

# BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at the Buckden Millennium Community Centre at 7.45pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Barrett Mrs Millard

Mrs Surridge Mrs Tewson

Day Hayward

Holden MacAndrew

Richardson

County Councillor Richard West

and John Chase (Parish Clerk)

(2012-13) 118	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Woods, Clough, Hunstone, Gaughan and Griffin.	
(2012-13) 119	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations of interest.	
(2012-13) 120	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2013 were agreed and signed.	
(2012-13) 121	<b>County and District Councillors Reports</b> County Councillor West gave a full update on the problems over the street lighting upgrade. (see 123 below) District Councillor Clough had sent his apologies.	
(2012-13) 122	<b>Finance</b> 122.1 Monthly reports were presented to the meeting. Copies are attached to these minutes. 122.2 Cllr Mrs Shirley proposed and Cllr Mrs Barrett seconded the payments for sanction and they were agreed. Copy attached. 122.3 The Clerk reported that the Council would be receiving a grant of £3620 from the District Council to offset some of the change in tax base for the 2013-2014 year and the Parish Council precept for an average band D property would rise by £2.07 per annum resulting in the total budget of £77928 as earlier agreed by the Council 122.4 It was unanimously agreed to accept the increase from £360 to £415 per annum in the allotment field rent.	
(2012-13) 123	<b>Highways and Road Safety</b> 123.1 Street Lighting County Councillor West reported that the County Council had accepted that there had been some fundamental errors in the way the programme had been carried out and that there would be some remedial work to overcome some of these problems which he was still discussing with the project team. He reported that one of the objectives of street lighting was to minimise crime and this may not have been fully taken on board in some of designs used in Buckden. He added that the District Council had not made any specific requirements for work in the conservation area. Concern was raised over the way that the digging up of verges had been approached and the poor level of re-instatement and this would be taken up with the project team. Cllr Richardson had put together a comprehensive report which is attached to these minutes and this outlined the issues identified to date both County Councillor West and the Parish Council thanked Cllr Richardson for the work he had put in. Cllr Hayward said that in his opinion the new lighting in Perry Road was less effective for drivers than the previous scheme because of the spacing having created a series of light and dark areas which were a hazard to road safety. A14 The Transport Working Group had met with the County Councillor and was concerned that the A14 was being discussed at district and county levels without any involvement or consultation with the parishes. It was agreed that Cllr Hayward would write, on behalf of the	

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	<p>Council to the Local MP Jonathan Djanogly.</p> <p>The A1 Safety Group. Cllr Mrs Shirley was to succeed District Cllr Mrs Boddington as Chairman of the group and that following a further recent fatal accident at Diddington a meeting was being arranged urgently with the Highways Agency.</p>	Cllr Hayward
(2012-13) 124	<p><b>Footpaths and Trees</b></p> <p>124.1 Report attached to these minutes. 124.2 It was agreed that the Jubilee tree guard would be installed around an oak tree on the village green. 124.3 The point was raised that Grafham water was being run at 75% capacity to allow work to be carried out and the question was asked as to whether this could be exacerbating the problems at the dam on FP 3 by allowing more water into the Diddington Brook. The question would be asked of the Environment Agency. 124.4 Three quotes had been received for carrying out identified tree work and these were being scrutinised by the tree warden and the Clerk who was given the authority to go ahead with the best quote.</p>	Clerk
(2012-13) 125	<p><b>Village Hall Trust</b></p> <p>It was reported that Wicksteed had now completed their part of the repairs to the Children's playground. The vacant post for a Village Hall Administrator has now been advertised. A ball was to be held in the Village Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> July as part of Village Festival Weekend</p>	
(2012-13) 126	<p><b>Other items that need decisions.</b></p> <p>126.1 It was agreed that the option of a 12 month extension of membership from the Ramblers would be taken in consideration of the overcharging that had been made in 2012. 126.2 It was agreed that the members would undertake the delivery of the Councils Annual Report and members were ask to let the Clerk know which streets they were prepared to cover.</p>	
(2012-13) 127	<p><b>Items for Information</b></p> <p>127.1 The 2013 Annual Parish Meeting was to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. The candidates for the forthcoming County Councillor election would be invited to address the meeting.</p>	

Signed .....

Date.....