

# BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at the Buckden Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (A/Chairman)

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| Councillors: | Bennett | Mrs Burbidge | Day              |
|              | Emeleus | Hayward      | Mrs Howell-Jones |
|              | Pye     | Screaton     | Ms Underwood     |

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

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| <b>(2017-18)<br/>18</b> | <b>Apologies</b><br>Apologies were received from Cllrs Carter, Hunstone, MacAndrew, Mrs Millard and Moore.   |  |
| <b>(2017-18)<br/>19</b> | <b>Open Forum</b><br>Nothing raised  |  |
| <b>(2017-18)<br/>20</b> | <b>Declarations of Interest.</b><br>There were none  |  |
| <b>(2017-18)<br/>21</b> | <b>Minutes</b><br>The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 were agreed and signed.   |  |
| <b>(2017-18)<br/>22</b> | <b>County and District Councillor Reports</b><br>22.1 County Cllr Downes had circulated a report before the meeting (see attached) and it was agreed to form a working group to look in to Buckden matters raised during his canvassing for his post.<br>22.2 District Cllr Hayward reported that the current licence for gravel extraction in Diddington expired at the end of the year. A new application was expected. He was also talking to Lafarge about the restoration of the Buckden processing site. He advised that the latest issue of the local plan would be made public in early July and the Council would have 8 weeks to respond.  |  |
| <b>(2017-18)<br/>23</b> | <b>Finance</b><br>23.1 The meeting was given the update to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2017.<br>23.2 Payments for sanction were proposed by Cllr Mrs Shirley and seconded by Cllr Hayward and approved.<br><br>23.3 It was agreed to pay the Chairman an allowance of £120 for the year 2017-2018, proposed by Cllr Mrs Shirley and seconded by Cllr Hayward.<br><br>23.4 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Shirley and seconded by Cllr Bennett and agreed that the annual allotment rent remains at £15.00.<br><br>23.5.1 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Shirley and seconded by Cllr Emeleus that the prizes for the Best Kept Allotments would remain at £25.00, £15.00 and £10.00.<br><br>23.5.2 It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Shirley, seconded by Cllr Screaton and agreed that the prizes for the photographic competition would remain at £10 per for the winners of each age group in each category.<br><br>23.6 The Southoe and Buckden scouts had request a donation towards the costs of their forthcoming trip to the Ardeche in France. It was proposed by Cllr Howell-Jones that £500.00 be donated, seconded by Cllr Hayward and agreed.<br><br>23.7 It was agreed to add Cllr Carter to the bank mandates. |  |

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| <b>(2017-18)<br/>24</b> | <b>Planning Committee</b><br>24.1 A report was given on the Planning Committee meeting held on 30 <sup>th</sup> May.<br>24.2 Cllr Mrs Shirley gave a summary of the recent Planning Enquiry and the meeting endorsed a vote of thanks to Cllr MacAndrew for his work in putting together the Council's case.   |  |
| <b>(2017-18)<br/>25</b> | <b>General Purposes Working Group.</b><br>25.1 A report had been circulated (see attached)<br>25.2 It was agreed that the Council would install the Christmas lights in the High Street and on the green again this year.  |  |
| <b>(2017-18)<br/>26</b> | <b>Highways and Road Safety Working Group</b><br>See report.   |  |
| <b>(2017-18)<br/>27</b> | <b>Rights of Way and Trees Working Group</b><br>27.1 A report on meeting held 5 <sup>th</sup> May had been circulated.<br>27.2 Concerns were raised over the state of footpath B7 where it leaves Taylors Lane. The Clerk would supply details of a contractor to Cllr Ms Underwood.<br>27.3 It was agreed to send a letter to the District Council supporting the continuation of the Tree Warden Co-ordinator role.<br>It was agreed that the Council would send the Tree Warden on the Tree Management Seminar being arranged by HDC. |  |
| <b>(2017-18)<br/>28</b> | <b>To Consider general correspondence received and any responses and actions.</b><br>Cllr Hayward said that he would attend the Huntingdon Parish Council Conference on 15 <sup>th</sup> September   |  |
| <b>(2017-18)<br/>29</b> | <b>Items for report only.</b><br>The Clerk drew the meeting's attention to the recent announcement of roadworks on the A1 starting on 1 <sup>st</sup> July and running for 12 weeks approximately.   |  |

Signed .....

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