

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 9th December 2014 at the Buckden Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)

Councillors: Bennett Day Hayward Hunstone

MacAndrew Mrs Millard Moore Richardson Walker

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

(2014-15) 77	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Carter (working abroad)	
(2014-15) 78	Open Forum Local residents outlined their campaign for a 20mph speed limit throughout Buckden and were seeking support from the Council. The matter will be discussed at the January 2015 Parish Council meeting.	
(2014-15) 79	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.	
(2014-15) 80	Minutes The minutes of the Meeting held on 11 th November were agreed and signed.	
(2014-15) 81	County and District Councillors Reports 81.1 County Councillor Mrs Wisson reported that the winter gritting budget will be retained for the next winter. The Mill Road sweep arrow will be provided as part of the resurfacing works to be carried out in January. 81.2 District Councillor Hayward reported that he had attended a briefing on both traffic volumes and environmental findings associated with the A14 road improvement scheme and that he was not satisfied with the figures presented and was awaiting a response from the Highways Agency. He also reported that the progress on the A1 route strategy in fact took us back to where we were in 1989 with regard to an A1 bypass of Buckden.	
(2014-15) 82	Finance 82.1 Monthly updates were presented to the meeting. 82.2 Payments for sanction were proposed by Cllr Hunstone and seconded by Cllr Hayward and agreed unanimously. 82.3 Cllr Hunstone proposed and Cllr MacAndrew seconded that the precept for the 2015-16 year should be £75750.00 and that £20,000 of the reserves should be assigned to the Village Hall Building and a further £20,000 to Cycle Ways and pavements. The proposal was agreed unanimously. 82.4 Cllr Hunstone proposed and Cllr Mrs Shirley seconded that the Council implements the recommendation of the recent NALC pay review. The proposal was agreed unanimously.	
(2013-14) 83	Rights of Way and Trees Working Group. A report on the meeting held on 8 th December had been circulated. (see attached)	
(2013-14) 84	Quality Council Working Group Cllr MacAndrew reported that the working group had looked at the draft criteria for the revised scheme and that the council already met a significant number of the criteria. The proposed scheme was more website based than the existing one and was more about ticking boxes than quality. The final scheme was expected to be launched in April 2015 and in the meantime the working group would look at the costs and benefits.	

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(2013-14) 85	Transport Working Group. It was reported that the local MP was launching a petition supporting the provision of an A1 bypass and it was important to encourage support for this in order to show the strength of local residents support for the improvement.	
(2013-14) 86	Local Joint Committees. Feedback from those who attended was that the forum had proved useful in communicating with the Police HDC and CCC. There were no resolutions it was purely a communication forum. It would meet 3 or 4 times a year.	
(2013-14) 87	Commemorative Paving Stone for John Green V.C. It was resolved to locate the stone immediately in front of the 1914-18 war memorial in St Mary's churchyard.	
(2013-14) 88	To Consider General Correspondence received and any responses and actions. The Council was shown the proposed revised river crossing for the A14 and advised that there was a drop in session in the Village Hall on 18 th December between noon and 3pm.	
(2013-14) 89	Items for Report 89.1 The meeting was notified of changes to the no. 66 bus service taking effect on 5 th January 2015. 89.2 A training session on Planning Applications would take place in Little Paxton on 29 th January 6.30pm. 89.3 The meeting was reminded that the East Coast Mainline Level Crossing team would be at Offord Village Hall on 8 th January, 4pm – 8pm and 10 th January 11am – 3pm. to consult with the public on their preferred scheme for the Offord crossing.	

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