

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 13th February 2018 at the Buckden Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor Carter (Chairman)

Councillors: Bennett, Mrs Burbidge, Emeleus, Hayward, Mrs Howell-Jones, Hunstone MacAndrew, Mrs Millard, Moore, Screamton, Ms Underwood

County Councillor Downes, and Mrs G West (Parish Clerk) and two parishioners

(2017-18) 112	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Shirley and Cllr Pye.	
(2017-18) 113	Open Forum A parishioner brought to the attention of the Council some discrepancies on the Buckden Parish Council website: both maps held on the website are in need of updating. A second parishioner brought to the attention of the Council an ongoing issue with trees on BVHT land and overlooking the rear of her property. The parishioner is keen that an amicable resolution be sought. It was agreed that Cllr Hayward would talk to the parishioner in order to resolve the matter. The parishioner also stated her concerns regarding the conditions of the cycle paths buckden to Brampton and Buckden to St Neots. It is noted that the pathways next to the A1 are the responsibility of Highways England and other areas the responsibility of Cambs County Council.	CU/Clerk TH/CU
(2017-18) 114	Declarations of Interest. There were none.	
(2017-18) 115	Minutes 115.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 th January 2018 were agreed & signed. 115.2 To resolve any actions arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 th January 2018. (103.2) BPC have now been made aware of the necessary documentation required by the Diocese of Ely office in preparation for the consecration of the new section of the cemetery. (96.3 – December 2017 meeting) Cllr Carter has now spoken with the parishioner who had previously been trimming the yew trees at St Mary's Church with the resolution being that this work would now be passed on to the BPC handymen.	Clerk
(2017-18) 116	County and District Councillor Reports 116.1 County Cllr Downes had circulated a report before the meeting. County Councillor Downes drew attention to the drop-in session at Godmanchester Primary Academy on 20 th February 2018. County Councillor Downes also discussed the message sent by the Chairman of The Offord PC to Network Rail about their failure to improve the crossing of the main line. County Councillor Downes urged Buckden PC to associate itself with these comments. It was agreed that the Chairman should write to the relevant authorities supporting the concerns raised by Offord PC and reiterating those made by us eighteen months ago. 116.2 District Cllr Hayward had circulated a report before the meeting.	IDC

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<p>(2017-18) 117</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>117.1 The meeting was given the update to 31st January 2018. Cllr Hayward asked that the Finance Working Group meet more regularly. Cllr MacAndrew asked that all figures be made available to the Council. Cllr Carter proposed that this group meet no less than once a quarter. Cllr Hunstone to organise.</p> <p>117.2 Payments for sanction as at 13th January 2018 were proposed by Cllr Hunstone, seconded by Cllr Mrs Millard and agreed by all.</p> <p>117.3 A request has been made by the Cambs Library Service for a donation of £150 towards the Summer Reading Scheme to be held at Buckden Library. After discussion it was agreed to make the donation but in the next financial year. Proposed by Cllr Hunstone and seconded by Cllr Hayward. Agreed by all.</p> <p>117.4 A request to share the cost of updating the current CCTV at BVH was discussed. Cllr Hayward requested that the Chairman of BVHT write a letter to clarify the request, particularly the amount being requested. Cllr MacAndrew proposed that BPC pay 50% of the cost of the upgrade, particularly as it would benefit both parties. The is made on the understanding of the need for a formal request in the future. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Millard and agreed by the majority with one abstention. Cllr Carter to inform the Chairman of BVHT.</p>	<p>GH</p> <p>IDC</p>
<p>(2017-18) 118</p>	<p>Planning Committee</p> <p>118.1 Cllr MacAndrew gave a verbal report on the meeting of 13th February 2018.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application ref: 18/00093/HHFUL - approved • Application ref: H/5014/17/CM - approved <p>118.2 Cllr MacAndrew gave a verbal report on the meeting of 23rd January 2018 when the Huntingdonshire Plan to 2036 was discussed. After thorough discussion it was agreed that Cllr MacAndrew would make comment on behalf of Buckden Parish Council. Areas to be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Service Centre; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ paucity of public transport and ○ access to the village. • Field behind Silver Street; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ access to the village as BPC consider there to be major problems with access and proximity to the A14. ○ Ensure the new estates (Luck's Lane and the field behind Silver Street) are properly integrated into the village. 	
<p>(2017-18) 119</p>	<p>General Purposes</p> <p>119.1 Cllr Mrs Millard had circulated her report before the meeting. Cllr Mrs Millard asked the permission of BPC to raise the concept of having a handyman's storage/work area at BVHT.</p> <p>119.2 Cllr Mrs Millard discussed the question of a re-sited cycle rack on the High Street and asked that an article go into the next edition of The Roundabout.</p> <p>Cllr Hunstone left the meeting at 9.25pm</p>	<p>FS</p>

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<p>(2017-18) 120</p>	<p>Allotments Working Group Cllr Emeleus gave a verbal report, supported by an update distributed at the meeting, outlining the development of the Parish Allotments. This included the introduction of increased deposits, introduction of three monthly checks enabling action to be taken more quickly when allotment holders are not abiding by their tenancy agreement. Also reported was streamlining of procedure for allocation, the introduction of starter plots and a communal area. Funding (via grants and donations) is being sought to carry out works on the new communal area; Cllr Emeleus gave a comprehensive account of where the funds would be used. In addition, Cllr Emeleus reported that current occupancy is 44.5 out of 45 plots and that there is no waiting list.</p>	
<p>(2017-18) 121</p>	<p>Highways and Road Safety Working Group 121.1 Cllr Screamton had circulated a report before the meeting. 121.2 Cllr Screamton asked that contact information of anyone interested in joining SpeedWatch be passed on to him. Cllr Mrs Howell-Jones advised that the next SpeedWatch campaign will be on 18th March 2018. 121.3 Cllr Hayward reminded Cllr Carter to write to the residents of Perry Road (65.2 – October 2017 meeting) 121.4 Cllr Mrs Burbidge put forward her proposal that Buckden Parish Council provide £250 towards the cost of feasibility, design and costings for the Buckden Road cycle/footway improvements from the Cambridgeshire County Highways. Seconded by Cllr Hayward and agreed by all.</p>	<p>IDC</p>
<p>(2017-18) 122</p>	<p>Rights of Way and Trees Working Group 122.1 Cllr Ms Underwood had circulated her report before the meeting. Cllr MS Underwood will write an article for inclusion in the next edition of The Roundabout regarding footpaths. In addition to this it is intended to submit a print order for the Buckden and Diddington Public Rights of Way map. 122.2 The Historic Buckden leaflet was discussed. Cllr Hayward proposed that this be taken back to the working group for further clarification before being presented to the full council again. Cllr Mrs Burbidge mooted the idea of having a more detailed map on the BPC website. Cllr Carter asked that this be considered.</p>	<p>CU/Clerk RWTWG AB</p>
<p>(2017-18) 123</p>	<p>Standing Orders Working Group The group has been tasked with looking at policies for future implementation and to ensure that they are complicit and comply with current legislation. In the interim, BPC were asked to consider the adoption of the safeguarding and equal opportunities policies circulated prior to the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Cater and seconded by Cllr Mrs Burbidge and agreed by all.</p>	<p>SOWG</p>

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