

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Barrett Mrs Tewson

Mrs Millard Mrs Surridge

Hunstone Day

Gaughan Hayward

Holden MacAndrew

Griffin Richardson

County Councillor Richard West

and John Chase (Parish Clerk)

(2012-13) 83	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Woods, Clough and Gaughan.	
(2012-13) 84	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.	
(2012-13) 85	Buckden Landfill Site The meeting unanimously agreed that the revised opening hours being proposed were acceptable; however there were concerns that there was lack of detail in the area of public footpaths and the proposed aftercare plan of 5 years is not acceptable it is too short of a time to assess the stability of the site. The Council also recommends that the FCC Ecological Survey recommendations are fully implemented. The Council's response would be sent to the County Council.	Clerk
(2012-13) 86	Minutes 86.1 The minutes of the meetings held on 9 th and 25 th October 2012 were agreed and signed. 86.2 Actions from previous meeting 82 A letter had been received from Lockett and Co acting on behalf of Shell offering a reduction in the licensing hours for the sale of alcohol from 24 hours a day to 5am to 11pm daily. The Council unanimously agreed to accept the amended hours if all parties agreed.	
(2012-13) 87	County and District Councillors Reports County Councillor West reported on the progress that had been made on identifying the owner of the problem of surface water flooding on Perry Road. He also gave details of the work that the Highways Agency will undertake on the A1 verge southbound.	
(2012-13) 88	Finance 88.1 Monthly reports were presented to the meeting. Copies are attached to these minutes. 88.2 Cllr Hunstone proposed and Cllr MacAndrew seconded the payments for sanction and they were agreed. Copy attached. 88.3 Cllr Hunstone reported on the outlook for 2013-14 (see attached) and recommended that the Parish Council precept should be increased from £76,400 to £77,928, an increase of 2%. This was seconded by Cllr MacAndrew and supported unanimously. How this would affect individual property charges would be dependent on the tax base for next year.	
(2012-13) 89	Allotment Working Group 89.1 Notes of the recent working group meeting had been circulated. 89.2 The Clerk reported that rents had been received for 40 of the 47 plots. 89.3 The Chairman reported that there would be a social evening for allotment holders on 27 th November.	
(2012-13) 90	Planning 90.1 Report was given on the planning committee meetings held on 25 th October and 13 th November. Minutes had been circulated. 90.2 Discussion took place on Councils response to the Huntingdonshire Local plan and it was agreed that the Council should support the adoption of the Medium Growth strategy and make representation on the lack of detail concerning both roads, especially the A1 and A14 as well as plans for potable water.	

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(2012-13) 91	General Purposes. 91.1 Notes of the meeting held on 23 rd October had been circulated. 91.2 Buckden for Business (B4B) had asked the Council to cover the Public Liability on its insurance for the switch on. The Council's insurers were looking for a number of assurances and these were in hand. The meeting agreed that the Chairman would have the final say as to whether the Council took on the risk. 91.3 Cllr Mrs Millard proposed and Cllr Mrs Barrett seconded that the Council purchased 2 cycle racks to be placed in Hunts End by Costcutter, provided the land agents agreed. The proposal was carried.	
(2012-13) 92	Footpaths and Trees 92.1 A report is attached to these minutes. 92.2 Cllr Hayward asked to be told of any local cases of Ash die back that Councillors became aware of. Councillor Hayward sought help to plant trees during the next two weeks and said that he understood that the scouts had advised Cllr Mrs Millard that they were planning to plant some in the Valley area on Saturday 24 th .	
(2012-13) 93	Highways and Road Safety 93.1 It was reported that the programme of street lighting replacements had now commenced. 93.2 Proposals for funding under the Local Highways Improvement scheme had to be submitted by 21 st December and the Council therefore needed to decide at its December meeting. Councillors were asked to put their suggestions to Cllr Richardson by the 30 th November.	
(2012-13) 94	Community Hub 94.1 A report had been circulated (copy attached).	
(2012-13) 95	Other items that need decisions. 95 Use of Photographic Competition Shields. Three shields that had been last presented in the 1990s had been returned to the Council. It was agreed to resurrect the photographic competition in conjunction with the Village Festival Weekend in July 2013.	
(2012-13) 96	Items for report only The Clerk outlined the priorities for the gritting teams during the coming winter months.	
(2012-13) 97	Confidential Business Discussion took place on a revised draft document received from the Village Hall Trust regarding the setting of rents and it was agreed subject to some minor changes.	

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