

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: Ramune Mimiene, Buckden Village Hall Burberry Road Buckden PE19 5UY. Tel; 01480 819407

Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 12 April 2022 at 7.30pm at Village Hall

Present:

Councillor: Caroline Underwood, Chair

Councillors: Anne Howell-Jones, Sue Ashwell, John Thelwall, Allan Jones, Pauline Steel, Gerald Sansom, Dave Duncan, Josh Harris and Pam Fraser.

Clerk: Ramune Mimiene

5 members of the public

MINUTES

(2021-22) Apologies for absence.

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

04-231 Cllrs A Jones and R Salmon sent apologies for absence.

(2021-22) County and District Councillor Reports.

04-232/1 To receive report from County Councillor – no report received.

04-232 04-232/2 To receive report from District Councillor – no report received.

(2021-22) Open Forum – a maximum of 15 minutes is permitted for members of the public to address the Council.

04-233 Members of the public may have up to three minutes each. Items to be addressed should be notified to the Clerk three working days in advance of the meeting.

A resident approached the Council re village signage, approaching the village from Offords. It was noted that an update will be provided by the Chairman later on the Agenda.

(2021-22) Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests, and the nature of those interests relating to items on the agenda

04-234 Cllr AHJ declared an interest in payments Agenda item 04-238/4.

(2021-22) Minutes

04-235/1 To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 March 2022.

04-235 Proposal: Proposed by Cllr SA, seconded by Cllr JT, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that the minutes are approved as the correct record of the meeting with the following amendment. Carried.

04-235/2 To resolve any actions arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting, Clerk's report attached.

List reviewed.

Cllr CU to invite the Mayor to a future PC meeting.

(2021-22) The Council currently has four vacancies

04-236 We have four vacancies for Parish Councilors. Interested parties need to contact the Clerk for further details.

(2021-22) Chairman's report, report attached

Questions on the report

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04-237 PLEASE RESPOND TO REQUEST IN THIS REPORT FOR IDEAS

Email received from a resident re improvements at Grafham Water. It was agreed to raise this with Green Infrastructure group and invite the operations manager at AW to a PC meeting. Suggestions to follow, but ideas discussed including discounted parking rate for local residents, or birds' identification view-points, to incorporate the circular walks which will benefit to everybody.

NALC request was discussed, nothing else to add except how best to involve young people in the community. The Clerk to submit the feedback.

(2021-22) Finance, report attached, Cllr S Ashwell.

Questions on the report.

04-238

04-238/1 Hire Rates 2022-23 – Buckden Village Hall Trust, report noted.

04-238/2 HDC confirmation of Precept – noted.

Hunts DC confirmed the Council Tax – Precept 2022/23 – details of the level of charge are

Notified Precept of:	£160,875
Tax Base for Area (Equated to number of Band D Properties)	1277
Band D Charge (to cover Local Council Precept)	£125.98

04-238/3 End of Year financial position - noted.

04-238/4 To approve 12 April 2022 Payments for Sanction, detailed report attached to the Agenda and shared on the website. The final figure is £28,776.25.

Proposal: Proposed by Cllr SA, seconded by Cllr CU, Cllr AHJ abstained, all other Cllrs in favour and it was RESOLVED that the payments are approved. Carried.

(2021-22) To Consider Planning Committee Report, Cllr S Ashwell

04-239/1 To note the Minutes of the Meeting 15 March 2022

04-239 04-239/2 Planning meeting held prior to PC meeting tonight – verbal update provided. Please check our website for the minutes.

It was noted that at the time of writing full planning applications had not been received for either the Vicarage Lane Diddington or Low Farm, Mill Road, Solar Farms. We will continue to monitor the situation with both applications.

Next meeting will be held on 26th April 22.

(2021-22) To Consider Update from Large Planning Advisory Group, no report, verbal update, Cllr J Thelwall

04-240 Cllr JT had enquired about the Archaeological investigation on the Silver street site and received a positive response regarding community involvement.

S106 agreement received for up to 290 houses on Silver Street development. Councillors are invited to read the document and comment before 29 April when the next large Planning AG meeting is scheduled.

(2021-22) Compliance Advisory Group, report attached, and Operational Plan were circulated separately, Cllr C Underwood

04-241 Questions on the report.

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It was agreed to delay the application for Quality Council to September to enable all Councillors to get familiar with the document presented.

04-241/1 Proposal: The Council confirms by resolution that all documentation and information is in place for Foundation award – not voted on.

04-241/2 Proposal: The Council confirms by resolution that all documentation and information is in place for Quality award – not voted on.

04-241/3 To Approve the Operational Plan in preparation for the Quality Council award – Budget figures included.

Proposal: Proposed by Cllr CU, seconded by Cllr AHJ, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that Operational Plan is approved. Carried.

04-241/4 Huntingdonshire District Council resolved to adopt the [LGA's Model Code of Conduct](#) to take effect from May 2022, (HDC email notification dated 2 March 2022).

Proposal: Proposed by Cllr CU, seconded by Cllr SA, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that Code of Conduct is approved. Carried.

It was agreed to take this to the CAG meeting.

(2021-22) 04-242 General Purposes and Cemetery Advisory Group, report attached, Cllr A Howell-Jones
Questions on the report.

(2021-22) 04-243 Climate Change Mitigation Advisory Group, no report, Cllr A Jones
No report.

(2021-22) 04-244 Highways and Sustainable Transport, meeting held on 28 March 2022, report attached, Cllr C Underwood

Questions on the report.
Silver street corner cut back done, thanks to volunteer Lynne Reynolds.
Cycle racks for the High Street and additional ones for VH are in discussion.
Regarding the moving of the boundary sign it was suggested to leave the existing sign where it is but put additional one on parish boundary (at the white bridge) stating: 'Welcome to the parish of Buckden'. Full proposal and fees will be brought to PC for consideration.
The path between Buckden and Marina is in bad condition. BPC are in discussion with Cambridgeshire Highways to determine what can be done and most importantly how improvements can be funded. Updates will be provided.

(2021-22) 04-245 Green infrastructure and Biodiversity Advisory Group, meeting held, report attached, Cllr C Underwood

Questions on the report.

There has been debate about exactly how no-mow May should be implemented in Buckden
The No Mow May campaign was launched by Plantlife in 2019. Plantlife are asking people to mow their lawns less and to set aside an area of lawn to become naturalised and return to nature.
BPC handymen will be embracing No Mow May culture in many areas in the village. Signs will be placed in the grass to denote "No Mow May".

(2021-22) 04-246 Village Hall Liaison, Cllr C Underwood
See Chair's and GP reports.

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(2021-22) **Allotments Advisory Group, meeting held on 25 March 2022, report attached, Cllr C Underwood**
No questions on the report.

04-247

(2021-22) **Communications Advisory Group, report attached, and verbal update, Cllr A Howell-Jones**
Questions on the report.

04-248 Application to enable sharing and central storage of key documents is currently being evaluated.
Platinum Jubilee Plan 2-5th Jun 2022 has been updated and will be submitted to Roundabout magazine.

(2021-22) **Staffing, verbal update, Cllr A Howell-Jones.**
Welcomed our new Assistant Clerk who is undergoing training.

04-249

(2021-22) **Correspondence, matters remaining unresolved, Cllr C Underwood**
BPC must maintain a boundary fence at the allotments, as per contract with Church.

04-250 Commissioners, but this cannot be installed until October due to birds nesting season. A response will be sent to the resident who suggested hedge planting.

(2021-22) **To agree points of Communication to the Parish, Cllr A Howell-Jones**
Various points noted for inclusion.

04-251

(2021-22) **The next meeting is Annual Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tue 10 May 2022 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall**

04-252

Annual Assembly will be held on Tue 17 May 2022 at the Village Hall

This is a meeting for residents of the village where we present our annual report and give local groups and elected representatives the chance to present what they have been doing over the last year. The Assembly will take place on Tuesday 17th May at 7.30pm in the village hall.
Residents are invited to join.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signature

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