

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 13th October 2015 at the Buckden Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)

Councillors: Bennett Mrs Burbidge Carter Day
 Hayward Mrs Howell-Jones Hunstone MacAndrew
 Mrs Millard Moore Pye Screaton
 Walker

County Councillor Mrs Wisson, 1 member of the public and J Chase (Parish Clerk)

(2015-16) 59	Apologies No apologies received	
(2015-16) 60	Open Forum In answer to a question Cllr Hayward reported he would now be meeting with the MP on 6 th November.	
(2015-16) 61	Declarations of Interest None declared	
(2015-16) 62	Minutes The minutes of the Meeting held on 8 th September were agreed and signed.	
(2015-16) 63	County and District Councillors Reports 63.1 County Councillor Mrs Wisson reported that the County Council was again, as part of the budget setting process, seeking public opinion on where the spend should be. The County Council had agreed to a trial having a joint CEO with Peterborough when the Cambridgeshire post becomes vacant. It had been agreed to transfer the freehold of the Cromwell Museum to Huntingdon Town Council. The building to be used as a Cromwell Museum and the Patron will be Sir John Major. 63.2 District Councillor Hayward reported that HDC was also setting budgets using a Zero based approach. He reported that contrary to reports in the local press, One Leisure was a HDC operation that ran the Council's Leisure Centres and was operating at a profit. The District Council had responded to the Cambridgeshire electoral reform survey recommending no change to the current set up. The A1 Safety Committee was to meet on 20 th October.	
(2015-16) 64	Finance 64.1 Updates to 30 th September were presented to the meeting. 64.2 Payments for sanction for October were proposed by Cllr Hunstone and seconded by Cllr Mrs Shirley and agreed.	
(2015-16) 65	Highways and Road Safety 65.1 Proposed by Cllr MacAndrew, seconded by Cllr Screaton and resolved that <i>"The council will establish a 20mph Working Group. The Working Group will research the 20mph speed limit proposal including Highways regulations and rough cost estimates. The Working Group will conduct an objective public consultation to assess the residents' views on various options for a 20mph speed limit, the options to be determined by the Working Group. At the conclusion of the research and consultation, the Working Group will recommend whether the council should apply for a 20mph speed limit zone in Buckden, and if so what the extent of that zone should be."</i> The members of the 20mph working group would be Cllr MacAndrew, Cllrs Mrs Burbidge, Mrs Millard, Carter, Moore and Screaton.	20mph working group

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	65.2 Proposed by Cllr Screamton and seconded by Cllr MacAndrew and resolved that <i>"In order not to miss the potential opportunity of LHI funding, that the council will make an LHI grant application to be submitted by 2nd Nov which requires a commitment to 10% match funding by the council. This application will be to introduce a 20mph limit/zone into the village (with boundaries to be determined). This proposal is on the understanding that the application will either be withdrawn or modified, depending upon the council's decision informed by the recommendation of the working group following the proposed public consultation and more detailed costing."</i>	Cllr s Mrs Burbidge and Screamton to complete the application form.
(2015-16) 66	Planning Committee A report was given on the Planning Committee meetings held on 22 nd September and 13 th October	
(2015-16) 67	General Purposes Working Group. 67.1 Christmas Lights were proceeding smoothly. 67.2 The next meeting would be on 28 th October at 7pm in the Lincoln Room	
(2015-16) 68	Transport Working Group It was reported that the A14 Development Consent Order examination would be completed by mid-November. The earliest that work would start on the A14 would be mid 2016. Meanwhile we will continue to attend the quarterly Parish Forums on the A14 project.	
(2015-16) 69	Green Memorial It was reported that work at the Green Memorial was underway and the new seats and bollards would be installed in the coming months. Improvements were being looked into for the path to the memorial in the churchyard.	
(2015-16) 70	Rights of Way and Trees Working Group 70.1 Proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Hayward and resolved that <i>"Buckden Parish Council approves the purchase and erection of signage to improve information for users of our rights of way"</i> 70.2 Proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Mrs Shirley and resolved that <i>the Council accepts the quote from Balfour Beatty of £6072.25 to install lighting on FP4 between Morris Close and the Recreation Ground"</i>	
(2015-16) 71	To Consider General Correspondence received and any responses and actions. 71.1 It was agreed not to participate in the Village Tree Planting Scheme this year. 71.2 Concern had been expressed regarding the condition of the coping stones on the Offord Mill bridge. The bridge engineer's response was. "We have been to assess the site and are fairly satisfied that the copings are safe to water and road users in their current state. We will continue to monitor the area for any signs of deterioration, movement or safety issue."	
(2015-16) 72	Items for Report It was reported that a Housing Officer from HDC would be attending the next meeting to talk about housing needs.	

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