

# BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at the Buckden Village Hall at 7.45pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Millard Mrs Surridge

Mrs Tewson Clough

Day Griffin

Hayward Holden

MacAndrew Richardson

County Councillor Richard West

1 member of the public and John Chase (Parish Clerk)

(2012-13) 143	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Woods, Mrs Barrett and Hunstone. Cllr Gaughan had resigned from the Council.	
(2012-13) 144	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> No interests were declared. With the County Council election taking place on 2 <sup>nd</sup> May the Chairman reminded the meeting of the Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity 2011	
(2012-13) 145	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2013 were agreed and signed.	
(2012-13) 146	<b>County and District Councillors Reports</b> 146.1 County Councillor West reported that he was very disappointed with the lack of progress on the remedial action that had been promised by the street lighting project team. He added that once he ceased to be the County Councillor in May he would continue to press for improvements in areas of concern including major roads in the area. On behalf of the Parish Council the Chairman thanked Councillor West for all that he had done for the village in his time as County Councillor.  146.2 District Councillor Clough reported that he had attended the Southoe Wind Farm inquiry and had been very impressed at the amount of effort and detail that had been gone into. He felt that every chance had been given for the parties to make their representations and expected the decision to be announced in May or June.	
(2012-13) 147	<b>Finance</b> 147.1 Monthly reports were presented to the meeting. Copies are attached to these minutes. 147.2 The annual accounts for the year 2012-13 were presented to the meeting and these were approved. Proposed Cllr Mrs Shirley and seconded Cllr Mrs Millard. Copy attached 147.3 The Accounting and Annual Governance statements were presented to the meeting and approved. Proposed Cllr Clough and seconded Cllr Hayward. Copy Attached The Chairman on behalf of the Council thanked the Responsible Financial Officer for prompt production of these reports and for the control maintained over the financial affairs of the council over the year 147.4 Payments for sanction were presented to the meeting and approved. Proposed Cllr Mrs Shirley and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tewson.	
(2012-13) 148	<b>Planning Committee</b> Reports were given on the planning committee meetings held on 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2013	
(2012-13) 149	<b>Highways and Road Safety</b> 149.1 Cllr Hayward raised his concern that the re-instatement of the verges that had been dug up in the street light replacement programme had still not been carried out to an acceptable standard. The Clerk would take up with the project team.	Clerk

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(2012-13) 150	<b>GP Working Group</b> Cllr Mrs Millard reported that no meeting had been held in March.	
(2012-13) 151	<b>Footpaths and Trees</b> Cllr Hayward presented his paper on the responsibilities for the safety of trees (copy attached) drew the meetings attention to the recommendations therein. It was proposed by Cllr Clough and seconded by Cllr MacAndrew that the recommendations be implemented and the council approved this.	
(2012-13) 152	<b>Roundabout</b> Discussion took place on the trial of the policy not to have loose "flyers" in the Roundabout. Only one adverse comment had been received at the start of the trial and the trial had now been in place for 5 editions. The view of some councillors was that there should be an opportunity for some non-commercial organisations to use the Roundabout for the distribution of flyers. Cllrs Mrs Millard and Cllr Mrs Shirley were to meet the Roundabout editor to explore the options.	Cllr Mrs Millard
(2012-13) 153	<b>Photographic Competition</b> 153.1 Cllr MacAndrew outlined the format of the competition; There will be three age categories, 10 years old and under, 11 to 16, and adult (17 and up). Within each age category there will be three themes: 1) Buckden Animals: pets and wildlife; 2) Buckden People: portraits and other photographs of people in Buckden; and 3) Buckden Views: buildings and countryside. Cllr MacAndrew proposed that £90 be put up as prize money, £10 for the winners of each theme in each age group and this was approved by the Council.	
(2012-13) 154	<b>Library Working Group</b> The council had received a grant aid request from the Children's Library Service for financial support for this year's Reading Week. It was proposed by Cllr Richardson and seconded by Cllr Mrs Shirley that a donation of £150 be made. This was approved by the council	
(2012-13) 155	<b>VHT</b> It was reported that a new Village Hall Administrator had taken up her post 2 <sup>nd</sup> April. It was not certain whether the AGM would be held in June or in July; it depended on the availability of the Annual Accounts. The level of bookings for the Village Hall remained healthy.	
(2012-13) 156	<b>Cemetery</b> Revised Cemetery fees to be introduced from 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2013 were proposed by Cllr Hayward and seconded by Cllr Mrs Millard and agreed by the council.	
(2012-13) 157	<b>Items needing decisions</b> 157.1 Cllr Mrs Shirley agreed to talk to Huntingdon Association for Community Transport about their offer to address the Parish Council. There was some uncertainty on how their proposal differed from that presented by Nene and Ouse last year. 157.2 Cllr MacAndrew would attend the Huntingdonshire flood forum on 22 <sup>nd</sup> May.	Cllr Mrs Shirley
(2012-13) 158	<b>Items for information</b> The meeting was informed of the Cambridgeshire Timebanking workshop on Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April.	

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