

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 Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 7.00pm at Village Hall

Present:

Councillor: Peter Clark, Chair

Councillors: Mark Williams, Emily Lankfer, Dave Duncan, John Thelwall, Gerald Sansom, Madeline Fraser, and David Gregory.

Clerk: Ramune Mimiene

HDC Cllr Martin Hassall

CC Cllr Liam Beckett

No members of the public

MINUTES

04-248 To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Cllrs Anne Howell-Jones, Caroline Underwood, Aidan Joy, Simon Leggate, and Anita Pancholi-McCann sent apologies which were accepted.

04-249 Declarations of Interest

None

To receive written requests for Disclosable Interest dispensations.

None

04-250 Minutes

04-250/1 To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th March 2026.
Proposed by Cllr MF, seconded by Cllr JT, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that Minutes, are approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

04-250/2 To resolve any actions arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting, Clerk's report attached, reviewed and updated.

04-251 County and District Councillor Reports.

04-251/1 To receive a report from County Councillor Liam Beckett, verbal update.

04-251/2 To receive a report from District Councillor Martin Hassall, report attached.

04-252 Co-option to the Council

To note that all vacancies have now to be filled by co-option. We have one Vacancy on the Parish Council.

To consider co-option – no volunteers.

04-253 Open Forum – a maximum of 15 minutes is permitted for members of the public to address the Council.

No request to speak.

04-254 Chair's update, report attached, Cllr P Clark

No questions on the report.

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Cllr PC thanked Cllrs **Mark Williams and Billy Goodger** for their services as they were not standing in the Election. He particularly Thanked Cllr Mark Williams for all of his input and especially all the work done on the Parish Councils accounts and noted that he would be happy to stay on some advisory groups as Volunteer for the time being.

04-255 Compliance Advisory Group, report attached, Cllr C Underwood

No questions on the report.

04-256 Finance, Cllr M Williams

04-256/1 Proposal: New Roundabout Team arrangements – to approve access to bank account – view only

Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr DG, all in favour and it was RESOLVED to approve the new Roundabout Team arrangements.

Action for the Clerk to arrange.

04-256/2 To note that accounts for February 2026 were checked to meet the requirements listed in our Financial Regulations, thanks to Cllr D Gregory – noted, thanks expressed to Cllr DG

04-256/3 To approve April 2026 Payments which includes Grants for 2026.27 approved back in November

Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr EL, all in favour and it was RESOLVED to approve April 2026 Payments including Grants and Donations for 2026.27 Financial Year.

04-256/4 Additionally Cllr MW gave an update on Year End figures – 2025.26 outturn – overspend had been consistent at 4% (some budget headings underspent and some overspent, this will be reviewed for 2026.27). Cllr MW will prepare a report for Annual Assembly (19th May 2026).

04-257 Flood Advisory Group, no meeting held, Cllr A Joy

No update.

04-258 Planning Committee Cllr P Clark

04-258/1 To note the Planning Meeting Minutes of 10th March 2026 - noted

04-258/2 To note that Planning meeting that was held prior to the PC meeting – Chair Cllr PC provided a verbal update.

04-259 Large Scale Planning Advisory Group, report and proposed presentation attached, Cllr J Thelwall.

Cllr GS agreed to help at Parish meeting on 21st April as he will be there anyway doing a presentation on the Roundabout.

Cllr JT thanked Cllr MW for very useful comments on the draft report which was accepted by the BPC and is now ready to be presented to the public at the parish meeting. Report can be found on the website under agenda reports.

04-260 Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group, no report, Cllr J Thelwall

No update. Meeting will be held on 7th May 2026.

04-261 Village Maintenance Committee, meeting held on 27th March 2026, Minutes attached, Cllr A Howell-Jones

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04-262 The Hub, no meeting held

No verbal update

04-263 Highways and Sustainable Transport Advisory Group, report attached, meeting held on 30th March 2026, Cllrs G Sansom and C Underwood

No questions on the report.

04-264 Green infrastructure and Biodiversity Advisory Group, Cllr C Underwood

To note Annual Footpath Check Report, attached - noted

To discuss new wood project - Bloor estate, attached – the Council agreed that this is an area of conflict as it is being maintained by the management company and residents are paying for the maintenance of it. It was agreed it is too early to see what establishes there. It was confirmed that a lot of growth is now coming though and the area, especially heading by A1, look healthier than before

It was RESOLVED to revisit this in five years in consultation with residents and management company.

04-265 Village Hall Liaison, meeting was held on 9th March 2026, report attached, Cllrs P Clark and C Underwood

No questions on the report.

04-266 Allotments Advisory Group, meeting held on 7 April 2026, no report, Cllr C Underwood

Nothing to report.

04-267 Communications Advisory Group, no meeting held, Cllr A Howell-Jones

04-268 Correspondence, matters remaining unresolved, the chair

Nothing to report.

04-269 To note points of Communication to the Parish

04-270 The next Parish Council Meeting is:

- Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 7pm at the Village Hall

The next Parish meetings are:

- Parish Meeting 21st April 2026 at 7.30pm at Village Hall
- Annual Assembly 19th May 2026 at 7pm at the Village Hall

Meeting finished 7.59pm

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Appendix 1

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Expenditure transactions - payments approval list

Start of year 01/04/25

No	Payment Reference	Gross	Vat	Net	To pay Invoice date	Invoice no.	Details	Payment Reference
1435	BACS2604 14RT	£484.00	£0.00	£484.00	£484.00 12/03/26	240	Roy Handy Man (Roy Tucker) - MVAS maintenance, refit unit 3, fit new unit Lucks Lane	£484.00
1430	BACS2604 14StayPlay	£152.16	£0.00	£152.16	£152.16 16/03/26	986416	BVHT - Hall hire Stay and Play	£152.16
1431	BACS2604 14Diabetes	£25.36	£0.00	£25.36	£25.36 16/03/26	986415	BVHT - Hall Hire Diabetes 9th March	£25.36
1432	BACS2604 14MM	£97.20	£0.00	£97.20	£97.20 16/03/26	986417	BVHT - Hall Hire - Making Memories 5, 12, 19 March	£97.20
1433	BACS2604 14CAPALC 2	£70.00	£0.00	£70.00	£70.00 18/03/26	6005	CAPALC - Allotments training Asst Clerk x 2 sessions	£70.00
1434	BACS2604 14Glassblade	£120.00	£20.00	£100.00	£120.00 20/03/26	2647	Glassblade Ltd - 2 months web admin 18 Mar to 17 May 2026	£120.00
1423	BACS2604 14ProLawn	£360.00	£60.00	£300.00	£360.00 23/03/26	2721	ProLawnCare - Wild Flowers by Red Wall	£360.00
1425	BACS2604 14RM	£147.20	£0.00	£147.20	£147.20 23/03/26	Expenses	Ray Magness - More trees (Almond, Chestnut) for nuttury Allotments from Green infra budget	£147.20
1424	DD260407 BT	£59.71	£9.95	£49.76	£59.71 24/03/26	M179JC	BT - Landline bill	£59.71
1429	BACA2604 14TBPC	£798.00	£0.00	£798.00	£798.00 24/03/26	56478	The Business Printing Company - Roundabout Booklets - April	£798.00
No	Payment Reference	Gross	Vat	Net	To pay Invoice date	Invoice no.	Details	Payment Reference
1422	BACS2604 14SLCC	£330.55	£0.00	£330.55	£330.55 26/03/26	MEM258364-1	SLCC - Membership renewal - shared	£330.55
1437	BACS2604 14Towers	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00	£250.00 26/03/26	2312	Claretian Missionaries Trust - Making Memories Day out	£250.00
1428	BACS2604 14ProLawn 2	£780.00	£130.00	£650.00	£780.00 27/03/26	2732	ProLawnCare - Wild Flower sow/establishment Hunts End and Morris Close	£780.00
1438	BACS2604 14Arney	£98.88	£16.48	£82.40	£98.88 30/03/26	101273353	Thalia - Mixed General Waste 3, 10, 17 and 24 March	£98.88
1441	BACS2604 14AskIT	£434.80	£72.47	£362.33	£434.80 30/03/26	23950	AskIT Services Ltd - Printer, installation and set up	£434.80
1443	BACS2604 14NALC	£42.00	£7.00	£35.00	£42.00 30/03/26	03641	NALC - training Clerk - Finance	£42.00
1444	BACS2604 14Viking	£188.61	£31.44	£157.17	£188.61 30/03/26	4410577166	Viking - Stationery and materials for 21st Apr meeting	£188.61
1436	BACS2604 14LoveToMove	£105.00	£0.00	£105.00	£105.00 31/03/26	119	Jane Bond - Love to Move MM	£105.00
1442	BACS2604 14Ibbetts	£116.28	£19.38	£96.90	£116.28 31/03/26	122763	Ibbetts - Battery and autocut	£116.28
1445	BACS2604 14Roy2	£339.00	£0.00	£339.00	£339.00 31/03/26	241	Roy Handy Man (Roy Tucker) - MVAS maintenance and fitting unit 8 to Lucks Lane	£339.00
1448	BACS2604 14Npower	£1,912.18	£91.06	£1,821.12	£1,912.18 31/03/26	IN15222956	Npower Business Solutions - Streetlights energy Diddington Apr 2025 to March 2026	£1,912.18
No	Payment Reference	Gross	Vat	Net	To pay Invoice date	Invoice no.	Details	Payment Reference
Total		£6,910.93	£457.78	£6,453.15	£6,910.93			

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Cheque	Gross	Vat	Net	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Cheque Total
BACS2604 14Museum	£330.00	£0.00	£330.00	1006	01/04/26	St Neots Museum - Donation	£330.00
BACS2604 14HDCallot me	£1,001.52	£166.92	£834.60	1007/6	01/04/26	HDC - Pest Control Contract - Allotments	£1,001.52
BACS2604 14Monday Club	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	1006	01/04/26	Monday Club - Donation	£500.00
BACS2604 14Magpass	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00	1006	01/04/26	Magpass Air Ambulance - Donation	£250.00
BACS2604 14AirAmbul an	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00	1006	01/04/26	East Anglian Air Ambulance - Donation	£250.00
BACS2604 14WedClas ses	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	1006	01/04/26	No Name Organisation - Wednesday classes tea break hall hire	£500.00
BACS2604 14Library	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00	1006	01/04/26	Buckden Library - Donation	£200.00
BACS2604 14CAPALC	£844.74	£0.00	£844.74	1005	01/04/26	CAPALC - Membership including DPO scheme 2026.27	£844.74
BACS2604 14VHT	£6,500.00	£0.00	£6,500.00	1006	01/04/26	BVHT - Funding towards maintenance of the field	£6,500.00
DD260402 EE	£24.71	£4.00	£20.71	1001/4	02/04/26	EE - Mobile	£24.71
DD260412 Motia	£3.60	£0.60	£3.00	1003/1	12/04/26	Motia - Fuel for mowers - Shell	£3.60
Sub Total	£10,404.57	£171.52	£10,233.05				
	£8,247.31	£0.00	£8,247.31	Confidential			
Total	£18,651.88	£171.52	£18,480.36				