

# BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at the Buckden Millennium Community Centre at 7.45pm

Present: Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)  
 Councillors Day, Hayward, Holden, Mrs Woods, Mrs Tewson and Mrs Millard, and John Chase (Parish Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

(2011-12) 1	<b>Election of Chairman</b> Cllr Mrs Shirley was unanimously re-elected Chairman for 2011-2012 and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.	
(2011-12) 2	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Councillors Clough, Goodger, Hunstone and MacAndrew	
(2011-12) 3	<b>Election of Vice-Chairman</b> Councillor Hayward was unanimously re-elected as Vice-Chairman for 2011-2012.	
(2011-12) 4	<b>Parish Council Committees and Working Groups.</b> After explaining the roles of the Working Groups for the benefit of new members it was agreed to postpone the final allocation until the June meeting and Councillors were asked to submit their choices to the Clerk by 4 <sup>th</sup> June	All Councillors
(2011-12) 5	<b>Parish Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.</b> The appointment of Representatives was also deferred until the June meeting. The Clerk was to contact the Councils Special Advisors to confirm their willingness to continue in that role.	Clerk
(2011-12) 6	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> No declarations were made.	
(2011-12) 7	<b>Minutes</b> 7.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> April were agreed and signed. 7.2 The following action from the meeting of 8 <sup>th</sup> March was ongoing: 100.2 The Clerk had spoken to the Highways Agency with regard to the state of the subways and had been told that quotes were being obtained for replacing the mirrors. 132.1 The Clerk reported that new deposit accounts would be opened with the Co-operative bank and he was also looking at the benefits of moving the current account to them as well. 140.1 Cllr Hayward reported that the Library working group had met and were now trying to arrange a meeting with the County Council.	Clerk  Clerk
(2011-12) 8	<b>County and District Councillors Reports</b> Neither was present at the meeting.	
(2011-12) 9	<b>Finance</b> 9.1 Monthly reports were presented to the meeting.	

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	<p>9.2 Cllr Mrs Shirley proposed and Cllr Mrs Millard seconded the payments for sanction and they were agreed unanimously.</p> <p>9.3. It was agreed that our insurance cover needed to be reviewed and Cllr Holden and the Clerk would undertake this.</p>	Clerk
(2011-12) 10	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>10.1 A report was given on the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May.</p>	
(2011-12) 11	<p><b>General Purposes.</b></p> <p>11.1 It was agreed that if the spare strimmer proved inadequate for the work to be carried out it could be sold and a heavy duty machine purchased.</p>	
(2011-12) 12	<p><b>Footpaths/Trees</b></p> <p>12.1 Cllr Hayward reported that the recently planted trees were thriving despite the lack of rain thanks to residents watering as necessary, however the hedge planted in the Valley area alongside FP 1 had died because of lack of water.</p> <p>12.2 He also reported that there had been further vandalism to the footpath sign at Diddington Brook</p>	
(2011-12) 13	<p><b>Highways and Road Safety.</b></p> <p>The Clerk had spoken to Carillion and they were aware of the problem on the slip road into Silver Street and the white lining will be renewed. They also said that there was indication that there had been some form of sign but the post was now hidden by overgrown bushes.</p>	
(2011-12) 14	<p><b>Quality Council</b></p> <p>A report was given on the progress being made with the website which would be going live later in the month.</p>	
(2011-12) 15	<p><b>Co-option of New Parish Councillors.</b></p> <p>Colin Richardson and Ellen Barrett were co-opted on to the Parish Council</p>	
(2011-12) 16	<p><b>General Correspondence</b></p> <p>The Council's attention was drawn to a letter regarding Buckden School's application for academy status.</p>	
(2011-12) 17	<p><b>Items for report.</b></p> <p>The Agenda for the Parish Assembly, to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> May, was agreed</p>	

Signed .....

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