

# BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at the Buckden Millennium Community Centre at 7.45pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Barrett Mrs Tewson

Mrs Millard Mrs Woods

Day Goodger

Griffin Holden

Hunstone Hayward

Richardson Clough

County Councillor Richard West

John Chase (Parish Clerk) and 9 members of the public.

(2011-12) 86	<p><b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Councillors MacAndrew and Day</p>	
(2011-12) 87	<p><b>Declaration of Interest</b> None were declared</p>	
(2011-12) 88	<p><b>Planning</b> <b>88.1 Planning Application H/05015/11/CW – Continued landfill of non-hazardous waste with restoration to amenity and agricultural use instead of golf course and extension of hours for waste delivery and landfill operations.</b> Open forums had been held in July and immediately prior to this meeting at which residents had expressed their concerns over a number of aspects of the application especially around the longer opening hours and the additional heavy traffic from London that was likely to use the A1 from 2.30am onwards. Management of leachate from the site was also seen as a potential problem if the rate of filling was to be increased fivefold. There were suggestions that an alternative route should be used via the M11 and A14. Cllr Hunstone said that he foresaw big problems at the roundabout in the early morning with people trying to leave the village and Cllr Mrs Millard suggested that it was time for part time traffic signals on the roundabout. Cllr Clough considered that the application did not fully address the noise issues both at the site and of the traffic. Cllr Hayward referred to PPG 24 Planning and Noise and considered that there needed to be an alternative route other than the A1. If the A1 was to be used it needed improved surfacing through Buckden. He added that longer hours into the evening were more preferable than early AM starts. He was also disappointed in the lack of consultation and he considered that there needed to be more information on the control of the leachate. He also supported the view that there should be no flashing lights or beepers. He pointed out that there was no plan to provide a sound bund on the South side of the site, but to rely on the natural contour of the land. Cllr Mrs Woods pointed out that the roundabout had never been suitable in size for a dual carriageway and the large lorries will cause further congestion at that point. Cllr Mrs Barrett said that Biggleswade Sandy and Wyboston should be made aware of the application. <b>The Council unanimously agreed to oppose the application.</b></p> <p><b>Planning Application 1101355FUL</b> <b>Erection of one 59m to hub, 87m to tip of blade, 500kw wind turbine, Station Farm Landfill Site, Brampton Road Buckden.</b></p> <p><b>The council agreed to recommend refusal of this application for the reasons shown on the attached submission.</b></p>	The Clerk

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<p>(2011-12) 89</p>	<p><b>Minutes</b> 89.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October were agreed after minor amendment and signed. 89.2 Roundabout Cllr Hunstone explained that they had had a further meeting with the Roundabout Editor and Advertising Manager on the way forward for the production of the Roundabout and the conclusion had been reached that there were insufficient volunteers to allow the internal printing in a reasonable time on a single day and it had been agreed that the Roundabout would be printed by HDC with effect from the February edition. The cover sheet will be on coloured paper and change monthly and the internal pages will be white paper. Local volunteers would still be used to insert flyers. He explained that advertising throughout the magazine will be based on a single tariff structure. Cllr Hayward said that he had been approached by members of the small business forum who were unhappy at the cost of advertising in the Roundabout and suggesting that there should be discounts for village organisations. Cllr Hunstone said that advertising was restricted to Village services. Concerns were raised over the copyright statement that had appeared in the latest edition and Cllr Hunstone was to contact the editor to explain that the Council did not own the magazines copyright. The Roundabouts progress will be reviewed at the June 2012 meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Hunstone</p>
<p>(2011-12) 90</p>	<p><b>County and District Councillors Reports</b> County Councillor West had to leave the meeting earlier to attend a District Council meeting. District Councillor Clough told the meeting that a recent HDC meeting on localism a Government Minister had stressed the importance that the Local Plan would play in the future.</p>	
<p>(2011-12) 91</p>	<p><b>Finance</b> 91.1 Monthly reports were presented to the meeting. 91.2 Cllr Hunstone proposed and Cllr Mrs Millard seconded the payments for sanction and they were agreed unanimously. 91.3 The Council considered a request from Victim Support for a financial grant and it was rejected. 91.4 The Council considered a request from Huntingdon Citizens Advice for financial support and <b>Cllr Hayward proposed and Cllr Mrs Millard seconded that a grant of £200.00 be given and it was carried unanimously.</b> 91.5 The 2012-13 budget and precept was discussed and Cllr Hunstone proposed Cllr Hayward seconded that the precept should be increased by 2% from £74880 to £76400. It unanimously agreed.</p>	
<p>(2011-12) 92</p>	<p><b>General Purposes.</b> 92.1 A report had been circulated and it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Millard seconded by Cllr Mrs Shirley that 4 benches are purchased to be placed on each side of the recreation ground. It was agreed unanimously 92.2 Proposed Terms of Reference had been circulated and these we agreed. 92.3 The next meeting would be on 22<sup>nd</sup> November</p>	
<p>(2011-12) 93</p>	<p><b>Buckden Library Working Group</b> 93.1 The Library working group would be meeting Cambridge C.C. on 29<sup>th</sup> November.</p>	

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(2011-12) 94	<p><b>Allotment Working Group</b> 94.1 It was reported that there had been 13 new requests for allotments following the re-opening of the waiting list a draw would be held to sort these into priority order.</p>	
(2011-12) 95	<p><b>Footpaths and Trees</b> 95.1 Volunteers were still required to help with planting new trees.</p>	
(2011-12) 96	<p><b>VHT</b> 96.1 A paper had been circulated giving an update and this was accepted by the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Shirley and seconded by Cllr Hunstone that the Parish Council recognises its responsibilities as a Custodian trustee as detailed in the Public Trustee Act 1906 Section 4; and recognises that it has a responsibility to ensure that the VHT follows the requirements and guidance of its Scheme, the Law and the Charity Commission. The proposition was carried unanimously.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Shirley and seconded by Cllr Mrs Barrett that the Parish Council sends its representative, Vice Chairman Cllr Hayward to the next meeting of the VHT Management Committee to explain the Council's legal position and the Council's concerns over the VHT's failure to follow Law and guidance in its approach to replacement leases.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to send the papers to the VHT in advance of the forthcoming meeting requesting that they are distributed to trustees.</p>	Clerk
(2011-12) 97	<p><b>General Correspondence</b> 97.1 The Council agreed that it would not provide financial help to HDC to support the continuance of CCTV. 97.2 Councillors were made aware of the public exhibition about the Wind Farm to be held in Southoe on 16<sup>th</sup> November. 97.3 The Council agreed that it would not be organising anything special to celebrate the Queens diamond Jubilee.</p>	
(2011-12) 98	<p><b>Items for report.</b> 98.1 The Clerk informed the meeting the paper recycling banks in the Car Park were to be withdrawn shortly as they were no longer economically viable.</p>	

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