MINUTES OF THE MAY ANNUAL MEETING AND MAY MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY 2023 AT 7PM IN THE PAVILION



54/23 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Present - Cllr C. Fee in the Chair, Cllr A Hollett Vice Chair, Cllr D Bevan, Cllr D Finch, Cllr T Richards Cllr T Daly, Cllr K Oastler and Roz Roberts, Clerk

Cllr Chris Poll - Buckinghamshire Council

0 Members of the Public were in attendance.

Apologies:-

Cllr Peter Brazier – Buckinghamshire Council – Mentmore Parish Council Meeting Cllr Derek Town – Buckinghamshire Council – Marsworth Parish Council Meeting

55/23 TO APPROVE THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2022

It was RESOLVED to approve the audited accounts of the Parish Council for the financial year ending 31st March 2022.

56/23 TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT ACCOUNTS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2023

- a) Internal Audit 2022-23 The report from the Internal Auditor, Roger King, for 2022-23 was read to the council. It was noted that the Internal Auditor had no recommendations to make to the council and the report was accepted by the Parish Council.
- **b)** Annual Governance Statement 2022-23 The Annual Governance Statement was read out and agreed by the members of the Parish Council. It was then signed and dated by the Chairman and Clerk.
- c) Accounting Statements 2022-23 The Parish Council agreed that the figures shown in the accounting statements presented fairly the financial position of Cheddington Parish Council and properly presented receipts and payments. The Accounting Statements were approved by the Parish Council and signed and dated by the Chairman and Clerk.

57/23 TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL - COUNCILLOR CHRISTINE FEE

'I ended my last year's report by saying that I was looking forward to seeing everyone out and about to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's II Platinum Jubilee. There was indeed, a whole weekend of celebrations which was lovely to see and I wish to thank the Jubilee Committee for organising all those events. However, all too soon it seemed, we had another royal occasion when our beloved Queen Elizabeth passed away in September. Again, villagers came together to mark this occasion and I would like to thank all those that contributed to commemorate these very different royal events in the most fitting of ways.

With regard to the Parish Council, I thought initially, that we had had a fairly quiet year after all the work associated with the Pavilion refurbishment during the previous years, but looking back I am not so sure. During the last year we held an Open Day in the summer for residents to view the proposed new play equipment that is planned for The Green. During that consultation it became apparent the villagers would also like a zip wire. The Parish Council was planning to provide static exercise equipment at the recreation ground, which was installed last year, but we now also have the zip wire as was requested. I am told that all these items are very popular and well used, but I will admit that I have not tried any of them myself.

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Our new Allotment Warden, Mel, together with other allotment holders have spent many hours clearing up a plot that had become a rubbish heap and are transforming it into a community area, into which have been planted Heritage fruit trees. This was financed by a Community Champion grant from Persimmon, but I must thank all those that undertook the hard work involved with this project.

The trees along the pavilion path were professionally pruned last autumn which has enabled us to start to tidy up that area. Daffodils were planted with the help of two Duke of Edinburgh volunteers, the old path has been replaced and the overgrown areas tidied.

I would like to thank our grass cutting contractor Simon Barrow for his help with this and for all the other work has done in the village, including the "siding out" along Station Road which improved the path for pedestrians

Our handyman, Brian retired last year but we now have two new handymen. HM1 (as he likes to be called) Keith, has certainly taken the job to heart, I don't think there is a fallen twig or a piece of litter that is not dealt with within a day of it falling! HM2, Colin, undertakes projects and tasks as and when required, so with all the repairs and tidying done between them, we should be in a good position when the Best Kept Village competition is judged!

Some other items that the PC has provided are new goal posts at the old allotment area, new railings at the old allotments, solar lights in the Brownlow Lane footpath, given financial support to the Warm Spaces initiative at the Chapel and helped fund the village newsletter to enable it to continue.

The Parish Council provided a second defibrillator in the village and held a familiarisation course for residents to attend.

All this together with the many varied tasks that need to be done for the day to day running of the village, also the upkeep of the pavilion which is proving to be a popular venue for social and sports events. Plus, we are continuing to liaise with Persimmon as the Orchard Manor development is near completion.

As I said, a quiet year!

So, in conclusion, I would like to thank our Buckinghamshire Councillors Chris, Derek and Peter for all their advice to us, to my fellow Parish Councillors for their support and help in undertaking various tasks and of course, our Clerk, Roz, without whom, let's face it, nothing would get done!

Finally, I am finishing my report in a similar way to last year, only this time looking forward to seeing everyone out and about to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III next weekend.'

58/23 ANNUAL REPORT FROM BUCKS COUNCILLORS

Cllr Poll provided a detailed report behalf of the 3 Ivinghoe Ward Councillors. It was agreed to include the whole report as it contained some very useful information.

Please see Appendix 2 (page 9) for full report.

59/23 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Fee was nominated as Chair by Cllr Hollett and seconded by Cllr Richards. Cllr Fee completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form.

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60/23 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Hollett was nominated as Vice Chair by Cllr Finch and seconded by Cllr Bevan. Cllr Hollett completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form.

61/23 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES (APPENDIX 1)

See Appendix 1 (page 7) for updated details.

62/23 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance.

63/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Fee declared an interest in respect of planning application no 23/01142/APP - 7 Goodwins Mead Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0RZ - Householder application for demolition of existing attached garage and the erection of a part two storey side and part single storey rear extension and the creation of additional car parking spaces.

64/23 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5th April 2023 were approved and signed by the Chair.

65/23 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS CIIr Poll

Cllr Poll updated the Council on the Community Board Funded Dementia Bus Project. Clerk would put the dates/venues on the Parish Council's Facebook page again. Katrina Holyoake from the Community Board had already contacted the Clerks with an advertising flyer.

Cllr Poll advised that at the last Council Meeting the Boundary Review had been finalised and there had been no changes in Ivinghoe Ward. It was fortunate that the growth in our local villages had been fairly equal, so no wards needed to be merged. He advised that from 2025 there will be 2 Councillors for the Ivinghoe Ward.

The Buckinghamshire Council Helping Hand team which was set up to help individuals or families in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis had been a real success. Cllr Fee advised that Cheddington Ched-eroos and the Neighbourhood Watch were still supporting those who needed it in the village.

66/23 CLERK'S REPORT - to note updates to ongoing matters:

- Cheddington Neighbourhood plan Nothing to report. On hold until it is required to be updated.
- Byelaws Nothing to report. It was agreed to instal a Byelaws board at the Old Allotments.
- Barratts Land at Gooseacre Clerk had sent Max Rankin, Development Director, Barratt David Wilson homes photos of the tree on the land and reminded him that it is Barratts responsibility to maintain and not the Parish Council. Clerk would chase one more time.

Pavilion

- Loft heavy duty bolts still to be fitted to loft hatch.
- Surveyor contacted but no response to date. Clerk contacted Paul Sames of RPL.

• The Green

Millennium Sign - Cllr Hollett had advised clerk that the sign would need a new oak post.
 Clerk will contact Kensworth Sawmills (same company providing wood for bollards at Recreation Ground) to get a price and see if they can remove and install as well.
 It was also suggested when the Green area was closed off that Wicksteed might assist with bringing down the sign. Clerk will contact Darran Williamson.

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- Green rail missing Clerk to contact Omikote for quote for replacement.
- Bins on green Clerk had contacted Kingfisher Direct re. replacement lids and was waiting for a quote.
- The Green, Playground Refurbishment
 Clerk waiting on confirmation of start date. As at 02.05.23, subject to how the current
 Wicksteed installations were going, advised Tuesday 9th May. Clerk to let Darran
 Williamson know that the Coronation marquee would not be taken down until Tuesday 9th.
- Proud of Bucks Awards No feedback to date.
- Small Grant Funding Application for benches No feedback to date.
- Connecting Path Suggestion at Recreation Ground On hold until benches were installed.
- Cheddington s106 Pedestrian and Cycling Improvements Scheme Clerk contacted Jonathan Fuller on 14th April. Received reply on 28th April noting no update at present as arrangements for commissioning projects with the new Buckinghamshire Highways provider were being confirmed.
- Coronation Bunting up at the Green. All agreed it looked lovely.
- **Orchard Manor** Paul Foot, Local Area Technician, Buckinghamshire Council, confirmed that the area of land to the rear of the ditch fronting Mentmore Road was Bucks Highways land and that 'the whole of the verge, including the ditch is in the public highway, so as a devolved parish the Parish Council could do what we wanted with this area of land. The parish would not be expected to clear the ditch, which predates the development.' Handyman, Cllr Fee and Clerk met on site on Wednesday 3rd May and agreed that the handyman clear the dead vegetation at this stage.

Cllr Poll suggested not to clear the ditch to the front of the development totally so water could flow through slowly.

- Access onto PC land at Gooseacre Clerk had written to resident with an agreement to ensure no legal rights of access could be claimed in the future.
- Church Hill Clerk had carried out a Land Registry search for ownership of area of land where parking on the grass verge was becoming an issue. Unfortunately, this area could not be located online so Clerk completed the appropriate Land Registry SIM Form to ascertain ownership.
- Future development of football facilities at the Recreation Ground Clerk had received a copy of the FA pitch condition and recommendations reports and forwarded to Mr Sangster. She advised that she was meeting Katrina Holyoake from the Community Board for an initial chat on possible funding sources for a MUGA.
- Bus shelter replacement of window panels Clerk had contacted Externiture for an estimate to replace. For a full poly panel replacement = £2498.62.
- It was agreed to purchase 3 new replacement Byelaw freestanding notice boards for The Green, the Old Allotments site and the little orchard behind Gooseacre and a wall mounted one for the Village Hall.

Handyman Job Update

Old Allotments – Clerk to ask Simon Barrow to grass under new fence and area to front of the Recreation Ground once levelled.

Recreation Ground – Benches to be sanded and sained. Wooden bollards to be replaced. Clerk getting quote for replacement wooden posts.

Benches – all inspected and list given to handymen

General Work –

- 5 Trees behind Gooseacre/2 in little orchard area –Waiting on quote from Jack Rimington Tree Care.
- 2 new notice board walking maps have been replaced.

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- Zip wire added to insurance as a separate item as with fitness equipment. Clerk will contact Playground Facilities to cancel the quarterly inspections and will check with Wicksteed if only an annual official inspection needed along with the regular in house inspections.
- Water troughs installed at allotments.

67/23 CORRESPONDENCE, CONSULTATIONS AND CIRCULARS

24.04.23 - Bucks Planning Policy Team - Buckinghamshire A Shared Vision Survey - Local Plan for Buckinghamshire Survey - Clerk advised residents on Facebook page and notice board. **02.05.23 - Janet Banham, Methodist Chapel** - email - Request for £60 contribution for tea urn for Chapel - Agreed.

68/23 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS/MEETINGS ATTENDED There was noting to report.

69/23 THE CORONATION CELEBRATIONS UPDATE

Cllr Hollett provided an update. Due to the inclement weather forecasted it was agreed to supply a marquee which the Parish Council would pay for. Cllr Hollett said it was a busy time for all involved.

70/23 VILLAGE WALK DATE

It was agreed to do 2 Village Walks this year :-Wednesday 24th May 6.30pm, meeting at Church Hill Wednesday 21st June 6.30pm, meeting at the Recreation Ground

71/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Prior to the meeting the May 2023 payments, in accordance with the financial report, were signed off by Cllr Fee and Cllr Bevan
- b) The annual BALC, NALC and LCR subscription of £319.09 was agreed.
- c) It was agreed to purchase a case of wine (as in previous years) for the internal auditor, Roger King.

72/23 PLANNING MATTERS

To Consider Applications Received via Buckinghamshire Council:-

23/01142/APP - 7 Goodwins Mead Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0RZ - Householder application for demolition of existing attached garage and the erection of a part two storey side and part single storey rear extension and the creation of additional car parking spaces – It was agreed to object to this planning application (physical scale, impact on street scene, overdevelopment of the site and impact on neighbours) and request that the local members call it to Committee.

To Receive Determinations by Buckinghamshire Council :-

Ref. No: 22/03941/ALB - Town Farm 43 High Street Cheddington Buckinghamshire LU7 0RG - Listed building application to replace front and side doors - Consent Granted 21.04.23

Other Planning Matters:-

Nothing to report

73/23 REPORT ON ANY URGENT MATTERS

Nothing reported.

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74/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th June 2023.

The meeting finished at 8.40 pm.

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FINANCIAL APPENDIX

MONTH 2

AS AT 02/05/2023

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DD011		Buckinghamshire Council re bins Inv	£	13.45		-	£			
DD012		BT re. wifi - Pavilon April 23 (nb increase)	£	36.71		7.34	£			
DD014		Epson - Printer Subscription 18.03-17.04.23	£	14.08		2.81	£			
DD015		Bank Charges to 31 March 2023	£	5.00		-	£			
DD016	27/04/2023	02 - Clerk's Mobile 13.04.23-12.05.23	£	13.10		2.62	_			
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OL009	06/04/2023	Cheddington Play Scheme 2023	£	1,300.00	£	-	£	1,300.00		
OL018		The Print Place - 2x laminated walk/bridleway posters	£	66.67		13.33	£			
OL019		Arthur J Gallagher - Insurance addition re Zip Wire	£	144.95		-	£			
OL020		Wilkins Solicitors Inv 010874 - Village Hall D of Variation	£	2,001.00		400.20	£			
OL021		E R Roberts - Salary April 23	£	1,394.68		-	£			
OL022		HMRC (06.04-05.05.23)	£	317.80		-	£			
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OL023	04/05/2023	Leighton Hire Inv No 73800	£	119.60	£	23.92	£	143.52		
OL024		Euro Office Inv No 4369499	£	39.34		7.88	_			
OL025		BMKALC Annual Sub 23-24	£	319.09		-	£			
OL026		Lamps & Tubes Inv 71176	£	324.50		64.90	£			
OL027		Simon Barrow - April 23 - Inv SB0246	£	2,283.33	£	456.67	£	2,740.00		
OL028		E R Roberts - Expenses April 23	£	33.43		0.26	_			
OL029		Cheddington Residents Association - Coronation Ad no. 2	£	20.50	£	-	£	20.50		
		Cheddington Neighbourhood Watch - Sunnybank/Hillside Alley								
OL030	04/05/2023	solar lighting	£	19.82	£	3.96	£	23.78		
OL031		Cheddington Methodist Church - Warm Spaces April 2023	£	75.00	£	-	£	75.00		
OL032	04/05/2023	Keith Malcolm Inv no.010	£	505.01	£	-	£	505.01		
		TOTAL OL Payments To Be Made	£	3,739.62	£	557.59	£	4,297.21		
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R6		S J Butcher (neWignall) Inv 2023 136	£	531.25		106.25	£		£	637.50
T1		Transfer from Savings Account	£	5,000.00		-	£			
R7		Cheddington Tennis Club Inv 2023 138 - Floodlights Q3 & Q4	£	501.39			£		£	601.67
R8		Bucks Council - Precept Payment 1		56,500.00		-		56,500.00		
R9		HMRC VAT - Return for 01.02.23-31.03.23	£	6,000.24		-	£			
T2		Transfer to Savings Account	-£	63,000.00		-	£	,		
R10		Harriet Campans (Kilbane) Inv No 2023 141	£	64.58		12.92				77.50
R11		N O'Neill (1st Cheddington Scounts Gp) Inv 2023 143	£	10.42		2.08			£	12.50
T3		Transfer from Savings Account	£	3,000.00		-	£		_	250.00
R12		Mrs J S Campbell Inv 2023 145	_	291.67		58.33	_			350.00
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APPENDIX 1 List of Representatives 2023

	2023-2024						
Recreation Ground Fence/Recreation Ground Area	Handymen						
Planning Working Group	D Bevan T Richards D Finch A Hollett (NB All councillors are requested to examine all planning applications)						
Play Equipment Inspector	Colin Hollett (Handyman)						
Finance Working Group	All Councillors						
General Data Management Group	T Daly R Roberts						
Village Hall Mgmt Cttee	C Fee						
Street Light Warden	C Fee						
Rights of Way Group	S Vessey						
Wing & Ivinghoe Community Board	All Councillors						
War Memorial	N Strange M Glendinning						
Flag Pole	D Bevan						
Allotment Warden	M Sevens						
Tree Warden	C Fee						
Community Speed Watch/MVAS Unit	S Vessey Chris Poll R Roberts						
Clock Winding	School Caretaker						
Town Lands Trust	C Fee P Banister M Watson						
Handymen	Colin Hollettt / Keith Malcolm						
Defibrillator	Guardians T Daly / R Roberts						

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APPENDIX 2

Thank you for the opportunity to give a short update on some the past year's activities and achievements for Buckinghamshire Council. We just wanted to take a few moments to highlight some of the achievements which reflect our four key corporate priorities, strengthening our communities, protecting the vulnerable, improving our environment and increasing prosperity.

Of course, given the current audience, it would be remiss of us not to mention that one of the key achievements of the last year was the adoption a Town and Parish Charter for Buckinghamshire which was formally adopted last July.

As Councils within Buckinghamshire we have a common purpose to improve the economic, environmental, health and social wellbeing of Buckinghamshire, its residents, businesses and visitors. We understand that as independent democratically elected bodies you work within your own financial constraints and represent communities at a truly local level and we recognise that parish and town councils are a key connection between the unitary council and their community who can help us improve services and foster greater community empowerment.

The purpose of the charter is to articulate and demonstrate our commitment to work together with all local councils in Buckinghamshire and we have developed an action plan alongside it to help embed the charter and its aims across the council.

In addition to this, some of the other key Buckinghamshire Council achievements we would like to share with you are the implementation of a trial Freight Zone which will limit heavy goods through traffic in our area, an improving planning and enforcement department and a new highways contract.

As your local councillors, besides the day-to-day work in the local area, we sit on various select committees and other bodies where Buckinghamshire Council has representation.

Achievements

The following table provides some key Buckinghamshire Council achievements from the year 2022-23. The full Buckinghamshire Council Annual Report 2022-23 will be available after full Council sign off on the 17 May 2023.

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES

 Our 16 Community Boards have continued to move forward in bringing together local communities to discuss and agree priorities to tackle local issues. In the year 2021/22, they delivered 415 projects totalling some £3.2m. Since their launch in 2020, 841 projects have been delivered totalling £4.9m.

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- We helped thousands of customers inc. 367,300 calls handled, 5,815,584 visits to our website, 29,334 webchats and 23,740 face-to-face visits.
- Launched our Buckinghamshire Swan Envoy Scheme, a network of ambassadors who help to inspire, encourage others and promote Buckinghamshire.
- Trained 20 volunteer cooking tutors to deliver targeted 5-week cookery courses to key community groups across Bucks.
- Through our Buckinghamshire Active Communities (piloted in priority wards in Aylesbury and Wycombe), supported residents to reduce their sedentary behaviour by helping everyone to make small daily changes to increase their movement. By working with over 60 partners to implement changes to encourage more movement, we engaged with 4,826 residents including 1200 children through schools.
- 9,569 baby and young child checks by Health Visitors in Buckinghamshire between April and September 2022
- 6,736 free NHS Health Checks have been delivered to those aged 40-74, which identifies early signs of stroke, kidney disease, heart disease, type 2 diabetes or dementia.
- As of 21 March, around 3.5m visits to our leisure centres in 2022/23, and lots of new activities to help people stay healthy.
- An additional 555 affordable homes were delivered via Registered Provider partners during the 12 months from October 2021 to September 2022.
- Joined the Making Every Adult Matter network to work intensively with people who are facing multiple disadvantages.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

- Nearly 14,000 children and young people eligible for free school meals, early years pupil premium or 2-year-old funded early education are receiving additional support through the Household Support Grant in the form of supermarket vouchers for the school holidays.
- Under the Council Tax Energy Rebate Scheme and in addition our own Helping Hand Scheme, we have paid out £19.2m to over 137,254 Buckinghamshire households so far. £18.8m was given out under the mandatory scheme and £444k under the discretionary scheme (12,071 households).
- Increase in in-house fostering capacity resulting in 1670 in house placements as at end of November 2022, compared to 130 in April 2018.
- There has been an increase in the number of adoptive families, up from four between April and September 2021 to 11 between April and September 2022.
- In November 2022, 70% of the percentage of 19–21-year-olds who have left care were in education, employment or training, compared to 57% across the South East.
- From April 2022 to end November 2022 Live Well Stay Well (LWSW) received 8259 referrals compared to 6,231 for the same period in 2021. During the same period, 1542 adults accessed a weight management service through LWSW programme compared to 1047 for the same period in 2021. 72% of adults completing the weight management programme achieving a 3% weight loss and 57% achieving 5% weight loss.

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- 7,200 Home to School Transport passengers transported to school every day with over 458 families taking up personal transport budgets
- Community Safety Officers, Street Wardens and Neighbourhood Policing teams carried out 55 visits throughout November and December to encourage premises to sign up to the Ask for Angela scheme.
- As part of White Ribbon Day (WRD) we, with Thames Valley Police, held 16 days of action.
- Recruited a further 186 Domestic Abuse Champions.
- Increased satisfaction survey results show the proportion of people who are satisfied with their care and support still above average at 66%
- Public Health have supported the NHS to see over 180,000 people receive a covid autumn booster vaccine within Buckinghamshire. This is over 70% of over 50's and over 85% of over 75's
- Buckinghamshire has welcomed families fleeing warzones. We have accommodated 15 families from Afghanistan and have welcomed 1500+ Ukrainian guests into the County.
- We've set up an innovative local crisis fund with local charity partner Heart of Bucks to provide further help to residents experiencing cost-of-living hardship. This has raised a further £180,000 to date, giving us an extra pot of money through which to help residents

IMPROVING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Five Green Flag awards for our parks: Heartlands in Buckingham, Vale Park and Bedgrove Park in Aylesbury, Higginson Park in Marlow and Hughenden Park in High Wycombe.
- We have completed 31 prosecutions, 20 fixed penalty notices and 18 simple cautions for fly tipping offences.
- Completed 17,484 pothole repairs.
- Continue to deliver against our commitment to spend over £100m making improvements to our highways network.
- As of 20 March a total of 18,900 trees have been planted with an additional 14,900 by the end of the financial year.
- Launched a demand responsive transport pilot in High Wycombe delivering 25,000 trips since the launch and is now exceeding 250 passengers a day.
- Secured Government grants in excess of £10.3m to progress climate change projects.

INCREASING PROSPERITY

- Agreed the Buckinghamshire Strategic Vision for 2050 setting out the current strengths and opportunities present within our county and setting out our aims and ambitions to achieve a thriving, resilient, and successful Buckinghamshire
- Secured £5.8m from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund which will support a range of local priorities including support local business, communities and place and people and skills.
- Allocated £1.8m of funding through the Rural England Prosperity Fund for grants to rural businesses

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- The Council spent £22.8m of s106 funds on infrastructure to mitigate the impacts of new.
- The Council has continued to support local businesses negatively impacted by Covid and has paid £3.5m to 126 businesses of COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF). The fund was available to support those businesses affected by the pandemic but that were ineligible for existing support linked to business rates.
- The Council paid £3.4 million to 917 businesses under the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant (OHLG). The main benefactors of this grant are restaurants, cafes and public houses.
- Buckinghamshire Council recruited 45 young people on six-month contracts as part of the Government Kickstart scheme. 17 Kickstarters have secured a permanent role within the Council.
- 89.3% of schools are rated good or outstanding by Ofsted compared to 88.5% nationally (November 2022), and 98% of early years providers are also rated good or outstanding, compared to 97% nationally.
- Key Stage 4 (GCSE and equivalent) results continue to be above national. In 2022, the Attainment 8 score in Buckinghamshire was 57.3 compared to the national figure of 48.8.