

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 11th September 2012 at the Buckden Millennium Community Centre at 7.45pm

Present:

Councillor Mrs Shirley (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Barrett Mrs Tewson

Mrs Millard Hayward

Hunstone Day

Gaughan Griffin

Holden MacAndrew

Richardson Mrs Surridge

County Councillor R West, 1 member of the public
and John Chase (Parish Clerk)

(2012-13) 48	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Woods and Clough and Mr Hickey.	
(2012-13) 49	Code of Conduct 49.1 It was agreed that the Huntingdonshire District Council Code of Conduct would be adopted by the Parish Council. The Clerk would make the necessary small changes to the wording. 49.2 All Councillors were asked to complete their Register of Interests and return to the Clerk by 25 th September.	Clerk All Councillors
(2012-13) 50	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.	
(2012-13) 51	Minutes 51.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 10 th July 2012 were agreed and signed. 51.2 Action from previous meeting 40.1 We were still awaiting a visit from the Environment Agency technician to lower the height of the dam. Christmas lights – see minute 55. 42.1 The provision of a fence was planned and more details would be available next month. 43 The Chairman had written to businesses in the High Street and only 2 replies had been received and only £100 promised towards the provision of heritage lighting so after consultation by Email it was agreed not to go ahead. 45. The Chairman and Clerk had agreed that there would be a written record of future verbal reports in the minutes. 46.1 Cllr MacAndrew would “advertise” the availability of the printer in the Roundabout. Discharged. 46.2 Discharged	Cllr Mrs Millard
(2012-13) 52	County and District Councillors Reports 52.1 County Councillor Richard West reported that the work on the planning enforcement cases at Hartford Marina was nearing a conclusion and he was hopeful that work would shortly start on the outstanding cases at Buckden Marina. He also reported that he had been approached by residents concerned about the closure of the Buckden Pharmacy on Saturdays and the restriction on the local shop stocking certain items that the Pharmacy sells and he asked if the Parish Council would write to the owners of the Pharmacy raising these points. The Council agreed this was a commercial matter and not a matter for the Council to pursue County Councillor West had also attended a meeting on Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and he reported that there were changes underway and lead he was confident would lead to improvements.	

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<p>(2012-13) 53</p>	<p>Finance 53.1 Monthly reports were presented to the meeting. Copies are attached to these minutes. 53.2 Cllr Hunstone proposed and Cllr Mrs Millard seconded the payments for sanction and they were agreed. Copy attached. 53.3 Councillor Mrs Shirley reported her concern that the Councils Donation to the Children's Reading week at Buckden Library had received little visibility at the Library. It was agreed that the Council would write to the organiser and find out where the money was used. 53.4 Cllr Mrs Shirley reported that following a recent training session that she and Cllr Mac Andrew had attended at the Hunts Forum she considered it a good organisation to support especially in the current era of change being brought about by the localism act. It was agreed that the Parish Council would become members of the Hunts Forum and if possible in a joint membership with the Buckden VHT. The annual membership fee is current £20.</p>	
<p>(2012-13) 54</p>	<p>Planning 26.1 Report was given on the planning committee meeting held on 28th August. Minutes had been circulated.</p>	
<p>(2012-13) 55</p>	<p>General Purposes. 55.1 The Contractor had quoted the same price as last year for the installation and removal of the Christmas lights, £1600, there would also be additional costs associated with the testing of the brackets and electrical safety which last year were £140 and £80 respectively. 55.2 Buckden for Business (B4B) had made a proposal to the Parish Council to organise an event around the switching on of the Christmas lights. The event in the High Street would try to involve local, Buckden, groups. The Council would be responsible for installing and removing the lights. The Council said that it would like to see the event appropriately branded giving recognition to the Council as well as B4B and would like to be kept informed of the details of the event and consideration given to the Parish Council being involved in the switch on. It was suggested that if this was successful and to be repeated in future years B4B might like to contribute to the costs incurred by the Council. Mr Pearce on behalf of B4B took on these suggestions. It was proposed by Cllrs Mrs Millard and seconded by Cllr Barrett, and agreed, that B4B be allowed to organise an event around the switching on of the Parish Council's lights subject appropriate branding and involvement. 55.3 The contractor had promised to complete the treatment of the lake Bulrushes and silt during September. 55.4 It was agreed that it was better for the Scouts to carry out work in the valley area in the Autumn rather than the Spring and Cllr Mrs Millard would talk to the Scouts to see whether they could do some work at weekends before the winter sets in. 55.5 The Clerk was to ask Buckden Towers to maintain their hedge along the boundary with Church Street.</p>	<p>Cllr Mrs Millard</p>
<p>(2012-13) 56</p>	<p>Parish Charter Minutes of the meeting of the working party held on 16th July had been copied to Councillors and it was agreed that the Council should offer to be a member of the new group when it is formed.</p>	
<p>(2012-13) 57</p>	<p>Footpaths and Trees 57.1 A report and notes of the recent working group meeting are attached to these minutes. 57.2 It was confirmed that our plan for a Jubilee tree and plaque had been approved by Huntingdonshire District Council.</p>	
<p>(2012-13) 58</p>	<p>Highways and Road Safety 58.1 Final designs for the revised lighting plans had been received for most of the village, others were still awaited. These would be vetted by the Clerk and members of the Highways and Road Safety working group and any issues fed back to Balfour Beatty. 58.2 It was reported that following a further complaint from a resident regarding the Mill</p>	

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	<p>Road traffic calming scheme the views of the Area Traffic Engineer had been sought. In her view the scheme had been properly designed, safety checked and installed correctly with the council consulted at all stages. The Council felt that things would be improved by the provision of a "stop" sign in Greenway and would write to the Area Traffic Engineer accordingly.</p> <p>58.3 In order to carry out more speed watch sessions, including some in Silver Street and Mayfield the Council needs more volunteers to undergo training in speed watch equipment operation. 5 councillors were prepared to be trained.</p> <p>58.4 The Clerk reported that the speed hump in Burberry Road was installed by the Buckden VHT and he would look at ways of overcoming the flooding that builds up during heavy rain.</p>	Clerk
(2012-13) 59	<p>Allotments</p> <p>59.1 Notes of the recent working group meeting are attached to these minutes.</p> <p>59.2 The Best Kept Allotment competition this year had been won by Mrs Hickey, Mr Padgett was runner up and Mr Corn came third.</p>	
(2012-13) 60	<p>Co-option of a new parish councillor</p> <p>Mrs Rosemary Surridge who lives in Silver Street had applied to join the council and was duly co-opted. Cllr Mrs Millard would act as mentor to Mrs Surridge.</p>	
(2012-13) 61	<p>Village Plan</p> <p>61.1 Cllr MacAndrew's report is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Questions were asked as to whether the data tabulation findings would be statistically valid as it was breaking down a sample size of 400. Cllr MacAndrew said he had been assured that it would be. The work would be undertaken by a colleague of a steering group member at a price of £500 as opposed to the market price of £3000 that a marketing professional on the steering group has estimated</p> <p>61.2 Cllr MacAndrew proposed and Cllr Holden seconded, and it was agreed, that £500 be spent from the Village Plan budget to obtain the data tabulation report.</p>	
(2012-13) 62	<p>Other items that need decisions.</p> <p>62.1 Roundabout Distribution of Flyers</p> <p>It was decided that before a decision could be made on the Editors proposal to abolish the distribution of commercial flyers from the Roundabout more detailed information was needed. Cllrs Hunstone and Mrs Millard would discuss with the Editor.</p> <p>62.2 Parish Councils Appointed Trustee on the Buckden Recreation Ground and Village Hall Trust</p> <p>Following her election as Chairman of the Village hall Trust Cllr Mrs Tewson had moved into a vacancy for a village member and therefore was no longer the Parish Council's nominated trustee. The nomination of a replacement was carried forward to next month.</p> <p>62.3 Cambridgeshire ACRE AGM</p> <p>Councillors Mrs Shirley and Day were to attend the Cambs. ACRE AGM.</p> <p>62.4 The Council had been copied into letters from a resident of York Yard regarding a number of issues. County Councillor West said that the Highways Agency were dealing with the overgrown A1 verge and that Cambs CC highways were dealing with the growth of weeds and grass in the High Street gully.</p>	Cllrs Hunstone and Mrs Millard
(2012-13) 63	<p>Items for report only</p> <p>The meeting was made aware of correspondence received regarding the Hinchingsbrooke Health Care Annual Public Meeting, Cambs ACRE programme of seminars and Huntingdonshire Local Plan.</p>	

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