

# BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at the Buckden Millennium Community Centre at 7.45pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Barrett Mrs Millard

Day Goodger

Griffin Hayward

Holden Hunstone

MacAndrew Richardson

and County Councillor Richard West

John Chase (Parish Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

(2011-12) 58	<p><b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Woods, Mrs Tewson and Clough.</p>	
(2011-12) 59	<p><b>Declaration of Interest</b> Cllr Mrs Barrett declared an interest in the allotment report as she was on the current waiting list for an allotment.</p>	
(2011-12) 60	<p><b>Minutes</b> 60.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August were agreed after minor amendment and signed. 60.2 The Parish plan finances were on the agenda and the QEII application was in hand.</p>	
(2011-12) 61	<p><b>County and District Councillors Reports</b> 61.1 Cllr West reported that he had now joined both the Domestic Violence and Home Care Services working groups and whilst he was finding the work both interesting and challenging there was a lot to be achieved. He added that the CC was aiming to make savings of £161million in the next 5 years. 61.2 District Councillor Clough offered his apologies.</p>	
(2011-12) 62	<p><b>Finance</b> 62.1 Monthly reports were presented to the meeting. 62.2 Cllr Hunstone proposed and Cllr Mrs Millard seconded the payments for sanction and they were agreed unanimously. 62.3 A draft financial estimate prepared by the Village Plan Steering group had been circulated and Cllr MacAndrew explained that the estimate had been prepared on conservative basis and costs were included if they were possible but not necessarily certain and a reasonable standard of professionalism had been assumed. Things would be done as cost effectively as possible. <b>Cllr MacAndrew proposed and Cllr Hunstone seconded that the estimates to be built into the Councils budgets for the forthcoming years. Items of expenditure over £200 would still have to be approved by the Council and less than £200 by Cllr MacAndrew as at present. The proposition was carried unanimously.</b> 62.4 Roundabout finances - Cllrs Mrs Millard and Hunstone were still in discussion with the Roundabout team on the way forward for next year. At present there were no volunteers to take over the printing from Mr and Mrs Moorhouse and the Council agreed that they could move ahead with resolving the problems in view of the tight time scales that were involved. Following further investigations and discussion with the Editor and Advertising Manager of the Roundabout recommendations on a plan to ensure the continuation of the Roundabout would be produced for the October Council meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Mrs Millard &amp; Cllr Hunstone</p>

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<p>(2011-12) 63</p>	<p><b>Planning</b> 63.1 A report was given on the meetings held on 23rd August and 13<sup>th</sup> September 63.2 It was reported that the Clerk, on behalf of the Council had responded to the Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document with comments regarding the need to involve Parish Councils in discussions on the distribution of these contributions in light of the possible changes in responsibilities that could take place. The meeting was informed that a document entitled RAF Brampton Draft Urban Design Framework was now out for comment. 63.3 The next meeting would be held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, if required.</p>	
<p>(2011-12) 64</p>	<p><b>General Purposes.</b> 64.1 The next meeting would be on 27<sup>th</sup> September.</p>	
<p>(2011-12) 65</p>	<p><b>Buckden Library Working Group</b> 65.1 The Council was told that its offer to Cambs CC had been acknowledged and the Clerk was asked to circulate the letter received.</p>	Clerk
<p>(2011-12) 66</p>	<p><b>Highways and Road Safety Working Group</b> 66.1 The report on a recent speedwatch exercise was discussed and it was agreed to seek volunteers to help in carrying out similar sessions in other parts of the Parish. An article would be included in the Roundabout. 66.2 Cllr Goodger urged the return of the outstanding street surveys. 66.3 The Clerk reported that mirrors had now been ordered for the subways and these would be fitted by Carillion. The Highways Agency had said that a "Give Way" sign was not justified at the top of Silver Street as you came off the A1 on the slip road and the road markings which need repainting are in the prioritisation process at the HA</p>	
<p>(2011-12) 67</p>	<p><b>Quality Council Working Group</b> 67.1 The date of the next meeting was agreed as 27<sup>th</sup> September</p>	
<p>(2011-12) 68</p>	<p><b>Allotment Working Group</b> 68.1 The Working Group's report was discussed and Cllr Mrs Barrett explained the reason for the proposal to ban Fruit Trees from the allotments was that our allotments were only 5 poles in size and with the habit of nothing being grown underneath them it led to only a small area of the plot being cultivated and this was against the principles of our allotment rules. <b>It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Barrett and seconded by Cllr Day that new and replacement fruit trees would no longer be allowed on all plots and our rules amended accordingly. The proposition was agreed unanimously.</b> 68.2 After discussion on the question of plot holders that had erected fences around their plots which both invalidated them being covered by the Councils insurance and made the plot difficult to access if need be for maintenance purposes although it was also said that fences served a purpose of both plot security and it was in some peoples nature to want fence in "their possession". It was added that there had been recent problems which were probably down to deer getting onto plots as the perimeter fence was not secure and probably too low to prevent it. <b>Cllr Barrett proposed and Cllr Day seconded that all internal fences should be removed. The proposition was defeated by 5 votes to 3</b></p>	

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<p>(2011-12) 69</p>	<p><b>Footpaths and Trees</b> 69.1 A report had been circulated and is attached to these minutes. Cllr Hayward asked for any suggestion on where new trees should be planted. He reported the recent gales had badly damaged a horse chestnut by The Bowls Club and Monks cottages and it will need to be taken down and replaced, before it becomes diseased.</p>	<p>All present</p>
<p>(2011-12) 70</p>	<p><b>General Correspondence</b> 70.1 It was agreed that the Council had no objection to the extension of the Cremated remains burial area in the Churchyard providing the Church was sure that no burial rights existed over the land. The council would continue to maintain the churchyard. 70.2 In response to a request from the Editor of the Roundabout the Council agreed that the Editor had sole responsibility for the content of articles and the Council would support the Editor's decision.</p>	
<p>(2011-12) 71</p>	<p><b>Items for report.</b> 71.1 The Clerk reported that the lake in the valley was losing water due to a leak at the sluice and this was to be repaired.</p>	

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