

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 9th February 2016 at the Buckden Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)
 Councillors: Bennett Mrs Burbidge Day
 Hayward Hunstone
 MacAndrew Mrs Millard Moore
 Pye Screaton

County Councillor Mrs Wisson, Stuart Bell. 1 member of the public and J Chase (Parish Clerk)

(2015-16) 117	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Howell-Jones and Carter. Councillor Walker had resigned from the council.	
(2015-16) 118	Open Forum Stuart Bell, Transport Team Leader at HDC, updated the meeting on the A1 improvement study. He told the meeting that the A1, which has lacked investment locally in recent years, was one of five routes for which Highways England were undertaking strategic studies into improvements up to motorway standards and if the recommendations were accepted by government then work could be included in the 2020-2025 spend period. The Parish would have a chance to contribute once the initial recommendations had been published.	
(2015-16) 119	Declarations of Interest Cllr Day declared that he was an allotment tenant. Cllrs Bennett and Hayward declared that they were Vice-presidents of Buckden Cricket Club.	
(2015-16) 120	Minutes 120.1 The minutes of the Meeting held on 12 th January 2015 were agreed and signed. 120.2 Action 102 was ongoing.	Clerk
(2015-16) 121	County and District Councillors Reports 121.1 County Councillor Mrs Wisson reported that the Council would be meeting on 16 th February to finalise the Council Tax Charge for 2016-17. The Council had been given an increase in its grant from the Government amounting to £6.4 million over two years. 121.2 District Councillor Hayward reported that the A1 roundabout had been tidied up by Highways England and that the Buckden Post Office was now back to a normal service. He added that the HDC share of the Council tax would remain the same and HDC would continue with its support for charitable organisations in the District. The Council would also maintain its support for the Ouse Valley Way for the coming year.	
(2015-16) 122	Finance 122.1 Updates to 31 st January were presented to the meeting. 122.2 Payments for sanction for January were proposed by Cllr Hunstone and seconded by Cllr MacAndrew and agreed 122.3 <i>It was proposed by Cllr Hunstone and seconded by Cllr Mrs Shirley and agreed unanimously that the work required to complete the replacement of the artificial wicket on the recreation ground would, if the Village Hall Trust went ahead with the work, be paid for by the Parish Council within the overall envelope of the annual donation of £5000 towards the maintenance of the recreation ground.</i>	
(2015-16) 123	Planning Committee A report was given on the Planning Committee meetings held on 26 th January and 9 th February 2016.	

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(2015-16) 124	Allotments The agents for the Church Commissioners had proposed an increase in the annual rent of £35pa, from £415 to £450pa with effect from 6 th April 2016. The Council agreed to accept this increase.	
(2015-16) 125	General Purposes Working Group 125.1 It was agreed to purchase a new information sign for the Children's play area for £40. Proposed Cllr Mrs Millard seconded Cllr Hunstone. 125.2 The next meeting would be held on 23 rd February at 7.30pm.	
(2015-16) 126	VC Commemoration 1st July 2016 The Chairman said that help is still needed on the day.	
(2015-16) 127	To Consider General Correspondence received and any responses and actions. 127.1 The Councils response to the consultation on the electoral review of Huntingdonshire would be decided at the March Meeting	
(2015-16) 128	Items for Report The meeting was informed of the forthcoming Kerbside Collection, 10 th February and the A14 Parish forum, February 11 th .	

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