

# BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 11th June 2013 at the Buckden Village Hall at 7.45pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Woods Mrs Millard

Mrs Tewson Mrs Surridge

Clough Griffin

Hayward Hunstone

MacAndrew Richardson

County Councillor Julie Wisson, and John Chase (Parish Clerk)

(2013-14) 18	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Day.	
(2013-14) 19	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Cllrs Mrs Shirley and Cllr Griffin both declared their interests in relation to the item 26 on the Agenda regarding allotments. Cllr Mrs Shirley declared an interest in item 22.4 "Chairman's allowance"	
(2013-14) 20	<b>Minutes</b> 20.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2013 were agreed after amendment and signed. Actions from the minutes of the meeting of 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2013. 149.1 Balfour Beatty had worked on the verges in Perry Road. 152.1 Ongoing.	Cllr Mrs Millard
(2013-14) 21	<b>County and District Councillors Reports</b> 21.1 County Councillor Julie Wisson reported that from April 2014 the governance of the County Council will change from cabinet based to committee based. She added that she had become a member of both the Children's and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Fire Authority. The council was also backing the recently launched campaign, Smokefree Homes and Cars to eliminate the dangers to young people from second hand smoke. 21.2 District Councillor Clough explained the reasoning behind the introduction of charging for second garden waste bins. He was asked what the council intends to do if local residents refuse to cut 'Council grass' outside their houses and on adjacent verges' He agreed to find out. He reported that a new Managing Director (formerly CEO) had been appointed.	District Cllr Clough
(2013-14) 22	<b>Finance</b> 22.1 Monthly reports were presented to the meeting. Copies are attached to these minutes. 22.2 Cllr Hunstone proposed and Cllr Mrs Millard seconded the payments for sanction and they were agreed unanimously. Copy attached. 22.3 Cllr Hunstone proposed and Cllr MacAndrew seconded the proposal to provided £50 as prizes for the Best Kept Allotment competition. 22.4 A decision on the Chairman's allowance was deferred until September.	
(2013-14) 23	<b>Planning</b> 23.1 A report was given on the planning meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2013	
(2013-14) 24	<b>General Purposes.</b> 24.1 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Shirley and seconded by Cllr Mrs Tewson and agreed unanimously that the Parish Council would again install the lights in the High Street.	

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(2013-14) 25	<p><b>Highways and Road Safety</b></p> <p>25.1 Discussion took place on whether the provision of flashing signs on the A1 would help improve access from the roundabout. It was decided that better signage on the southbound carriageway indicating the concealed junction with the High Street would be a better option.</p> <p>25.2 It was reported that the Highways Agency had now agreed to install a 60mph speed limit on the A1, from south of Southoe to the 50mph limit South of Buckden, that will be monitored by average speed cameras. The work should be completed in 2014.</p>	
(2013-14) 26	<p><b>Allotment Working Group</b></p> <p>It was agreed to leave the allotment rents unchanged for the forthcoming year.</p>	
(2013-14) 27	<p><b>Buckden VHT</b></p> <p>Report attached to these minutes..</p>	
(2013-14) 28	<p><b>Footpaths and Trees</b></p> <p>28.1 It was reported that the Environment Agency had reduced the height of the dam in the Diddington brook and pumped the surfaced water from FP3 which was now passable, if muddy in places, and should improve over the summer months.</p> <p>28.2 It could be sometime before the status of the Anglia Water Road is resolved and therefore it was agreed to go ahead and redraw the village FP map and print a small quantity to meet demand.</p> <p>28.3 It was reported that FP7 was overgrown.</p> <p>28.4 The tree warden sought agreement to ask for a TPO to be put on the large oak tree at the rear of 8 Glebe Lane. The course of action was agreed.</p>	Tree Warden
(2013-14) 29	<p><b>Huntingdonshire Flood Forum</b></p> <p>Cllr MacAndrew reported that he had found the meeting both interesting and informative. He had been surprised by the number of diverse authorities involved in keeping Huntingdonshire free of flooding. It had been confirmed that the maintenance of the Taylor's Lane awarded watercourse remains the responsibility of HDC.</p>	
(2013-14) 30	<p><b>To Consider General Correspondence received and any Responses and Actions.</b></p> <p>CPRE Annual General Meeting. The meeting is scheduled to take place on 11<sup>th</sup> July in St Ives Corn Exchange.</p>	
(2013-14) 31	<p><b>Items for report.</b></p> <p>The village festival was taking place between July 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup></p>	

Signed .....

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