

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 12th June 2012 at the Buckden Millennium Community Centre at 7.15pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Barrett Mrs Tewson

Mrs Millard Mrs Woods

Clough Day

Gaughan Griffin

Holden MacAndrew

Richardson

1 member of the public

and John Chase (Parish Clerk)

(2012-13) 21	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Hayward and Hunstone and County Councillor West.	
(2012-13) 22	Declarations of Interest Councillors Mrs Barrett and Day declared a personal interest in the Agenda item 30.1 as they were allotment plot holders. Cllr MacAndrew pointed out that he was a payee on the payments for sanction list and Cllr Mrs Shirley declared her interest in item 25.4	
(2012-13) 23	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 8 th May 2012 were agreed and signed. The action had been discharged.	
(2012-13) 24	County and District Councillors Reports 24.1 County Councillor Richard West sent his apologies. 24.2 District Councillor Clough reported that the Parish Council will be invited to a seminar called Huntingdonshire Matters to be held in September which would be looking at the way forward for the District over the next 5 to 10 years. He also reported that there had been recent approval to plans for improvements to the Huntingdon town centre.	
(2012-13) 25	Finance 25.1 Monthly reports were presented to the meeting. Copies are attached to these minutes. 25.2 Cllr Mrs Shirley proposed and Cllr Mrs Millard seconded the payments for sanction and they were agreed unanimously. Copy attached. 25.3 It was proposed by Cllr Holden and seconded by Cllr Mrs Millard that £50 (£25 1 st , £15 2 nd and £10 3 rd prizes) should be given to the winners of the Best Kept Allotment competition the proposal was agreed. 25.4 Cllr Mrs Millard proposed and Cllr MacAndrew seconded that the Chairman should be paid £120 allowance for the year 2012-2013.	
(2012-13) 26	Planning 26.1 Report was given on the planning meetings held on 29 th May 26.2 Following discussion it was agreed by 9 votes to nil with 2 abstentions that the council would recommend refusal of the planning application 1200803FUL for the erection of 3 wind turbines on land north west of Church Farm Southoe. The reasons for the refusal were: The effect on the road network, both the A1 and possibly Perry Road. The turbines closeness to residential properties and the safety and noise concerns that this presents. The effect on the wildlife, including bats and birds and the disregard of the guidance given in PPS9. The detrimental effect on the landscape. 26.3 In response to the Issues and Option consultation on the new Huntingdonshire local plan it was agreed by 10 votes to nil with 1 abstention that the Parish Council would support option B of the high growth strategy which concentrated most of the extra growth into Alconbury, Wyton and St Neots with no change to Buckden and Brampton beyond that already planned.	
(2012-13) 27	General Purposes. Cllr Mrs Millard proposed and Cllr Mrs Barrett seconded that a payment of £300 should be made to the Southoe and Buckden Scouts in recognition of the work that they had carried out in the valley. The proposal was agreed unanimously.	

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(2012-13) 28	Parish Charter Minutes of the most recent meeting of the working party had been copied to Councillors and the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 18 th .	
(2012-13) 29	Highways and Road Safety 29.1 The Highways and Road Safety working group had looked into the proposals for the upgrade of street lighting and their recommendation with the addition of one additional light in Lincoln Close was agreed. The question of whether the lights on the High Street near the Shops and Hotels should be changed to decorative lights was left open to see if funding could be obtained from the businesses in the village. 29.2 A report on the recent meeting of the A1 safety working group had been circulated. 29.3 It was reported that the Councils submission under the Minor Highways Improvement scheme had been unsuccessful. 29.4 The working group were asking for a speedwatch session to be carried out in Silver Street in response to the recent letter received.	
(2012-13) 30	Allotments It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Millard and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tewson that the allotment rent for the year 2012-2013 remains unchanged at £15 per plot.	
(2012-13) 31	Buckden VHT Cllr Mrs Shirley reported that the meeting with the VHT had been held and the points made at the Parish Council meeting had been put over. The Council was awaiting a new proposal from the VHT.	
(2012-13) 32	Buckden Post Office Cllr Mrs Tewson reported back on a meeting that had been held with One Stop. The Councils concerns, over privacy, security, space for queuing and staff training had been taken away and passed on to more senior Managers. To date nothing further had been heard.	
(2012-13) 33	Items for report. 33.1 It was reported that 6 councillors would be attending the training on S106, CIL, Localism and Neighbourhood Planning on the 14 th June 33.2 The date for the 2013 Annual Parish meeting had been set as 23rd April 2013..	

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