

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 8th September 2015 at the Buckden Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)

Councillors: Bennett Mrs Burbidge Day Hayward
Mrs Howell-Jones Hunstone MacAndrew Mrs Millard
Moore Pye Sreaton Walker

County Councillor Mrs Wisson, 4 members of the public and J Chase (Parish Clerk)

(2015-16) 44	Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor Carter.	
(2015-16) 45	Open Forum In answer to a question Cllr Hayward reported that contractors will be appointed in October to start looking at the A1 upgrade and they will be expect to take account of the concerns that have been raised with the MP regarding potential environmental impacts of the new road.	
(2015-16) 46	Declarations of Interest None declared	
(2015-16) 47	Minutes The minutes of the Meeting held on 14 th July were agreed and signed. The action point on minute 31 was discharged.	
(2015-16) 48	County and District Councillors Reports 48.1 County Councillor Mrs Wisson reported that the County Council need to reduce its budget by £195m over the next five years and this would be across all areas. Questions were asked why in such circumstances the County Council has donated money to the A14 upgrade. 48.2 District Councillor Hayward reported on the success that the CCTV control room in Huntingdon has had in catching criminals. He added that staff cutbacks in HDC were putting pressure on some teams including planning enforcement team and tree team.	
(2015-16) 49	Finance 49.1 Updates to 31 st August were presented to the meeting. 49.2 Payments for sanction for August and September were proposed by Cllr Hunstone and seconded by Cllrs MacAndrew and Bennett respectively and agreed. 49.3 Cllr Hunstone reported that following recent changes the Parish Council was now covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme <i>49.4 It was proposed by Cllr Hunstone and seconded by Cllr Mrs Shirley that the Council would loan the VHT the sum of £14,100 (Fourteen thousand, one hundred pounds.) to install PV panels on the Village Hall roof, on the same terms as agreed for the earlier larger loan agreement which would be cancelled.</i> Technical difficulties had resulted in the installation being reduced in capacity.	
(2015-16) 50	Committees and Working Groups Membership of the Councils Committees and Working Groups was reviewed. The revised list is attached.	
(2015-16) 51	Planning Committee A report was given on the Planning Committee meetings held on 28 th July and 8 th September.	
(2015-16) 52	General Purposes Working Group. <i>52.1 Proposed by Cllr MacAndrew and seconded by Cllr Hayward and agreed that the Parish Council offers to take over the care and maintenance of the younger children's playground from the Buckden Village Hall Trust provided that the BVHT maintain CCTV surveillance of the area.</i> 52.2 It was reported that there would be an organising committee for the Christmas Lights switch on. There was concern that the Vine PH was rumoured to be closed and that it	

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	threatened the electricity supply to the lights. Alternative supplies would be investigated. 52.3 The next meeting would be on 27 th October at 7.30pm	
(2015-16) 53	Transport Working Group 53.1 A progress report was given on the A14 Development Consent Order examination. 53.2 The Council's updated SOCG was agreed.	
(2015-16) 54	Highways and Road Safety It was proposed by Cllr Screamon and seconded by Cllr Pye <i>that the Parish Council supports an application under the local Highways Improvement Initiative to introduce a default 20mph speed limit where there currently is a 30mph speed limit in Buckden and Stirtloe.</i> Two amendments were proposed Amendment 1 proposed by Cllr Hayward and seconded by Cllr MacAndrew <i>That the Parish Council supports an application under the local Highways Improvement Initiative to introduce a 20mph speed limit on School Lane and those stretches of Church Street and Mill Road closest to the school during the times that school is active.</i> Amendment 2 proposed by Cllr Mrs Burbidge and seconded by Cllr Bennett <i>That the Parish Council supports an application under the local Highways Improvement Initiative to introduce a 20mph speed limit. The exact boundary to be defined in discussion with the Highways Authority and following public consultation with the community on the affected roads.</i> After discussion of the two amendments a vote was taken on Amendment 1, the result was 7 for the proposal; 4 against the proposal and 2 abstentions and therefore there was an overall majority for Amendment 1 as the substantive proposition. After further discussion the substantive proposition was agreed by 8 votes for and 5 against.	
(2015-16) 55	Green Memorial It was reported that invitations to the commemoration service had been issued and that the new benches and bollards had been ordered.	
(2015-16) 56	Rights of Way and Trees Working Group It was reported that the working group were looking to present plans to upgrade signage on some rights of way at the October meeting. The plan to introduce maps showing circular walks had been put on hold for the time being. Signs were to be put on public rights of way footpaths reminding people that these were for walkers and not cycles, horses and motorcycles.	
(2015-16) 57	To Consider General Correspondence received and any responses and actions. 57.1 It was agreed to renew the contract with Balfour Beatty to maintain the Parish Councils street lights for a further 3 years. 57.2 It was agreed to continue with Cambridgeshire County Council as the energy supplier for the Councils Street lamps for the year commencing 1 st October 2015.	
(2015-16) 58	Items for Report It was reported that the recent collection had amounted to 1.723 tonnes of unwanted goods being collected and the Council would receive £57.80.	

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