

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 8th March 2016 at the Buckden Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)

Councillors: Bennett Mrs Burbidge Carter
 Day Hayward Mrs Howell-Jones
 Hunstone MacAndrew Mrs Millard
 Moore Pye Screaton

County Councillor Mrs Wisson, Jo Philpott (HACT), 7 members of the public and J Chase (Parish Clerk)

(2015-16) 129	Apologies There were no apologies.	
(2015-16) 130	Open Forum Jo Philpott from Huntingdon Association for Community Transport (HACT) explained the role of HACT and the transport services it offered. At present it had 32 members from Buckden. Residents raised their concerns over the literature that had been received with regard to a potential development in Lucks Lane.	
(2015-16) 131	Declarations of Interest Cllrs Bennett and Hayward declared that they were Vice-presidents of Buckden Cricket Club. Cllr Mrs Burbidge declared that her husband was treasurer of the Buckden Tennis Club and Cllr Hayward declared that his wife was a member of the Buckden Tennis Club.	
(2015-16) 132	Minutes 132.1 The minutes of the Meeting held on 9 th February 2016 were agreed and signed. 132.2 Action 102 had been completed.	
(2015-16) 133	County and District Councillors Reports 133.1 County Councillor Mrs Wisson reported that the Cambs CC would increase its Council Tax by 2% which would be ring fenced for adult and social care. She also reported that the revised divisional boundaries had been agreed and Buckden would be in a division with Brampton, Diddington, Grafham and the Offords. Which will be called Brampton and Buckden division. 133.2 District Councillor Hayward reported that HDC had agreed to freeze its Council Tax for the coming year and that he was Chairing a small group looking into the monies that HDC donate to Charities. He added that the study into the A1 by Highways England should publish its recommendation in 2020.	
(2015-16) 134	Finance 134.1 Updates to 29 th February were presented to the meeting. Cllr Hunstone added that the investment at the Co-operative Bank would be reduced to below £75,000 134.2 Payments for sanction for March were proposed by Cllr Hunstone and seconded by Cllr Carter and agreed. 134.3 The request from Buckden Tennis Club for a grant of £500.00 towards the cost of resurfacing the tennis courts was refused. 134.4 It was agreed to replace some of the items in the children's playground at a cost of £5527 134.5 It was agreed to donate to the VHT the cost of work to maintain the recreation ground in line with the schedule prepared by Pro Lawn Care. Further work would be considered providing that it did not increase donation to over £5000 in the financial year.	

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(2015-16) 135	Planning Committee 135.1 A report was given on the Planning Committee meetings held on 23 rd February and 8 th March 2016. 135.2 Cllr MacAndrew gave a verbal report on the work so far of the Working Group set up to look at the proposed development in Lucks Lane, he reported that until the application arrives there will be no statements made. 135.3 It was <i>proposed by Cllr Mrs Shirley and seconded by Cllr MacAndrew and agreed that the Council maintains its current policy not to support development outside of the built area of the village.</i>	
(2015-16) 136	Cemetery Working Group It was agreed to allow the Scouts access to part of the land earmarked for the Cemetery extension until interment begins in the extension.	
(2015-16) 137	General Purposes Working Group The next meeting will be on 26 th April	
(2015-16) 138	VC Commemoration 1st July 2016 Cllr Mrs Shirley reported on the progress of the planning for 1 st July	
(2015-16) 139	Electoral Reform of Huntingdonshire. The Council would prefer no change to the current ward boundary however if it became necessary it would prefer the grouping of Diddington, Buckden and the Offords.	
(2015-16) 140	To Consider General Correspondence received and any responses and actions. 140.1 It was agreed to do nothing with regard to Community Roadwatch. 140.2 It was agreed to approach Buckden Marina to see whether there was any space available for Parish notices on their information boards.	
(2015-16) 141	Items for Report The Annual Parish meeting was to be held on 22 nd March at 7pm.	

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