

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 14th February 2012 at the Buckden Millennium Community Centre at 7.45pm

Present:

Councillor Hayward (A/Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Barrett Mrs Tewson

Mrs Woods Griffin

Holden

County Councillor Richard West, and

John Chase (Parish Clerk)

(2011-12) 126	<p>Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Shirley, Mrs Millard, Clough, Day, Hunstone, MacAndrew and Richardson.</p>	
(2011-12) 127	<p>Declaration of Interest None were declared</p>	
(2011-12) 128	<p>Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January were agreed and signed. All actions had been discharged. County Cllr West explained that the issue over planning enforcement was on going but specific enquiries would be dealt with by the team. <i>Note subsequent to the meeting he was advised of a forthcoming meeting of members to decide the future of planning enforcement reports.</i></p>	
(2011-12) 129	<p>County and District Councillors Reports 129.1 County Councillor West reported that he was pleased to see the issue of the Post Office was on the agenda. He also explained the District Council now had a team that was looking to pick-up on community events such as the mini-Olympics to see if there could be longer term benefits. 129.2 District Councillor Clough had offered his apologies for his absence.</p>	
(2011-12) 130	<p>Finance 130.1 Monthly reports were presented to the meeting. Copies are attached to these minutes. 130.2 Cllr Mrs Tewson proposed and Cllr Mrs Barrett seconded the payments for sanction and they were agreed unanimously. Copy attached. 130.3 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Woods and seconded by Cllr Griffin and agreed unanimously that a donation of £120 be made to the Cambridgeshire Police Shrievally Trust. 130.4 It was proposed by Cllr Griffin and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tewson and agreed unanimously that a donation of £100 be made to the St Neots Museum. 130.5 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Barrett and seconded by Cllr Griffin and agreed unanimously that the fees for Buckden Cemetery be increased with effect from 1st April 2012 in line with the Clerks proposals (attached). In future the fees would be reviewed annually.</p>	
(2011-12) 131	<p>Planning 131.1 Reports were given on the planning meetings held on 24th January and 14th February 131.2 In response to a request from the Common Barn Wind Farm Action Group, based in Southoe the Council decided not to give financial support but would refer them to the library.</p>	
(2011-12)	<p>General Purposes.</p>	

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132	<p>132.1 It was agreed to repair the windows in the bus shelter on the green at a cost of approx. £75:00 + VAT.</p> <p>132.2 A request from the Buckden and Southoe Scouts looking for financial support towards the costs of a forthcoming trip to an international camp in Cologne in exchange for undertaking suitable work within the village was discussed. A number of tasks were identified including tree planting, clearing our ditches, and cutting back brambles and general tidying of the valley area. In return for this it was unanimously agreed a payment of £250-£300 would be made.</p>	
(2011-12) 133	<p>Footpaths and Trees</p> <p>The Tree Warden reported that a further batch of trees had now been planted on the school playing field during February.</p> <p>It was reported that a recent request from the Parish and County Councils that the Anglian Water Road should be formalised as a Permissive Path has been rejected by the Board's agents and the Council must, therefore, take other steps to ensure that we can continue to walk this local amenity. The Parish Council intends to submit an application under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to have the road designated a Permissive Path</p>	
(2011-12) 134	<p>Transport Working Group</p> <p>Councillor Hayward reported that two letters had been sent to the Department for Transport and copied to the local MP giving the Councils views on the A14.</p>	
(2011-12) 135	<p>General Correspondence</p> <p>135.1 It was agreed not to send a representative to the forthcoming meeting of the Huntingdonshire Flood Forum.</p> <p>135.2 A discussion had taken place at the earlier open forum over the recent changes to Buckden Post Office and after further discussion it was agreed that a letter would be sent setting out the Councils concerns particularly in the areas of security, privacy, congestion, effect on elderly residents, International Parcels, foreseen Christmas Chaos and the loss of the social benefits that a visit to the old Post Office provided. Cllrs Mrs Tewson to draft a letter.</p>	Cllr Mrs Tewson
(2011-12) 136	<p>Items for report.</p> <p>The meeting was reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on 22nd May 2012 at 7pm. If any member had any ideas on a possible guest speaker to let the Clerk know.</p> <p>Cllr Hayward gave some brief feedback on the recent localism meeting and said the day had centred on trying to promote greater teamwork.</p> <p>Councillors were made aware of recent correspondence from both Nene and Ouse Community transport and Age Concern.</p>	All

Signed

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