

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 11th July 2017 at the Buckden Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor Carter (Chairman)

Councillors: Bennett, Mrs Millard, Day, Hayward, MacAndrew

County Councillor Downes, 1 member of the public and J Chase (Parish Clerk) and G West

(2017-18) 30	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Hunstone, Emeleus, Moore, Underwood, Mrs Howell-Jones, Sreaton, Mrs Shirley, Mrs Burbidge, Pye	
(2017-18) 31	Open Forum One member of the public asked about land at the rear of Manor Close, whose land it is and whose responsibility it is to maintain good condition. The Clerk will try to ascertain ownership.	Clerk
(2017-18) 32	Declarations of Interest. There were none	
(2017-18) 33	Minutes The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 th June 2017 were agreed and signed.	
(2017-18) 34	County and District Councillor Reports 34.1 County Cllr Downes had circulated a report before the meeting (see attached). County Cllr Downes offered his support to the Highways Working Group with regards to the LHI bid. 34.2 District Cllr Hayward reported that HDC are looking to improve communication with Parish/Town Councils and want to make better use of technology. District Cllr Hayward will be attending the Parish Council Group meeting on 9 th October and asked for another Councillor to also attend. District Cllr Hayward reported to the meeting that he has reported an abandoned van (Mayfield Road) to the police.	
(2017-18) 35	Finance 35.1 The meeting was given the update to 30 th June 2017. 35.2 Payments for sanction were proposed by Cllr MacAndrew and seconded by Cllr Mrs Millard and approved. 35.3 To consider application for Grant Aid of £200 from Buckden & District Churches Together towards Holidays at Home & Holiday Club this summer. Proposed by Cllr Bennett & seconded by Cllr Day. Agreed. 35.4 To consider application from Buckden Village Hall Trust for £1145.23 to supply and fit 'no swimming' signs & 2 lifebuoys as required by insurers. Signs £355.85, lifebuoys 539.38, fixing £250. Cllr Hayward proposed that no donation be made and to decline the application outright as there has been no inclination to find other funding. Seconded by Cllr Bennett. Agreed unanimously. 35.5. To consider application for Grant Aid of £150 towards the annual Summer Reading Challenge in Buckden Library. Proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr MacAndrew. Agreed unanimously.	
(2017-18) 36	Planning Committee 36.1 A report was given on the Planning Committee meetings held on 27 th June & 11 th July. 36.2 Cllr MacAndrew asked the Parish Council that the Planning Committee meet to discuss & respond to the HDC Local Plan to 2036. All present agreed.	

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<p>(2017-18) 37</p>	<p>General Purposes Working Group.</p> <p>37.1 Cllr Mrs Millard gave a verbal report on progress of obtaining tenders for repair work to the children's playground. Cllr Mrs Millard requested permission to approach the Mick George Community Fund. Cllr Hayward proposed that the GP Working Group be given the authority to make the application. Seconded by Cllr MacAndrew. Agreed.</p> <p>37.2 Cllr Mrs Millard gave a verbal report on progress of obtaining tenders to refurbish the BT kiosk with quotes ranging from £4000 to £5000. The matter will be discussed further at the GP Working Group.</p> <p>37.3 Cllr Hayward asked that it be noted that Cllr Mrs Millard had arranged a very good defibrillator training session last month, but was appalled at the lack of interest in the training session, particularly from the local sports clubs.</p>	
<p>(2017-18) 38</p>	<p>Highways and Road Safety Working Group</p> <p>38.1 See report of 4th July 2017 (attached).</p> <p>38.2 Cllr Carter reported that in his absence Cllr Screaton had asked that a crossing on Church Street be mentioned and that there would be further discussion in September.</p>	
<p>(2017-18) 39</p>	<p>Rights of Way and Trees Working Group</p> <p>See report of 23rd June 2017 (attached).</p>	
<p>(2017-18) 40</p>	<p>To Consider general correspondence received and any responses and actions.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that a member of the public has expressed concern regarding vehicles speeding on Mayfield. The matter will be referred to PCSO Braddock.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>(2017-18) 41</p>	<p>Items for report only.</p> <p>41.1 Parish Council Photographic Competition: See attached report.</p> <p>41.2 The Chairman passed on his thanks and appreciation to the retiring Clerk, John Chase. This was echoed by the rest of the Council.</p>	

Signed

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