

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 10th April 2012 at the Buckden Millennium Community Centre at 7.45pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Barrett Mrs Tewson

Mrs Millard

Day Griffin

Hayward Holden

Hunstone MacAndrew

Richardson

County Councillor Richard West, 1 member of the public and John Chase (Parish Clerk)

(2011-12) 151	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Woods and Cllr Clough.	
(2011-12) 152	Declaration of Interest None were declared	
(2011-12) 153	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 13 th March were agreed and signed. Actions arising from the minutes: 135 The Council had contacted One Stop and were waiting for a proposed date for a meeting. 136 A speaker from the economic development team at HDC would attend the Annual Parish Meeting. 144 The notification would be sent when the application is made.	
(2011-12) 154	County and District Councillors Reports 154.1 County Councillor West reported that County Council Highways were hoping to make improvements in Mayfield and Glebe Lane this year. Both the County and District Councils were waiting on Waste Recycling Group to make further submissions on the Landfill and Wind Turbine planning applications.	
(2011-12) 155	Finance 155.1 Monthly reports were presented to the meeting. Copies are attached to these minutes. 155.2 The Annual Accounts were unanimously approved and the Clerk was thanked for their quick production. 155.3 The Annual Return was unanimously agreed and signed. 155.4 Cllr Hunstone proposed and Cllr Mrs Shirley seconded the payments for sanction and they were agreed unanimously. Copy attached. 155.5 It was proposed by Cllr Hunstone and seconded by Cllr MacAndrew to accept the County Councils offer of a grant of £583:91 towards the grass cutting for this year.	
(2011-12) 156	Planning 156.1 Reports were given on the planning meeting held on 27 th March.	
(2011-12) 157	General Purposes. 157.1 A report was given on the meeting held on 27 th March. (notes attached) 157.2 <i>It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Millard and seconded by Cllr Mrs Shirley "that the GP Working Group recommends work be done to the lake by Complete Weed Control to spray the bulrushes to reduce their spread and to treat the lake to reduce silt. The cost would be £770 ex VAT. This is specialist work with a licence required from the Environment Agency. It has not been possible to obtain more than one quote from providers in this area."</i> The proposal was carried. 157.3 Mention had been made of the recent correspondence in the Roundabout regarding the use of the valley lake for fishing. Although no approach had been made to either the Council or VHT. 157.4 The next meeting would be held on 24 th April.	

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(2011-12) 158	Footpaths and Trees 158.1 Cllr Hayward reported that the permissive path from the Parish Councils bench to the Anglian Water Road had not yet been formalised and he was pursuing with the estate. He also reported that three walnut trees had been planted on the corner of the recreation ground.	
(2011-12) 159	Buckden VHT 159.1 A draft reply to the VHT was discussed and the position explained. The response was agreed. 159.2 The Council had received a quote of £5260 excl. VAT from ProLawnCare for the annual treatment of the recreation ground grass and it was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for this work.	
(2011-12) 160	Quality Council Working Group 160.1 Cllr Mrs Shirley reported that the Annual Report would take a similar format to last years and it was almost completed and ready for printing. 160.2 Cllr MacAndrew reported on the progress with the Village Plan survey and explained that it was hoped that most people would complete it on line. He also explained that there would be a separate survey for younger people. 160.3 The need for articles on Parish Council business for the Roundabout was stressed so that we could resume filling two sides of A4.	
(2011-12) 161	Library Working Group 161.1 Cllr Richardson gave a brief summary of the recent meeting held with the County Council with the Library volunteers which had been well attended by 20 potential volunteers. Two of the volunteers, Melanie Spring and Wendy Thelwall put themselves forward to be on the Library Working Group 10 people applied to be volunteers with a further 6 expressing an interest. Training was due to take place on 4 th May.	
(2011-12) 162	Allotments 162.1 Cllr Mrs Barrett reported that she had attended a very interesting allotment course which had amongst other topics examined the pros and cons of using allotment associations to manage the allotment field and she would like to obtain the views of those in the village that were interested in the allotments.	
(2011-12) 163	To Consider General Correspondence received and any Responses and Actions. 163.1 The Council decided to nominate Mr and Mrs Clough and Mr and Mrs Brittain as attendees at the forthcoming Queens Diamond Jubilee Picnic at Burghley House.	
(2011-12) 164	Items for report. 164.1 The Clerk reported that the pole to which one of the Councils street lamps in lower Mill Road had been attached had been damaged in a RTA and he was looking into its replacement.	

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