

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 12th December at the Buckden Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor Carter (Chairman)

Councillors: Bennett, Mrs Burbidge, Day, Emeleus, Hayward, Mrs Howell-Jones, Hunstone, Mrs Millard, Moore, Screaton, Mrs Shirley, Mrs Underwood

County Councillor Downes, and Mrs G West (Parish Clerk)

(2017-18) 86	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs MacAndrew and Pye	
(2017-18) 87	Open Forum Nothing raised.	
(2017-18) 88	Declarations of Interest. There were none.	
(2017-18) 89	Minutes 89.1 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 th November 2017 were agreed & signed. 89.2 To resolve any actions arising from the minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 14 th November 2017: The Standing Orders Working Group to co-ordinate a meeting and report back to full Council at the January meeting. Cllr Carter to Chair the Group.	IDC
(2017-18) 90	County and District Councillor Reports 89.1 County Cllr Downes had circulated a report before the meeting. County Cllr Downes discussed in greater detail the overriding shortage of money in Cambridgeshire County Council. 89.2 District Cllr Hayward circulated a report before the meeting plus the Huntingdonshire District Council report on reducing homelessness and a report on a meeting with Highways England & Kier (A1 Safety Advisory Group).	
(2017-18) 91	Finance 91.1 The meeting was given the update to 30 th November 2017. 91.2 Payments for sanction as at 12 th December 2017 were proposed by Cllr Hunstone, seconded by Cllr Mrs Millard and agreed by all. 91.3 Buckden Parish Council Precept 2018-19 was discussed at length, particularly as Parish Councils are taking on more responsibility from District Council. Cllr Hunstone proposed an increase in the precept of 3% for 2018-19. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Shirley and agreed by all.	
(2017-18) 92	Planning Committee 92.1 Cllr Mrs Shirley reported on the Planning Committee meeting of 28 th November 2017. Cllr Hayward voiced his concerns regarding the approval of the application. 92.2 Cllr Mrs Shirley gave a verbal report on the Planning Committee meeting of 12 th December 2017 when two applications were discussed. Application 17/02525/HHFUL – approval. Application 17/02457/FUL – refused.	
(2017-18) 93	General Purposes 93.1 Cllr Mrs Millard reported success in the application to the Mick George Community Fund for the children's playground. Cllr Mrs Shirley asked that the outstanding work by Cllr Mrs Millard be minuted and that she be congratulated for her hard work. Cllr Mrs Shirley to include an item about the children's playground in the next edition of the Buckden Roundabout. 93.2 Cllr Mrs Millard reported that the resurfacing of the children's playground is due to take place in January 2018. 93.3 Cllr Mrs Millard gave an update on the refurbishment of the BT kiosk, including details of the sandblasting and the next stage of the restoration of the kiosk panels.	FS

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(2017-18) 94	<p>Cemetery Working Group</p> <p>94.1 Cllr Mrs Shirley gave a verbal report of the removal of the hedge and fence at the Lucks Lane Cemetery. A quote is being sought for replacing some of the fencing and restoring that which is viable.</p> <p>94.2 The Cemetery Working Group are currently working on cemetery regulations and expect to report back to full Council in January 2018.</p> <p>94.3 Work on the new footpath is scheduled to take place in late January 2018.</p> <p>94.4 Cllr Mrs Shirley to pursue consecration of the new section of the cemetery.</p>	Clerk CWG FS
(2017-18) 95	<p>Highways and Road Safety Working Group</p> <p>95.1 Cllr Screaton on his recent meeting with Karen Lunn (CCC engineer) regarding the LHI application. Several options have been discussed and currently awaiting further information.</p> <p>95.2 Cllr Mrs Howell-Jones gave a verbal report on Speedwatch. Twelve sessions have taken place of a period of four weeks. Cllr Mrs Howell-Jones will spearhead a campaign for more volunteers in the New Year. More areas have been requested for Speedwatch sessions; these can only take place in areas which have been risk assessed (Church Street, High Street, Perry Road). Cllr Hayward asked if Speedwatch could take place in 20mph areas: Cllr Screaton advised this would entail the kit being purchased by Buckden Parish Council & the areas being risk assessed.</p>	AH-J
(2017-18) 96	<p>Rights of Way & Trees Working Group</p> <p>96.1 Cllr Mrs Underwood presented the RWTWG report.</p> <p>96.2 There has been a request for work to be undertaken on trees on Buckden Village Hall Trust land behind Vineyard Way. Cllr Carter to write the Chair of BVHT.</p> <p>96.3 St Mary's Churchyard yew trees. A good cut back to be commissioned. Cllr Carter to speak with parishioner who has previously looked after the pruning of the trees to enquire if they could continue this after the cut back has been completed by a tree surgeon.</p> <p>96.4 The RWTGWG to undertake a walk around the parish approximately 6 monthly to note condition of trees. Cllr Mrs Underwood to liaise with Cllr Mrs Shirley on an article for the Buckden Roundabout.</p>	IDC IDC RWTWG CU & FS
(2017-18) 97	<p>Transport Working Group</p> <p>Cllr Bennett informed Council that works on the A14 is currently on schedule. Some interesting 'fly through' film clips can be found on YouTube.</p>	
(2017-18) 98	<p>Cllr Hayward & Mrs G West (Clerk) gave verbal reports on the Local Council Conference held on Friday 17th November at the Burgess Hall, St Ives.</p>	
(2017-18) 99	<p>It was noted that the Parish Council Office will be closed after 20th December 2017 and will re-open 2nd January 2018.</p>	

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