

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 14th April 2015 at the Buckden Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)
 Councillors: Bennett Carter Day
 Hayward Hunstone Mrs Millard
 Moore Walker

County Councillor Mrs Wisson, 3 members of the public and J Chase (Parish Clerk)

(2014-15) 129	Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor MacAndrew.	
(2014-15) 130	Open Forum Issues raised were concerns about the Valley and the harm possibly being caused by nitrogen run off from the field. It was suggested that the grass clippings should be dumped downstream from the valley. The presence of rats by the feeding area was also mentioned and it was suggested that the area should be tarmacked over. VHT to be informed.	
(2014-15) 131	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.	
(2014-15) 132	Minutes The minutes of the Meeting held on 10 th March were agreed and signed.	
(2014-15) 133	County and District Councillors Reports 133.1 County Councillor Mrs Wisson reported that she had attended a 20s Plenty conference in Cambridge and had been surprised at the high numbers attending. 133.2 District Councillor Hayward reported that A1 had now been included in the 5 year plan by the Highways Agency. He also explained the work he had been involved in on the Budget Review Committee.	
(2014-15) 134	Finance 134.1 Payments for sanction March 2015 were proposed by Cllr Hunstone and seconded by Cllr Mrs Shirley and agreed unanimously. 134.2 The accounts for the year ended 31 st March 2015 were proposed by Cllr Hunstone seconded by Cllr Mrs Millard and approved unanimously. The Council thanked Cllr Hunstone and the Clerk for producing these so quickly. 134.3 The Annual Return was agreed and signed. 134.4 Payments for sanction April 2015 were proposed by Cllr Hunstone and second by Cllr Bennett and agreed unanimously. <i>134.5 It was proposed by Cllr Shirley seconded by Cllr Hayward and resolved that the Parish Council would, subject to an adequate business case, be prepared to make a loan to the Buckden VHT for the purchase and installation of solar (PV) panels on the roof of the Village Hall.</i> <i>It was proposed by Cllr Hunstone and seconded by Cllr Carter that any loan to the Buckden VHT would be at the prevailing Public Works Loan Board (PWL) fixed rate of interest.</i> <i>It was proposed by Cllr Hunstone and seconded by Cllr Mrs Shirley that any loan made to Buckden VHT would be for a period of up to 10 years.</i> 134.6 <i>It was proposed by Cllr Hunstone, seconded by Cllr Bennett and resolved that the council donates the sum of £150 to the Children's reading week at Buckden</i>	

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	<i>Library.</i>	
	<i>134.7 It was proposed by Cllr Hunstone, seconded by Cllr Bennett and resolved that the council donates the sum of £250 to Buckden Village Club to put towards the cost of the Buckfest music festival.</i>	
(2014-15) 135	Planning Committee A report was given on the Planning Committee meeting held on 24 th March.	
(2014-15) 136	Transport Working Group The Parish Council was heartened by the improvements being made to local roads especially the confirmation there will be a study to examine the case for upgrading the A1 between the M25 and Peterborough to Motorway Standard. In welcoming the improvements the Council believes that it is important to ensure that all aspects of any proposed long term developments are fully considered especially those concerning pollution levels, the impact on wildlife and GHG levels and the possible effects on the availability of resources, energy supply and emission levels. <i>It was proposed by Cllr Hayward, seconded by Cllr Walker and resolved that the Council writes to our Member of Parliament to express these views and to ask him to ensure that any future development plans will take into consideration the long term Environmental issues.</i>	Cllr Mrs Shirley
(2014-15) 137	Green Memorial It was reported that a meeting was being held with HDC Green Spaces representatives to decide on improvements to the memorial site.	
(2014-15) 138	Trees and Rights of Way Working Group. It was agreed unanimously to have the Historic Buckden maps printed on gloss paper using the HDC print facility. The Council thanked Cllrs Moore and Walker for their work on the maps.	
(2014-15) 139	Highways and Road Safety Working Group After discussion it was agreed not, at this stage, to hold a public forum to gather opinion regarding the 20s Plenty speed limit initiative.	
(2014-15) 140	Local Joint Forum for Parishes in Huntingdonshire. Cllr Mrs Shirley reported that at the meeting held on 13 th April it had been reported that Buckden Marina was high on the Planning Enforcement team's list of priorities. Also we had been asked to report Highways faults via the web portal. Support for Public Rights of Way was now based in Huntingdon and we should see an improved service.	
(2014-15) 141	Listed Buildings The Council agreed that Cllr Hayward could seek listed status for the cold war observation posts just south of the Buckden – Brampton road.	
(2014-15) 142	To Consider General Correspondence received and any responses and actions. The meeting was informed of the new Accountability and Transparency legislation.	
(2014-15) 143	Items for Report 128.1 The meeting was told that the Annual Parish Meeting 2016 would be held on 22nd March 2016	

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