

Buckland CLP Steering Group Meeting Notes 13 November 2025

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Apologies; Mannie Barber

Update

The meeting with the head teacher of Buckland School has been delayed. It was suggested that Steve Huston vice chair of the school trustees could perhaps pursue the question of the hard play area on a site near the school.

We looked at the collated feedback from the 4 Nov meeting. There were 23 responses. Jim will send the feedback to the proposers for them to contact people who made offers of help.

Summerside Paddock

It was agreed that a consensus seemed to be forming around possible community uses of Summerside Paddock including community orchard, play areas, paths and walks and possibly other low impact uses.

Louise described possibilities after demolition of the old swimming pool. The area will be grassed and could easily be accessed from the site of the proposed play area. There could be an outdoor social area there and also toilet facilities.

It was agreed that Jim should talk with the proposers of the community orchard, the playground and Friends of Buckland Wildlife with a view to them discussing a joint outline proposal that they could then discuss with Buckland Estate.

Questionnaire

Jim has drafted the text of a questionnaire to get wider feedback on the current proposals. It could be distributed with Village Voices. Respondents could either fill in this paper version and return to drop off points in Buckland (lobby of St Mary's church, Lamb Tavern and Memorial Hall suggested) or complete it online following a link from the paper copy of the questionnaire or from Whatsapp, email etc. The electronic version is hosted by Microsoft Forms via Jim's Microsoft 365 subscription.

We discussed the questions and various suggestions for improvement were made. Proposers have also been asked for their views.

Jim will contact Anne Sawyer to confirm that a questionnaire can be distributed next month with Village Voices. (NB after the meeting distribution of the questionnaire was delayed owing to technical issues with Microsoft Forms. Questionnaire will now be distributed in January Village Voices.)

Date of next meeting TBC