

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 8th July 2014 at the Buckden Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)

Councillors: Bennett Carter Day Hunstone

MacAndrew Mrs Millard Moore Richardson Walker

County Councillor Mrs Wisson, 28 members of the public and J

Chase (Parish Clerk)

(2014-15) 19	<p>Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Hayward.</p>	
(2014-15) 20	<p>Open Forum A representative from WSP who were carrying out the feasibility study into level crossing closures for Network Rail. It was explained that the current public consultation exercise would close at the end of August 2014. WSP were currently looking at alternatives to replace the Offord level crossing and would be displaying them at the public exhibitions to be held in Offord Village Hall on 19th and 24th July 2014. It was explained that the study had been brought about by the plans to upgrade the trains and signalling on the East Coast mainline route over the coming years and in order to achieve maximum benefits from these upgrades in terms of faster trains and journeys and more efficient use of the route it was necessary to look at closing all of the 73 crossings between London and Doncaster, 23 of these were in the Beds and Cambs section of the line. In response to questions it was stated that there was no intention to close the crossing without provision of an alternative local route, possibly a new bridge over the railway line, not the river, to the north of the existing crossing. Following the feasibility study Network Rail would decide whether to proceed with the plan and if so there would be a public enquiry in 2015-16 with the plan to start work in 2017.</p>	
(2014-15) 21	<p>Declarations of Interest Councillors Mrs Shirley, Day and Walker declared their interests in the item on Allotment Rents as they or their spouses were allotment tenants.</p>	
(2014-15) 22	<p>Minutes 22.1 The minutes of the Meeting held on 10th June were agreed and signed. 22.2 Actions were Agenda items for this meeting.</p>	
(2014-15) 23	<p>County and District Councillors Reports 23.1. County Councillor Mrs Wisson reported that she would not be holding a surgery in August. It was also reported that recently released data showed that since 2009 there had been 13, 9 day and 4 night time, accidents at the Buckden roundabout, and that there were now 20,000 vehicles using the roundabout each day. County Cllr Mrs Wisson was pressing for more signage, warning of speed checks, to be installed. So far 140 people had signed the petition asking for improvements to the roundabout. 23.2 District Councillor Hayward had sent his apologies and had submitted a written report.</p>	
(2014-15) 24	<p>Finance 24.1 Monthly updates were presented to the meeting. 24.2 Payments for sanction were proposed by Cllr Hunstone and seconded by Cllr Mrs Millard and agreed unanimously.</p>	

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	24.3 It was proposed by Cllr Hunstone and seconded by Cllr Bennett that the annual rent for an allotment plot remains at £15:00 for the year commencing 1 st November 2014.	
(2013-14) 25	Planning 25.1 A report was given on the Planning Committee meetings held on 24 th June and 8 th July 2014. 25.2 The Council agreed that there was no need to enter discussions on the upgrade to the mobile phone mast in Taylors Lane (west).	
(2013-14) 26	General Purposes Working Group 26.1 A report on the meeting held on 24 th June had been presented to the meeting. 26.2 It was unanimously agreed that the Council would again install its festive lights in the High Street for the Christmas period.	
(2013-14) 27	Transport Working Group. 27.1 The Working Group was to investigate how to go about getting the inclusion of a Buckden A1 by-pass in the Cambridge County Council Strategic Transport Plan.	
(2013-14) 28	Buckden VHT The rent for the Clerk's office had been agreed at £1200p.a. all inclusive for a period of 3 years.	
(2013-14) 29	Trees and PROW Working Group. 29.1 A written report had been presented to the meeting. 29.2 The proposal from the landowner to reroute FP 1 between Cranfield Close and Stirtloe Lane was discussed and the meeting agreed that it would not support the re-routing of this long established path that connected the villages of Diddington, Stirtloe and Buckden	
(2013-14) 30	General Correspondence 30.1 The meeting agreed that the Council would not participate in the Local Joint Committee (LJC) being proposed by Kimbolton. 30.2 The Council would discuss the provision of Wi-Fi with the VHT and the Village Club. Cllr Carter would take the lead on this.	Cllr Carter
(2013-14) 31	Items for Report Only The Chairman read out a letter of thanks from former Councillor Mrs Woods.	

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