

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: Ramune Mimiene, Buckden Village Hall Burberry Road Buckden PE19 5UY. Tel; 01480 819407

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 10 December 2019 at the Buckden Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor: Anne Howell-Jones, Chair

Councillors: Cllrs Caroline Underwood, Sue Ashwell, Betty Millard, Allan Jones, Elaine Scott, Kathy Render, Amy Burbidge, John Thelwall, Dave Duncan, Clive Gillam, Martin Hassall and Stan Studd.

Clerk: Ms R Mimiene

CC Cllr P Downes

3 members of the public.

MINUTES

(2019-20) 407	<p>Apologies for absence To receive and accept apologies for absence. Cllr P Steel sent apologies for absence.</p>	
(2019-20) 408	<p>Open Forum – a maximum of 15 minutes is permitted for members of the public to address the Council. Members of the public may have up to three minutes each. Items to be addressed should be notified to the Clerk three working days in advance of the meeting. None received.</p>	
(2019-20) 409	<p>Declarations of Interest To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests, and the nature of those interests relating to items on the agenda. Cllr AHJ declared interest in Minute (2019-20) 240 Highways: Perry Rd LHI scheme.</p>	
(2019-20) 410	<p>To consider co-option to fill 1 Vacancy Vacancy still open. A prospective Councillor attended the meeting and has subsequently confirmed interest in becoming a Councillor.</p>	
(2019-20) 411	<p>Minutes 411.1 To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 November 2019. <i>Cllr AJ joined the meeting</i> Welcome pack, when finalised, to be provided to the developer's sales office with a request that they give it to buyers as part of their 'moving in' documentation. Suggested that the developer could contribute to the cost. Proposal: Proposed by SA, seconded by BM, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that the Minutes are approved with the above amendment. Carried. 411.2 To resolve any actions arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting. Noted.</p>	Clerk
(2019-20) 412	<p>Chairman's update Verbal update. 412.1 Verbal update on A1 Safety Advisory Group. Proposal to co-opt Cllr M Hassall to the A1 Safety AG. A1 safety group is now fully re-instated and the first meeting is set in Jan 2020. Proposal: Proposed by AHJ, seconded by SS, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that Cllr M Hassall co-option to A1 Safety Group is approved. Carried. Cllr AHJ requested that Cllrs let her know any issues that should be raised.</p>	

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	<p>412.2 Verbal update on Neighbourhood Plan. The plan is now in the consultation phase. PC will take into account all comments. Election service was held in Perry Baptist Church, Chair attended.</p>	
<p>(2019-20) 413</p>	<p>County and District Councillor Reports. 413.1 To receive report from County Councillor. Report circulated to PC. The A1 and A14 issues were discussed. CC Cllr PD was meeting with various bodies re opening of King Fisher way near Hinchingsbrooke. 413.2 To receive report from District Councillor. HDC Cllr HM sent apologies for absence.</p>	
<p>(2019-20) 414</p>	<p>Finance To note that Precept request for £139,055.00 for 2020.21 submitted HDC on 18 Nov 2019. 414.1 Finance Report. Cashbook, Bank Reconciliation to 30 Nov 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unity Trust Acc Reconciled to 30 Nov 19: Bank and Cashbook balance as at 30 Nov 19 was £54,949.30. • Natwest Acc: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Reserve Acc statements for Oct and Nov 19 received Balance is £81,404.90 (including Interest of £26.75). • Awaiting the quarterly Current Acc statement to cover Oct, Nov & Dec 19). Balance on the last bank statement as at 30 Sep 19 was £500.00. • Bank of Scotland Acc: as at 30 Nov 19 £17,736.36. <p>414.2 To Approve December 2019 Payments for Sanction. Proposal: Proposed by BM, seconded by AB, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that the December payments are approved. Carried.</p>	
<p>(2019-20) 415</p>	<p>To Consider Planning Committee Report, Cllr S Ashwell Verbal update on applications received and Planning Committee recommendations.</p> <p>One application concerned a property at Buckden Marina . Cllr Underwood asked if there was any conflict of interest in relation to the Chair of the Planning Committee also being a resident at the Marina. It was confirmed that Cllr Ashworth had declared her interest at every meeting where the issue was discussed.</p>	
<p>(2019-20) 416</p>	<p>To Consider Update from Large Planning Committee, Cllr M Hassall Verbal update. Committee has not met this month. Cllrs SS, MH and the Clerk met with Bloor Homes concern re flooding raised. Drainage needs to be finalised. It was noted that no enforcement action had been taken in relation to the removal of the ancient hedges. PC had offered an ecology consultant for additional advice which was turned down. An advertisement for the development has been put up on the roundabout without necessary permission. Bloor Homes said they were seeking retrospective planning permission. It was agreed that the issues should be raised with the enforcement department of HDC.</p>	<p>Cllr SS & MH</p>
<p>(2019-20) 417</p>	<p>Compliance Advisory Group, Cllr C Underwood Report attached. 417.1 Proposal:</p>	

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	<p>To include the Casual Vacancy Advice note as an Addendum to the Standing Orders.</p> <p>Proposal: Proposed by CU, seconded by AHJ, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that the proposal is accepted. Carried.</p> <p>417.2 Proposal:</p> <p>To agree revised Safeguarding Policy.</p> <p>Proposal: Proposed by CU, seconded by SA, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that the proposal is accepted. Carried.</p>	
<p>(2019-20) 418</p>	<p>General Purposes and Cemetery Advisory Group, Cllr B Millard</p> <p>Verbal update.</p> <p>Failure of the lights at the switch on event appears to be a timer problem. Timer issue to be resolved at next meeting with the contractor.</p> <p>Cemetery fence was put up Monday 9th December, the gap will be rectified.</p> <p>Churchyard – some work done to the brambles already, PC to find out by whom.</p> <p>Defibrillator was offered by Bloor Homes. PC discussed the offer. There are two defibrillators in the village the possibility of donating this one to Buckden Marina was discussed. PC agreed to accept the offer and then make a decision on its siting. It was agreed the Clerk should check if the Ambulance Service know where the defibrillators are in the area.</p>	<p>Cllr BM</p> <p>Cllr BM</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>(2019-20) 419</p>	<p>Climate Change Mitigation Advisory Group, Cllr A Jones</p> <p>Report attached.</p> <p>‘What on Earth Can Buckden Do?’ will be held on Sat 11 Jan 2020.</p> <p>A4 poster advertising the event presented to PC and will be delivered to every household in the village. It was agreed to combine leafleting the village together with the NP leaflet in mid Dec. Posters and leaflets have been provided for school. The school will be incorporating the activity into their curriculum.</p> <p>It has been advertised on the PC website and Notice Boards. There will be a number of good speakers and stalls. It is a family friendly event and there is no entrance fee.</p> <p>PC need to staff the event and therefore seeking Cllrs support on the day roles need filling.</p>	<p>Cllr AJ</p> <p>Cllr AHJ</p>
<p>(2019-20) 420</p>	<p>Highways and Road Safety Advisory Group, Cllr E Scott</p> <p>Report attached.</p> <p>Yellow lines are especially bad at the corner by A Furbank shop. Highways officer noted that these will be reinstated by CCC, but other areas will not be reinstated..</p> <p>Dropped kerbs survey carried and problematic areas identified. The list will be submitted to CCC for their advice. Village needs about 8 dropped kerbs. CCC did some works on kerbs before, but this was found not to be sufficient. The most problematic areas will be logged onto the CCC online fault reporting system. There was discussion of the PC offering to fund the work.</p> <p>Cycle parking locations: suggested by the phone box in the High St and by the Butchers (this is private area).</p> <p>Flooding on Church Street will not resolve the Hunts End issue. AJ reported Hunts End issues online and attached photos, no feedback yet. The faults can be reported via: https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults</p> <p>Perry Rd Scheme discussed. R Sreaton presented two options for PC Decision.</p>	<p>Cllr ES</p>

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	<p>The PC agreed Option B: 2 No. Mobile Units, 2 No. Solar packs, 1 No. External charger plus carriage. The Parish Council are expecting to pay £3000 towards the whole works the additional equipment will cost an extra £2473 which the Parish Council is prepared to pay. This is assuming that there is no CCC mark-up. CC will be asked to confirm the exact charge to the Parish. Confirmation is needed that CC will be removing the old VAS units.</p> <p>Proposal: Proposed by AB, seconded by ES, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that the Option B is approved. Carried.</p> <p>In addition it is the Parish Council's strong view that two gates should be installed the CCC highlighted the issue of the hedge trimming, the Parish Council agreed that they can assist with trimming back the hedgerow if this is the only issue. An on-site meeting can be arranged.</p>	<p>RS</p> <p>RS</p>
<p>(2019-20) 421</p>	<p>Rights of Way and Trees Advisory Group, Cllr C Underwood Report attached. Great Ouse Valley Way Trust (GOVT) feedback provided following the meeting on 30 Nov 2019. Summary circulated prior to the meeting.</p>	
<p>(2019-20) 422</p>	<p>Allotments Advisory Group, Cllr S Studd Verbal update. One new tenant. Rent has been collected.</p>	
<p>(2019-20) 423</p>	<p>The Buckden Cycle Route Advisory Group, Cllr A Burbidge Verbal update. Clerk to amend agenda to show the joint group in the future.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>(2019-20) 424</p>	<p>Meeting with Village Hall Trust, Cllr C Underwood Quiz night – the event now cancelled due to the shortage of interest. Cllr U gave an update from Cllr PS in her absence, at their last meeting the Village Hall Trust agreed that certain areas of the Playing Field can be designated green space area. The Valley is excluded. It was also noted that the new locking up procedure introduced for VH.</p>	
<p>(2019-20) 425</p>	<p>Digital Communications Advisory Group, Cllr M Hassall Verbal update. The AG met today and discussed the PC website which has been an issue recently. Three options/quotes will be presented for Jan PC.</p>	<p>Cllr MH</p>
<p>(2019-20) 426</p>	<p>Correspondence received Dealt with.</p>	
<p>(2019-20) 427</p>	<p>Communication, Cllr A Howell-Jones Office hours over the Christmas time discussed. Office will be closed between Christmas and New year.</p>	
<p>(2019-20) 428</p>	<p>Date of the next meeting Tue 14 January 2020 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.</p>	

Meeting finished 8.55pm

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