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Chairman's Note

I am pleased to resume my third year as Chairman of our Parish Council. As many of you will know I decided to stand as a District Councillor in the recent local elections as I had found the previous four years without an effective voice at District Council frustrating. Thanks to all the people who supported me - I am pleased to say I won a seat at AVDC and will be using it to champion Buckingham Park.



The first job of the Parish Council will be to fill the 4 vacant posts we have. We have many new and enthusiastic residents and I hope people will come forward and help to run the Parish Council. The Council can only be as effective as the people who serve on it. I can't pretend that it is not bureaucratic at times but it can also be tremendously rewarding when something you have been chasing for months or years finally comes to fruition.

The foundations are in place to build the Parish Council into a much more active group. We have stable finances, agreements in principle to run the new park when it is completed, plans to expand the coffee shop at the Community Centre and much more. But we need the people on the Council who are prepared to help make it happen.

The last four years within the Parish saw a tremendous amount of change. When we started in 2011 we didn't have a school, shops, or the Community Centre and Prince Rupert Drive was not even a through road. So much of what we already take for granted and I think the next four years will see as much change again. I expect it to be both exciting and challenging.

I hope everybody enjoyed the Summer Fete on the 7th of June. Jan and her team at the Community Centre did a fantastic job once again and the day was enjoyed by hundreds of residents.

Anders Christensen

Speeding

The Parish Council has secured matched funding of £1500 to purchase Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS). While we will not have enforceable speed limits on Buckingham Park (until we are adopted) we are getting regular reports of excessive speed. They help raise awareness and find out exactly how many cars speed and how fast they are going which is information we can then use in discussions with Bucks County Council and the Police. Installation for the first site will start after the work at the park has been completed.

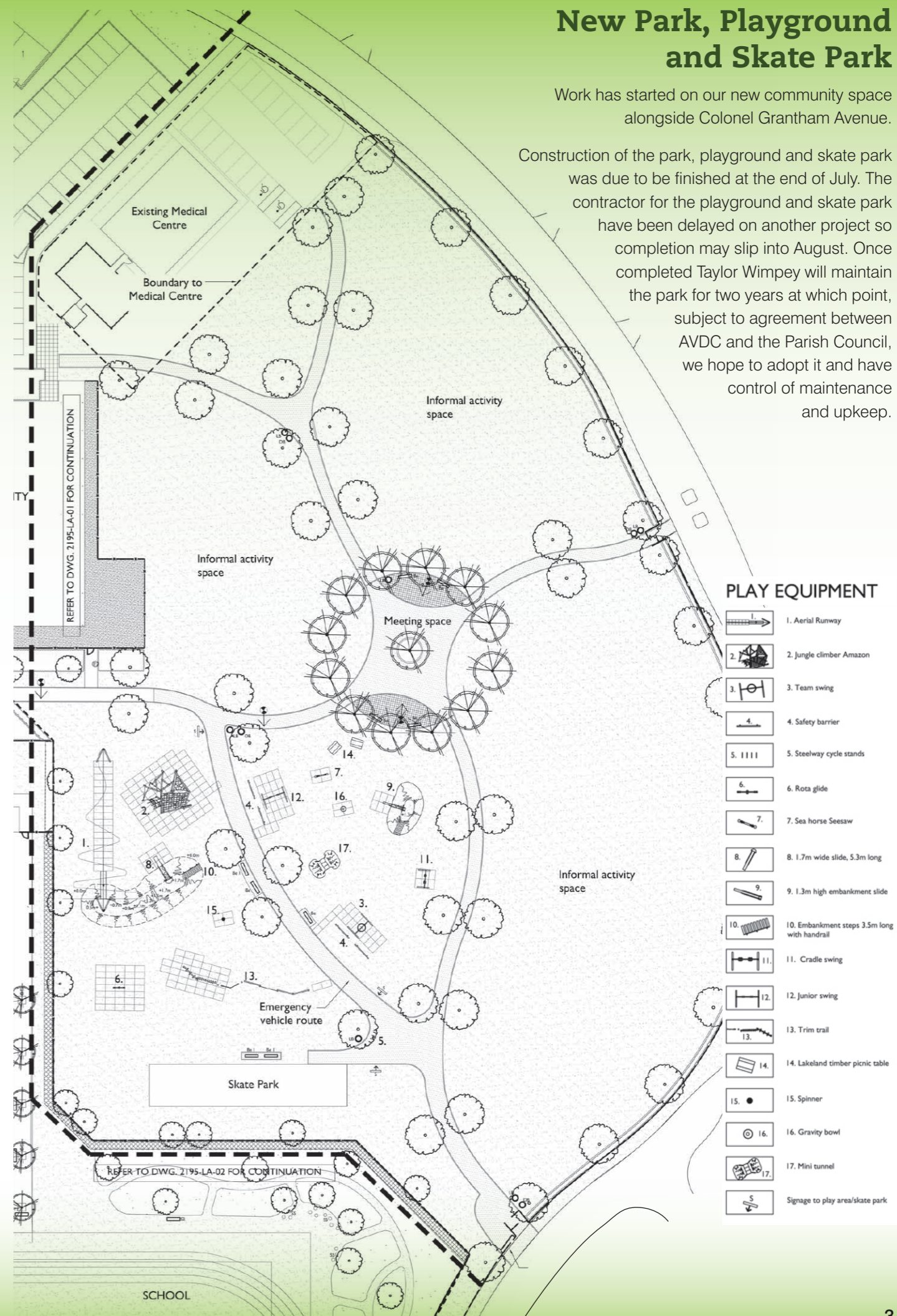
The Post Box is moving!

We have been asking the Post Office to relocate the Post Box from Prince Rupert Drive to Jubilee Square for a long time and they have now agreed. The current location was only ever supposed to be temporary and the way it's leaning suggests that it will eventually fall over. We are in final discussions to agree where on the square the Post Box will go and it should move soon.

New Park, Playground and Skate Park

Work has started on our new community space alongside Colonel Grantham Avenue.

Construction of the park, playground and skate park was due to be finished at the end of July. The contractor for the playground and skate park have been delayed on another project so completion may slip into August. Once completed Taylor Wimpey will maintain the park for two years at which point, subject to agreement between AVDC and the Parish Council, we hope to adopt it and have control of maintenance and upkeep.



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What's on BUCKINGHAM PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE TIMETABLE

DAY	TIME	HIRER/ACTIVITY
Monday	08:15 - 12:45	Big Top Pre-School
	10:00 - 12:00	Sing & Sign
	16:15 - 17:00	Kandeez Competition Squad Under 8's (by invitation only)
	17:00 - 17:45	Kandeez Junior Team Under 12's (by invitation only)
	17:45 - 18:45	Kandeez Competition Squad age 8-11 (by invitation only)
	18:45 - 19:30	Kandeez Senior Team Over 16's (by invitation only)
	19:30 - 20:30	Kandeez Competition Squad 12+ (by invitation only)
	20:30 - 21:30	Kandeez Intermediate Tap (Adult 18+)
	18:00 - 19:30	Respect Martial Arts Academy
Tuesday	08:15 - 14:15	Big Top Pre-School
	09:30 - 11:30	Body Works Pilates
	10:15 - 11:45	Post Natal Group (by invitation only)
	13:30 - 15:00	Bumps and Babes & Child Health Clinic
	16:00 - 17:30	ZKS Martial Arts
	17:45 - 19:00	Beaver Scouts
	19:15 - 20:30	Cub Scouts
	19:00 - 23:00	Ace Bridge
Wednesday	08:15 - 14:15	Big Top Pre-School
	09:15 - 09:45	Kandeez School of Dance - Melody Bear Baby Ballet (18m - 3yrs)
	09:45 - 10:15	Kandeez School of Dance - Boogie Babies (18m - 3yrs)
	17:30 - 19:30	Smiles Football
	18:00 - 21:30	Respect Martial Arts Academy
	19:45 - 21:45	Rock Choir
Thursday	08:15 - 14:15	Big Top Pre-School
	09:30 - 11:00	Buckingham Park Toddler Group
	16:30 - 22:00	Affinity Badminton Club
	17:30 - 22:00	Oasis Community Church
	19:00 - 23:00	Ace Bridge
Friday	08:15 - 12:45	Big Top Pre-School
	09:30 - 13:30	Slimming World
	15:30 - 16:15	Kandeez School of Dance - Ballet & Tap (age 3 & 4)
	16:15 - 17:00	Kandeez School of Dance - Ballet & Tap (age 4 & 5)
	17:00 - 17:45	Kandeez School of Dance - Ballet Conditioning (age 12+)
	18:00 - 19:30	Hope Baptist Church Youth Group
	18:30 - 21:30	Respect Martial Arts Academy
	19:30 - 21:30	Faith Alive Youth Group
Saturday	09:30 - 13:00	Kandeez School of Dance - Ballet & Tap (various ages)
	09:30 - 12:00	Kicking Kids
	13:30 - 23:00	Available for Private Hire
Sunday	08:30 - 13:30	Deeper Life Bible Church
	08:30 - 13:30	Oasis Community Church
	08:30 - 13:00	Church of Christ
	13:30 - 17:15	Hope Baptist Church
	13:30 - 23:00	Available for Private Hire

What Happened at the Election? Who to contact now?

Buckingham Park had two elections on the 7th of May for Parliament and District Councillors.

Member of Parliament

Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP
<http://www.johnbercow.co.uk>
 Speaker's House, House of Commons,
 London, SW1A 0AA
 Email: bercowj@parliament.uk
 Constituency Office - 020 7219 6346
 (including surgery appointments)

County Councillor

County Councillor Netta Glover
 Tel: 01296 688357
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District Councillors

Buckingham Park is now part of the Gatehouse Ward for AVDC which has three councillors.

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Cllr Tuffail Hussain

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Parish Council

The Buckingham Park Parish Council consists of 8 Councillors. Five people applied to become Councillors for the four year period from 2015-2019 and because of this there was no contested election. One of the applicants did not to take up their position so there are currently only 4 Councillors but we are looking to fill the remaining 4 places at our meeting in 7th July (called co-opting).

The 4 Councillors are:

Anders Christensen (Chairman)

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Peter Agoro

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Clerk to the Council

Mr Keith Gray JP, PILCM, MILM

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 Email: clerk@buckinghampark-pc.gov.uk

AYLESBURY CHURCH OF CHRIST

We meet every Sunday in the small hall in the Buckingham Park Community Centre, Jubilee Square.

FAMILY SERVICES

Come and join us for our services that are for all the family especially the children:

Sunday 5th July at 11.00am

Sunday 6th September at 11.00am

Sunday 4th October at 11.00am

And stay and enjoy a fellowship lunch with us afterwards.

MORNING WORSHIP & COMMUNION

(not on family service days)

Sundays at 11.00am.

Bible Club for children aged 5 and over at 10.00am

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Informal, mid-week studies in homes in Aylesbury.

Contact: 01296 670568 or via our website:

www.aylesburychurchofchrist.org

Parish Vacancies

Are you interested in having a voice in Buckingham Park? Would you like to be more active in the community? There are 4 vacancies on the Parish Council and this is an opportunity the help shape what the Parish Council does and what role we should have after adoption.

In particular we are looking for residents who can help run our Web Page/ Facebook Page and help edit this magazine four times a year.

While the minimum requirement is to attend a monthly (first Tuesday @8pm) Parish Council meeting (except August) we are looking for people who want to make a difference and be actively involved in our community.

If you are interested please send a brief CV or summary of why you would like to join the Parish Council to our Clerk Keith Gray at keith.gray6@bopenworld.com ahead of our meeting on 7th July.

Wanted

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- have fun
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 Buckingham Park
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Saturday 4th July. Put it in your diary and remember to keep the day free for a fun packed outing for all the family! **YES** it's our annual summer Fete, to be held at

Buckingham Park Church of England Primary School

12noon to 3pm.

Parents, Teachers, Governors, getting together to provide a spectacular event that will not only help to provide funding, that will go towards enriching the childrens lives, but enabling parents and families alike the possibility of getting to know their neighbours.

We are a charitable run organisation, and as such welcome all donations and contributions however large or small.

Amongst the day's activities we will be hosting such events as:

Falconry displays (Owls, Vultures, Eagles, Hawks, etc) African Drumming Workshops Balloon Shaping Bubble art & much more, Absolutely amazing!!! Martial arts displays Zumba display Gymnasts Dance groups Bouncy castle Dome Giant slides Tombola's Coconut shy Market place Grand prize raffle (prizes worth over £175, tickets available on the day or from the school) Refreshments tent Barbecue Games for all the family

And much, more..... All you need to do is turn up, and have fun. **FREE entry** for all the family & friends. **YES FREE!!!** Please help us to support our school and local community, for a better future. Your support is appreciated.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Chairman's Annual Report

May 2014 to April 2015

Every April there is an Annual Parish Meeting which is open to the public, where the Chairman of the Parish Council delivers a report on the preceding year. This account is then included in the next Park News to be published.

Annual Parish Update

This is end of my second year as Chairman of Buckingham Park Parish Council and also marks the end of our first four year term as a Parish. I therefore wish to mark not only the events and achievements of the past year but reflect the progress since the foundation of our Parish Council.

The development continues towards completion and the recent relocation by Taylor Wimpey of their compound across one of the Greenways marks the beginning of the end of construction. The final houses should be finished and occupied around the end of 2015 or early 2016. I am hopeful that this will trigger the building of our open spaces and the tarmacking of our remaining roads.

During the past year we have reinstated the public meetings that proved popular under the Residents Association and they have again proven to be popular with residents. I am hopeful that we can continue with the meetings in the future as they provide a helpful means of communication with residents.

We will shortly be celebrating the opening of the Care Home on Culpepper Close and welcoming the first of their residents into our community. The completion of the Care Home marks another important mile stone in the completion of Buckingham Park.

The past year also saw the completion and opening of the link road to Berryfields. Whilst welcome, the opening highlighted the lack of communication between developers and the local councils with notice of the opening only being sent late on the evening of the day before.

This poor level of communication is a frequent source of frustration for both this council and residents. While we look forward to taking more control of the land and amenities in Buckingham Park this is still some time away. We need to keep communicating with residents that the development is still owned, largely, by Taylor Wimpey. However, the level of communication is improving and we have now managed to establish meetings with ourselves, Taylor Wimpey, AVDC, and the County Council. While tremendously useful they remain fact finding missions as we have little or no formal function in the completion or adoption process. This does not mean we do not try, and Councillors spend considerable time, speaking to and chasing developers and councils.

A growing concern is the cut back to our policing service and especially the Community Policing team. I am grateful to our local team, and especially PCSO Danny Fahy, for the fanatic support they provide to us. However, the cut backs are restricting how much time they can spend with us carrying out preventative duties. I recently learnt that, on a given week night, there can be as little as 3 PCSO's and one full PC on duty for the whole of Aylesbury. I am hopeful that that our next council can petition the Chief Constable for more resources as they are essential to preventing anti-social behaviour such as mini-motor bikes during the Summer.

During January I was pleased to see that the Government Planning inspector upheld our objections in relation to further expansion of Buckingham Park. As a council we objected, if not

so much to the principal of an additional 220 houses but to the poor design, integration, and traffic mitigation of the proposed expansion.

The 2014 Fete was a tremendous success and set the standard we hope to maintain in years to come and I must acknowledge the fantastic work that Jan Turner, Mandy Cooper, and the staff of the Community Centre did to make it happen.

The Community Centre was also the focus of our Christmas celebration in December which was well attended for the second year running. Again, we have Jan Turner, Mandy Cooper and the many volunteers who help collect money to thank for working with the Rotary Club of Aylesbury to arrange for their float to tour Buckingham Park. I can report that, for Father Christmas, it is one of the highlights of his year!

I am pleased to report that the both the Parish Council and Community Centre Reserves have reached acceptable levels while continuing to invest in our community and achieve a reduction in the precept for residents. When we started as a Parish four years ago we were handed a legacy of a grossly inadequate precept, no investment in the community, and no Reserves to call upon should they be needed. Developing an adequate budget and building Reserves was one of the key objectives we set for ourselves in 2011 and it gives me great pride in having achieved this within our first term.

I am sure I will leave some worthy people out, and to them I apologise, but I think it is appropriate to thank a number of people for their support and hard work over the last 12 months:

- Jan Turner and her staff who do an amazing job of running our Community Centre
- The many community and church groups who operate from the Community Centre to provide so many facilities to the residents.
- Steve Webb for his services - picking up litter and maintaining hanging baskets to mention but two of his jobs for us
- As I said, PCSO Danny Fahy, for his work policing Buckingham Park with a smile and positive attitude.
- Our County Councillor, Netta Glover, for support and monthly reports at our meetings.
- My fellow Councillors for continuing to give up their time, without pay, for the betterment of their community.
- Keith Gray who continues to advise and guide the council and without out whom the life council would be so much harder.

I also said I wished to reflect on the last four years - the first term of this Parish. I think back to the first meeting in May 2011, in the Temporary Community Centre that we had to pay another Parish to use, with myself, Alison Looker and Eric Martin as the three founding Councillors and not even yet our clerk Keith Gray. We were short of Councillors, money, facilities, pretty much everything, but what we did have was ambition and a vision of the community we wanted to help build.

As a parish we can recall when Buckingham Park was, if not all fields, then mostly muddy areas and undeveloped land. There were no shops, school, proper community facilities, and only limited events arranged by the Residents Association. We had to fight to get the school built in 2011 and get adequate parking for staff, we successfully campaigned for the number of parking spaces in Jubilee Square to be increased and the number of flats above the shops to be reduced so that the inevitable parking and

traffic issues at school opening and closing times were reduced. We also campaigned for the ratio of affordable houses to owner occupied dwellings to be maintained at 30% when phase 3 planning permission was being applied for. We lobbied AVDC to get control of our Community Centre so that it could be run for our community. Even our name, Buckingham Park, is a result of the founding members of this council pushing for its adoption. This was all achieved during a time when we had no formal control or influence and were often seen as a thorn in the side of nearly everyone we lobbied and who tried to dismiss or marginalise us.

There is so much in our community that has been shaped by the work and efforts of this council but remains largely unrecognised outside of the council. A part of me wishes that we had done more to publicise what we have done but that is not in our nature.

Councillors do not give up their time in the pursuit of public gratitude but because they wish to make our community a better place to live.

The past four years have seen a great deal of change but, I suspect, will be exceeded by the opportunities and challenges of the next four years. The next council will need to get to grips with adoption, funding an ever increasing range of services, devolved services from Bucks CC and AVDC, dealing with legacy issues from developers, and finally assuming a level of control over our facilities that many residents assume that we have already. It's going to be an exciting time and I am confident we are up to the challenge.

Thank You

Cllr Anders Christensen

CLHC.



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Summer Fete

On the 7th of June the Parish Council held the 3rd annual Summer Fete and again it was a great success. Thank you to the hundreds of residents who attended and we hope everybody had a great time.

This year it was held on Community Centre land and car park as the owner of Jubilee Square wanted to charge us for its use and bill us for any damage they thought might have been caused. As the square has not been fully finished yet we decided a potential open ended bill from the landlord was not worth the risk.



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Role of the Parish Council

The Parish Council is often described as the first tier of Government but it's really a community group that receives funding through Council Tax. A small part of the Council tax we pay (called a precept) is set by the Parish Council to fund its activities. In the long term we are likely to be responsible for looking after green spaces, emptying bins, maintaining bus shelters and play parks, and running the Community Centre.

So what are we doing now?

Buckingham Park is still a new development despite some residents having lived here for 8 years. The area remains private property and is maintained by Taylor Wimpey until they have completed their work at which point we will be transferred to Aylesbury Vale District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council. It is at this stage that the Parish Council will start to take on its fuller role. In the mean time we run the Community Centre, run community events such as the Fete, Halloween and Christmas party.

We supply the hanging baskets during the summer and cut the grass in areas neglected by contractors employed by the developers. We also collect and dispose of fly tipping and remove graffiti as well as two litter picks a month. We provide additional bins where litter collects and our volunteers empty them. We also own and maintain the ten black grit bins around the development. While it is a never ending task we work to keep Buckingham Park looking as nice as we can accepting that it is not yet our land but if we did nothing it would be a lot worse.

We also engage with developers to chase for maintenance of lighting, benches, potholes to name a few as well as updates on when the final houses will be completed and the roads tarmacked. We arrange half yearly meetings with AVDC, Buckinghamshire County Council, and developers to encourage adoption to take place as soon as is practical. The first part of Buckingham Park (from the traffic lights to Number 1 Prince Rupert Drive) has been adopted by Buckinghamshire County Council. A recent outcome from one of these meetings resulted in temporary give way lines at the end of Peacock Lane/ onto Prince Rupert Drive bend and the agreement that they would become permanent.

What are we not?

An enforcement agency. We have no powers over developers or residents so have to pursue our objectives by persuasion. While the Parish Council is a consultee on planning matters and engage with the police regularly on community matters we are not able to tell them what to do.

Likewise, we do not have powers to deal with parking or bins which are two of the complaints often sent to us. This does not mean we sit on our hands and we will always chase the appropriate authorities to try and get action.

We are community group, run by current and former residents, who work towards the betterment of Buckingham Park.

Application for Pizza Take Away

There is currently a planning application for a Pizza Takeaway shop at one of the empty units on the corner along Prince Rupert Drive/ opposite Jubilee Square. Having spoken to a number of residents across Buckingham Park opinion is divided on whether it is wanted or not. However the Parish Council decided to object to the application as the location, being surrounded on all sides by houses and flats, is inappropriate for a shop that is likely to have high traffic flow.

The applicant also assumes that there is ample parking in the Square when we know it is often full and the inevitable result will be that customers and their own delivery drivers will park on the pavement outside the shop on the blind corner which would be dangerous. The application will go before AVDC in the near future and Anders Christensen will be speaking on behalf of the Parish Council against the application at the hearing.

Buckingham Park



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Bus Route
Silver Rider 1
Bus Stop

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| Acres Way.....A4 | Musket Path.....C4 | Skipper Close.....B3 |
| Ascough Close.....D5 | New College Road.....C3 | Small White Path.....B2/B3 |
| Battle Meadow.....C1/D1 | Nugent Close.....C5 | Tortoiseshell Road.....B2 |
| Beeston Lane.....C4 | Osselbury Lane.....B3 | Wall Brown Way.....C3 |
| Berry Hill Path.....C4/D4 | Palfreyman Street.....B1/B2 | Wardens Path.....C5 |
| Bridge Leys Meadow.....B3/C3 | Petronel Road.....C4-D5 | Wedon Path.....A4 |
| Brimstone Lane.....D3/D4 | Pluto Way.....B4 | Well Meadow.....C4/C5 |
| Bursars Path.....C5 | Prince Rupert Drive.....B3-D5 | Wilmott Close.....C1/C2 |
| Cavalry Path.....C2 | Purnell Walk.....A3 | Wood White Drive.....D4 |
| Chalkhill Blue Close.....C3 | Red Admiral Street.....B1/B2 | Wykeham Path.....D4 |
| Chancellors Road.....C4/D4 | Ringle Way.....B2-B3 | |
| Charles Pym Road.....C1/C2 | Rodnall Close.....C4 | |
| Chaunder Drive.....B1/C1 | Ryans Path.....C1 | |
| Clivedon Way.....B1/C1 | Skinner Road.....C1 | |
| Clouded Yellow Path.....B4/C4 | | |
| Colonel Grantham Avenue.....C2/C3 | | |
| Cranley Crescent.....C3/D3 | | |
| Culpepper Close.....B3 | | |
| Daunt Close.....C4 | | |
| Founders Path.....B3 | | |
| Hayter Close.....B1 | | |
| Holly Blue Mews.....B4 | | |
| Howards Hill Green.....A4 | | |
| Hvton Square.....C4-B5 | | |
| Lewis Close.....A4 | | |
| Malford Crescent.....C2/C3 | | |



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	Minor road
	Block paved road
	Footpath
	Greenway