

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 12th March 2013 at the Buckden Village Hall at 7.45pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Barrett Mrs Millard

Mrs Surridge Mrs Tewson

Clough Day

Gaughan Griffin

Hayward Holden

Hunstone MacAndrew

Richardson

County Councillor Richard West

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

(2012-13) 128	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Woods.	
(2012-13) 129	Declarations of Interest Councillors Hayward and MacAndrew declared an interest in the payments for sanction.	
(2012-13) 130	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2013 were agreed and signed.	
(2012-13) 131	County and District Councillors Reports County Councillor West reported that with the pressure that was being put on the District Council to build new houses there had to be improvements in local infrastructure, in particular the A1, A14 and A428 and there was a need to lobby the Government on this. District Councillor Clough reported that the change of refuse collection days had gone reasonably well. The change of crews in some areas had led to some problems. The HDC planning enforcement team would be looking at the outstanding cases in Buckden Marina in the coming months although resolution of the problems was expected to take 1 to 2 years. Cllr Clough said that he would be addressing the Southoe Wind Farm Inquiry opposing the application on issues of visual damage to the landscape.	
(2012-13) 132	Finance 132.1 Monthly reports were presented to the meeting. Copies are attached to these minutes. 132.2 Cllr Hunstone proposed and Cllr Mrs Shirley seconded the payments for sanction and they were agreed. Copy attached. 132.3 It was proposed by Cllr Hunstone and seconded by Cllr Mrs Barrett that the council subscribes to the St Neots Museum and pays a fee of £100.00 132.4 It was proposed by Cllr Hayward and seconded by Cllr Millard to purchase a replacement oak notice board for the High Street and for the existing board to be utilised in the allotment field. The final choice of the board was delegated to the Chairman, Cllr Hunstone and the Clerk.	
(2012-13) 133	Planning Committee Reports were given on the planning committee meetings held on 26 th February and 13 th March 2013.	
(2012-13) 134	Highways and Road Safety 134.1 Street Lighting It was reported that there had been agreement to some remedial work and repositioning of lights would take place in Manor Gardens and Lincoln Close. A light would be re-installed in both Aragon Close and Manor Close. Issues in Park Road and Vineyard Way were still	

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	<p>under discussion. A proposal that a further light was removed from Morris Close was rejected by the Council and it was pointed out that one more light than was planned had been removed from Silver Street.</p> <p>134.2 A1 Safety Advisory Group A meeting had taken place and the minutes are attached to these minutes.</p> <p>134.3 A14 Councillor Hayward reported that he had now arranged a meeting with the MP for early May.</p>	
(2012-13) 135	<p>GP Working Group</p> <p>135.1 Report of the meeting held on 26th February is attached.</p> <p>135.2 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Millard and seconded by Cllr Mrs Shirley and agreed that we accept the quote for £185 for extending the fence on FP1.</p> <p>135.3 The next meeting would be held on 26th March.</p>	
(2012-13) 136	<p>Footpaths and Trees</p> <p>136.1 Report attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Cllr Hayward drew the meetings attention to the responsibility for the safety of the Parish Council's trees being with the council and not the tree warden. He asked councillors to keep a watch for ash die back in the area and report any sightings to him</p>	
(2012-13) 137	<p>Councillors Roles and Responsibilities</p> <p>137.1 An idea for giving Councillors ambassadorial roles where they each become a point of contact for an area of the village was rejected.</p>	
(2012-13) 138	<p>Allotment Working Group</p> <p>138.1 Notes of the working group meeting had been distributed and are attached.</p>	
(2012-13) 139	<p>Library Working Group</p> <p>The council had received a request from the Children's Library Service for financial support for this year's Reading Week. It was agreed that certain conditions on use of the grant if granted would be sought. Cllr Richardson was to progress with the Library Service.</p>	
(2012-13) 140	<p>VHT</p> <p>It was reported that a new Village Hall Administrator had been appointed and would be taking up post on 2nd April. Work on a revised constitution had been put into abeyance for the time being. A quote for work to the playing field in the coming year had been received from ProLawnCare the amount was £4285+VAT and the Council agreed unanimously to pay for this work.</p>	
(2012-13) 141	<p>Cemetery</p> <p>Notes of a meeting held on 26th February were circulated and are attached to these minutes.</p>	
(2012-13) 142	<p>Items for information</p> <p>It was reported that the Buckden local history Society had covered the costs of producing the book, Buckden A Huntingdonshire Village, from the sales and had therefore returned the grant of £1000 that the Council had made in 2008.</p>	

Signed

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