person to contact.

The full range of support available is detailed here:
<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>

Ward boundaries consultation



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In the last update we mentioned that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's recommendations for the new Buckinghamshire Council ward boundaries were due to be published.

These recommendations were made public on 30 May and see a reduction in the number of councillors from 147 to 97. Wards will remain at 49, with the new boundaries coming into effect at the local elections in May 2025.

The report can be viewed at [Buckinghamshire | LGBCE](#).

Buckinghamshire Council consultations

Current consultations and surveys from Buckinghamshire Council are available to view on our website <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/>

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