

# BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.03pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 VIA ZOOM

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**PRESENT**

Cllrs: Mrs J Forker-Clark (Chair)  
Mr J Barkham  
Mr S Neville  
Mrs S Patel  
Miss G Reynolds  
Mrs J Share-Bernia  
Miss S Watson  
Mr N Wright (Chair)  
Mr K Williamson

In attendance: Mrs E Petyt-Start (Clerk)

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Forker-Clark took the chair.

There were no apologies received.

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest from Councillors in any item on the agenda.

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**MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2020, previously circulated, were approved and the Chair authorised to sign them.

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

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**CHAIRMAN'S AND CLERK'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Clerk advised the committee Bikeability courses had been booked with ECC for 2/3/4 June, the summer half term holiday.

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**GENERAL AMENITIES**

- a) The committee was informed general repair, cleaning and maintenance work had been undertaken to the Bus Shelters, Benches and Noticeboards.

(Cllrs Share-Bernia and Watson joined the meeting during this item)

- b) The winter planters had been received well by residents. The Clerk to advise supporters of the scheme on the self-watering of the planters. Business owners at the Lower Queens Road and Loughton Way shops to be approached (by Cllr Forker-Clark) to see if they would support by watering, potential new planters in these locations.

- c) The parish now has 19 salt bins of which 8 are 'new' bins, 7 had been placed in the East. The new bins and existing scheme have been received well by residents and the bins used and refilled for the first time in three years this winter due to the weather.

(Cllr Wright joined the meeting during this item)

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- a) It was AGREED community events couldn't be planned currently because of the pandemic guidance. Therefore it was AGREED to defer this item to the next meeting for consideration.
- b) Similarly to a) the ongoing situation has prevented progression of the Buckhurst Hill in Bloom event and it was therefore AGREED to encourage an online competition, inviting residents to submit photos of their gardens along with promoting a competition for 2022 which Councillors and residents may enjoy.

The photo competition should be advertised in the next magazine.

It was suggested that residents could be surveyed for their willingness and attitude towards attending future events as the vaccination programme continues and the R rate of COVID 19 declines.

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**VILLAGE GREEN**

Members AGREED to fund the grass cutting at Village Green for 2021/22. It was suggested to allow for wildflower/natural habitat area(s) within the green this year and for this to be communicated to residents.

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**PLAY IN THE PARK**

Members AGREE to fund the Play in the Park scheme in the summer holiday for 2021 operated by the EFDC Health and Wellbeing scheme. Members were advised health and safety for the scheme was the responsibility of the deliverer.

There was a discussion about the reinstating of the Hornbeam Road Playground.

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**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY ITEMS**

- a)
  - i) The removal of trees at St Elisabeth's Church
  - ii) Playgrounds and places of increased Anti-Social behaviour as restrictions ease
  - iii) A request to EFDC to plant flower bed outside BH Baptist church to with yellow flowers
  - iv) COVID memorial still to be developed but at an appropriate time and to remember all those affected by the disease
  - v) The Homeless man
  - v) The communication on the halls development and closure of the RVH has initially been well received
- b)
  - i) Skatepark
  - ii) Hornbeam Road Playground

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 20.57PM.

Chairman .....

Date .....