

# BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at the Buckden Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Millard Mrs Woods Bennett Clough  
Day Hayward Hunstone MacAndrew  
Moore Richardson Walker

County Councillor Mrs Wisson, six members of the public and John Chase (Parish Clerk)

(2013-14) 146	<b>Apologies</b> No apologies were received	
(2013-14) 147	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations of interest	
(2013-14) 148	<b>Open Forum</b> Topics raised were speeding in vicinity of the School; the muddiness and slippery slopes in the valley; concerns over the open fire in the proposed pool room at 52 Silver St.	
(2013-14) 149	<b>Minutes</b> 149.1 The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> February were agreed and signed. 149.2 The minutes of the Meeting held on 11 <sup>th</sup> February were agreed and signed..	
(2013-14) 150	<b>County and District Councillors Reports</b> 150.1 County Councillor Mrs Wisson reported that a boundary review of the County Council's divisions was being undertaken and any changes would be implemented in time for the 2017 elections. 150.2 District Councillor Clough had nothing to report.	
(2013-14) 151	<b>Finance</b> 151.1 Monthly reports were presented to the meeting. Copies are attached to these minutes. 151.2. Cllr Hunstone proposed and Cllr Mrs Millard seconded the February payments for sanction and they were agreed. 151.3 Cllr Hunstone proposed and Cllr Hayward seconded the proposal to accept the quote from Balfour Beatty in respect of upgrading the Council's street lights and in view of their position as recommended suppliers and maintainers of the County's lights not to seek further quotes. This was agreed. 151.4 The Clerk was asked to see if one of the suppliers quoting to supply new gates for the allotments could reduce their price. 151.5 It was proposed by Cllr Hayward and seconded by Cllr MacAndrew and agreed that a Grant of £250 was made to Buckfest on the condition that if there are to be charitable donations the first £250:00 would be donated to a Parish Council approved charity. 151.6 It was proposed by Cllr Hunstone and seconded by Cllr Hayward and agreed that the Parish Council would support the Buckden Village Hall Trust by paying towards the upkeep of the playing surface in line with the quote submitted by Pro Lawn Care.	Clerk
(2013-14) 152	<b>Planning</b> Reports were given on the Planning Committee meetings held on 25 <sup>th</sup> February and 11 <sup>th</sup> March.	
(2013-14)	<b>General Purposes Working Group</b>	

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153	153.1 A report had been submitted to the meeting and is attached to these minutes. 153.2 The Council's Winter Service Procedure was agreed unanimously subject to completion of a risk assessment.	
(2013-14) 154	<b>Transport Working Group.</b> A report on the meeting with A14 contractors Jacobs was presented to the meeting. It was agreed to invite their representatives to the May Parish Council meeting.	Cllr Hayward.
(2013-14) 155	<b>Village Plan</b> Cllr MacAndrew outlined the process that had been used in preparing the Village Plan over the past three years and explained that the final draft was a negotiated compromise and Cllr MacAndrew proposed and Cllr Hayward seconded and it was resolved that Buckden Parish Council adopts the draft village plan as amended by the village plan steering group. It was suggested that the response to the questionnaire that had been circulated to Councillors should be made public.	Cllr MacAndrew
(2013-14) 156	<b>Cemetery Extension</b> It was reported that further work had been carried out in the cemetery and the next steps were to complete the planning application.	
(2013-14) 157	<b>Communicating with the media by Councillors and Staff</b> The Council resolved to adopt the attached protocol for communicating with the media.	
(2013-14) 158	<b>Village Welcome Pack</b> Cllr Mrs Millard reported that progress with the welcome pack was ongoing and at present the team were looking for a suitable map.	
(2013-14) 159	<b>Buckden Asset Register.</b> Councillor Mrs Shirley explained that new criteria had emerged and the working group would be meeting on 25 <sup>th</sup> March to assess our sites against these criteria.	
(2013-14) 160	<b>Buckden Village Hall Trust</b> A report had been submitted to the meeting and is attached to these minutes.	
(2013-14) 161	<b>General Correspondence</b> It was agreed to invite a member of the WEEE Waste Collection team to a future Parish Council meeting.	Clerk
(2013-14) 162	<b>Items for Report Only</b> It was reported that the District Council had now agreed to the grouping of Diddington with Buckden and this would take effect on 22 May 2014.	

Signed .....

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