

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 11th October 2011 at the Buckden Millennium Community Centre at 7.45pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Millard (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Barrett Mrs Tewson
 Day Goodger
 Griffin Holden
 Hunstone MacAndrew
 Richardson
 John Chase (Parish Clerk).

(2011-12) 72	Apologies Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Shirley Mrs Woods, Hayward and Clough.	
(2011-12) 73	Declaration of Interest None were declared	
(2011-12) 74	Minutes 74.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 13 th September were agreed after minor amendment and signed. 74.2 Roundabout finances were on the agenda and the library report had been circulated.	
(2011-12) 75	County and District Councillors Reports Both Councillors offered their apologies	
(2011-12) 76	Finance 76.1 Monthly reports were presented to the meeting. 76.2 Cllr Hunstone proposed and Cllr MacAndrew seconded the payments for sanction and they were agreed unanimously. 76.3 Roundabout finances - Cllrs Mrs Millard and Hunstone had prepared a proposal for the future of the Roundabout, however in recent days two further volunteers to take on the printing had been identified and this means that the assumption that it would be printed elsewhere had to be revisited. The meeting agreed that Cllrs Mrs Millard and Hunstone could reach a decision on the way forward after further talks with the Roundabout team and the volunteers and then instigate any action necessary to ensure continuity of production of the magazine in the coming months.	Cllr Mrs Millard & Cllr Hunstone
(2011-12) 77	Planning 77.1 A report was given on the meetings held on 11 th October. 77.3 The next meeting would be held on 25 th October, if required.	
(2011-12) 78	General Purposes. 78.1 A report had been circulated and it was agreed that the Council would purchase dog poo bags for resale to residents following the withdrawal of the HDC service. 78.2 Comment had been raised regarding the gaps in the bus shelter on the green which made it very windy. Blocking them in would prevent the view of buses arriving, the Clerk would look at the feasibility of Perspex or similar. 78.3 The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Environment Agency regarding controlling the bulrushes in the valley and had been advised that spraying would have to be undertaken by a licenced contractor alternatively they could be pulled up as the rhizomes are shallow rooted. A survey of the site had shown that the mud was over a metre deep and hand pulling was not feasible.	Clerk Clerk

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(2011-12) 79	<p>Buckden Library Working Group</p> <p>79.1 The Council was told that the Cambs CC cabinet had met and discussed the Library proposals there had also been an 8000 signature petition supporting the libraries. The Cabinet had decided to reconsider its plan. It had said that library services would not be withdrawn but there could well be changes in how they are delivered.</p> <p>Buckden library was being closed for a week whilst training took place on new equipment and this together with other recent changes that have taken place without any notification or consultation with the Council were to be raised with the County Council. An article would also go into the next edition of the Roundabout.</p>	Cllr Richardson
(2011-12) 80	<p>Highways and Road Safety Working Group</p> <p>80.1 The Clerk reported that the renewal of the road marking on the A1 slip road would be raised with the Highways Agency as a safety issue.</p>	Clerk
(2011-12) 81	<p>Quality Council Working Group</p> <p>81.1 The following documents were adopted by the Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedure for Applications for Donations and Grant Aid Disciplinary Procedures for Employees Employee Grievance Procedures Dismissal and Disciplinary Procedures Procedures Covering Complaints from Members of the Public <p>81.2 The Working Group Terms of Reference were agreed.</p>	
(2011-12) 82	<p>Allotment Working Group</p> <p>82.1 It was reported that there had been 10 new requests for allotments following the re-opening of the waiting list.</p>	
(2011-12) 83	<p>Footpaths and Trees</p> <p>83.1 A report had been circulated and is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>83.2 The meeting was reminded that the Council was looking for help in producing a new footpath map from someone with drawing/design skills.</p>	
(2011-12) 84	<p>General Correspondence</p> <p>84.1 It was agreed that the Council should respond to the questionnaire on neighbourhood forums along the line that it would not support these becoming decision making forums.</p>	Clerk
(2011-12) 85	<p>Items for report.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the meeting of the role of the new Luminus Street Representatives.</p>	

Signed

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