

Bucks Councillors Report July 21 copy for Newsletters

Scam awareness

Just a quick note to say that sadly, evidence has shown that scammers are exploiting the pressures the pandemic has put people under and there's been a particular rise in scammers targeting people with finance-related schemes.

Please be on your guard for "Get Rich Quick" schemes or phone calls, emails or texts pretending to be from your bank asking you to move your money or provide your personal details. These people are manipulating the situation created by the pandemic in the worst way – as a Friends Against Scams Organisation we are supporting the Citizen's Advice Scams Awareness Fortnight (14-27 June) and will be posting lots of advice on our social media channels so keep a look out for that.

Informal Parking Review of the areas around places of natural beauty and Country Parks

Buckinghamshire Council in partnership with Transport for Bucks, stakeholders and working with your local Councillors are proposing implementing permanent parking restrictions at various locations following an increase in illegal and antisocial parking, and verge damage, following the lifting of the first COVID-19 lockdown.

Buckinghamshire Council is proposing to introduce restrictions (permanent) at various locations across the county of Buckinghamshire.

The most local being the Northfield Road Pitstone Quarry area which caused significant concern to residents during the warm weather last year.

Due to the number of outstanding submission some of which may be asking clarifying questions to enable them to make an informed response Bucks Council allowed additional time (until the 13th June) to allow them to respond.

Disposable barbecue danger alert at home and in parks and open spaces

Dangers from throwaway barbecues have prompted warnings from Buckinghamshire Council and Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service. This comes as the weather heats up in Buckinghamshire and people enjoy meeting outdoors with friends and family in line with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

With temperatures set to reach 27 degrees this week, it seems as though barbecue season is upon us. Along with the delicious food and family-friendly fun a social barbecue can bring, there are also some dangers to using disposable barbecues which can be easily avoided providing we all stay vigilant.

Barbecues, camp fires and stoves are not allowed in Buckinghamshire country parks and residents are urged not to light fires or use any device with a naked flame in woodland or open spaces, and to dispose of cigarettes carefully.

Top tips if using a disposable barbecue:

- Follow the safety instructions provided with disposable barbecues.
- Do not place the disposable barbecue directly on to grass or a flammable surface.
- Never leave a lit barbecue unattended.
- Make sure your barbecue is well away from sheds, fences, trees, shrubs or garden waste.
- In the countryside or public park areas, only use disposable barbecues where there are specially designated areas and carefully follow the safety guidance.
- Avoid open flames in woodland, including parks, open spaces etc.
- After use, please make sure it is fully extinguished by pouring plenty of water onto it.
- Empty ashes onto bare garden soil, not into dustbins or wheelie bins. If they're hot, they can melt the plastic and cause a fire.
- Do not place a disposable barbecue in a rubbish bin or take it to a local household recycling centre until it has cooled down completely. Fires at waste sites and in bin lorries can start from the smallest spark or heat source, especially in summer, so it's even more important to wait until the barbecue is completely cool.

For more information on how to safely dispose of a throwaway barbecue, please check the online Waste Wizard - www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk/waste-wizard

Home To School Transport – School Bus Changes in September 2021

There are changes and to appreciate these parents and cares are advised to review the Bucks Council websites. The changes will mostly effect those students who currently have been taking up the spare capacity on Council provided buses. It is expected that families already provided with transport will continue next school year.

The Ivinghoe Ward Buckinghamshire Councillors

The last 15 months have been very different to anything previous with the new Bucks Unitary Council coming into existence on 1st April 2020 and the old four district and county legacy councils effectively wound up. All the council staff and councillors becoming employees and members of the new Buckinghamshire Council for the first year until May 6th 2021 when the recent elections returned the first elected Bucks councillors, one year late.

As part of the planned reorganisation which included reducing the council member numbers has resulted in the Bucks Council Ivinghoe ward having three councillors. The Ivinghoe ward covers the seven parishes Cheddington, Pitstone, Mentmore, Edlesborough , Slapton, Ivinghoe and Marsworth.

The three new councillors are Peter Brazier, Chris Pole and Derek Town. To provide the best service to the Ivinghoe ward residents each councillor will take the lead for specific parishes with support from the other two as required as a coordinated team. The arrangements is as follows –

Peter Brazier will lead for Mentmore, Slapton and Ivinghoe.-

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Derek Town will lead for Pitstone and Marsworth.

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From the beginning of the first 'lock down' all council meetings were virtual until Wednesday 26th May 2021 when the newly elected Buckinghamshire Councillors came together for the first time in the socially distant assembly at the Stoke Mandeville Stadium. The new rules means all future follow-on full council meetings will be live unless there is a change in the evolving recovery from the Covid 19 epidemic.