

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 13th March 2012 at the Buckden Millennium Community Centre at 7.45pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Barrett Mrs Tewson

Mrs Woods Mrs Millard

Clough Griffin

Hayward Holden

Hunstone MacAndrew

Richardson

County Councillor Richard West, 1 member of the public and John Chase (Parish Clerk)

(2011-12) 137	<p>Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Day and Cllr Goodger had resigned from the Council owing to pressure of work commitments.</p>	
(2011-12) 138	<p>Declaration of Interest None were declared</p>	
(2011-12) 139	<p>Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 14th February were agreed and signed. Actions arising from the minutes: 128 It was reported that enforcement reports would be resumed although the format and frequency was still to be decided. 135 A letter had been sent to the Post Office and subsequently a meeting had taken place (notes attached). The next step would be to talk to One Stop. 136 It was suggested that a Small Business Advisor might be a good choice for speaker at the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Clough would talk to HDC and Cllr Mrs Barrett would contact contacts in the banking world.</p>	<p>Cllr Tewson Cllrs Clough and Cllr Mrs Barrett</p>
(2011-12) 140	<p>County and District Councillors Reports 140.1 County Councillor West reported that the decision had been taken to reduce the HDC grants to the voluntary sector by 28% in the year 2013-14 and discussion on how this should be achieved would take place in the last quarter of 2012. 129.2 District Councillor Clough reported that the HDC Council Tax would rise by 3.5% this year and the decision had been supported by all parties. He explained that the annual meeting of the HDC would focus on localism and would include speakers from town and parish councils. Cllr Hayward was going to represent Buckden Parish Council and would speak if possible.</p>	
(2011-12) 141	<p>Finance 141.1 Monthly reports were presented to the meeting. Copies are attached to these minutes. 141.2 Cllr Hunstone proposed and Cllr Mrs Shirley seconded the payments for sanction and they were agreed unanimously. Copy attached. 141.3 It was proposed by Cllr Hunstone and seconded by Cllr Richardson and agreed unanimously that a donation of £120 be made to the Children's Summer Reading Challenge at Buckden Library. It was pointed out that these requests need to be made on the Councils adopted forms to ensure that we are seen to be following our own procedures.</p>	
(2011-12)	<p>Planning</p>	

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142	142.1 Reports were given on the planning meetings held on 13 th March.	
(2011-12) 143	General Purposes. 143.1 The next meeting would be held on 27 th March.	
(2011-12) 144	Footpaths and Trees The Clerk was to make sure that Anglian Water were made aware of the action being taken to formally make the road a permissive path.	Clerk
(2011-12) 145	Buckden VHT A letter recently received from the VHT was discussed and it was agreed that this would be considered by the working group and a report made to the April meeting.	
(2011-12) 146	Library Working Group 146.1 Cllr Richardson gave a brief summary of the recent meeting held with the County Council with representatives of Southoe and Diddington on the use of the Library as a neighbourhood hub. He thought that the County Council representatives had gone away impressed with the role of the Buckden Community Centre in the Village. 146.2 Cllr Richardson reported that a meeting of Library Volunteers was planned for Wednesday 15 th March.	
(2011-12) 147	Staffing The Clerk reported the forthcoming retirement of Tim Prince and that Paul Ryan would be working fulltime to cover.	
(2011-12) 148	Allotments Cllr Mrs Barrett reported that the allotments were looking mch tidier and only one plot was giving serious concern. It was agreed to revisit this after Easter (April 11 th)	
(2011-12) 149	To Consider General Correspondence received and any Responses and Actions. 149.1 Daniel Clarke from the County Council had addressed the Open Forum on the Cambridge Future Transport project that was addressing the issues that could result from the withdrawal of bus route subsidies over the next two years. He stressed the need to collect information on residents needs from local transport to feed into the discussions locally when they take place.	Transport Working Group
(2011-12) 150	Items for report. The meeting was reminded of the forthcoming meeting of St Neots Neighbourhood Forum which was taking place on Moday 26 th March, 7pm at Little Paxton Primary School. Information was given on the Trading Standards project Buy with Confidence and the forthcoming exhibition in Huntingdon Library, 21 st March 10am to 3pm.	

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