

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: Ramune Mimiene, Buckden Village Hall Burberry Road Buckden PE19 5UY.
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Notice of meeting: Parish Council Meeting

Time: 7.30pm

Date: Tuesday 9 March 2021

Venue: On-line meeting only

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purposes of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below. The meeting is open to the public (including press).

If public wishes to attend this meeting, please contact the Clerk providing your name, email address and contact number by emailing to clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Ramune Mimiene
Clerk
Buckden Parish Council
4 March 2021

AGENDA

(2020-21) 03-183	Meeting protocol: Introduction to remote meeting process We will continue with the remote meetings this will be reviewed with the easing of lock down.
(2020-21) 03-184	Apologies for absence To receive and accept apologies for absence.
(2020-21) 03-185	County and District Councillor Reports. 03-185/1 To receive report from County Councillor, report received. Questions on the report. 03-185/2 To receive report from District Councillor, report received
(2020-21) 03-186	Open Forum – a maximum of 15 minutes is permitted for members of the public to address the Council. 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.
(2020-21) 03-187	Minutes 03-187/1 To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 February 2021. 03-187/2 To resolve any actions arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting, Clerk's report attached
(2020-21) 03-188	Chairman's report, report attached Questions on the report.
(2020-21) 03-189	Finance: Finance report attached, Cllr S Ashwell <u>03-189/2 Part 1: TO PROPOSE A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE PROTECT BUCKDEN FUTURE GROUP (PBF) FOR THEIR DONATION TO BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL</u> <u>03-189/2 Part 2: TO SHARE THE SUMMARY VERSION OF THE BPC 2021-22 BUDGET</u> The Parish Precept (which is BPC's share of 2021-22 Council Tax) is £122.40 for the year, (i.e. £2.35 per week) calculated for a "Band-D equivalent" property.

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	This is 12p extra per week for the Parish Precept in 2021-22, compared to the current year. The total Precept for Buckden Parish Council for the period 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 will be £149,201. This is the main income we use to deliver Parish services to residents. The Buckden Parish Precept makes up about 5% of the total Council Tax collected through Hunts District Council. Further details of the overall Council Tax will be circulated by HDC. Proposal: Councillors to note the attached Summary which will be placed on BPC website. 03-189/3 To note Cashbook, Bank Balances, Budget reports and Bank Reconciliation as at 31 January and 28 February 2021 • Unity Trust current account outstanding reconciliation to 31 Jan 21 now carried, balance as at 31 Jan 21 was £44,966.07. • Unity Trust instant access account reconciled to 28 Feb 21, balance is £30,000.00. • Unity Trust current account reconciled to 28 Feb 21, balance is £38,034.31. 03-189/4 To Approve 9 March 2021 Payments for Sanction.
(2020-21) 03-190	To Consider Planning Committee Report, Cllr S Ashwell 03-190/1 Minutes of the Meeting 23 February 2021 03-190/2 Verbal update on the 9 March 2021 Meeting.
(2020-21) 03-191	To Consider Update from Large Planning Committee, minutes attached, Cllr M Hassall 03-191/1 Minutes of the Meeting 8 February 2021 03-191/2 To report on communication with local MP and HDC Cllr J Neish.
(2020-21) 03-192	Compliance Advisory Group, Cllr C Underwood No meeting. 03-192/1 Emergency Response Plan attached, draft for discussion, Cllrs AHJ and CU to report
(2020-21) 03-193	General Purposes and Cemetery Advisory Group, verbal update, Cllr B Millard
(2020-21) 03-194	Climate Change Mitigation Advisory Group, verbal update, Cllr A Jones
(2020-21) 03-195	Highways and Sustainable Transport, report attached, Cllr E Scott Further to suggestions made by some residents, Cllr Elaine has been investigating the option to have a road closure of High Street (same space as for the light switch-on) on a Sunday in June (potentially 13th) for a 'Buckden Picnic'. The aim is to allow residents to mix safely on the High Street, bring picnic chairs and tables and to make extra use of the local businesses. BPC will not be looking to have private stalls or any other entertainment as per the light switch-on due to time constraints. Obviously, the businesses (pubs, butchers etc.) can provide anything extra they want on their own properties. The cost of the TTRO is £1,095.00 and is for one date only. Proposal: Propose that Buckden PC pay the £1,095.00 for the road closure costs from the Covid19 earmarked reserves.
(2020-21) 03-196	Rights of Way and Trees Advisory Group, report attached, Cllr C Underwood Meeting held on 01.03.21. Proposal: To co-opt Lou OConnor a resident on to the Rights of Way and Tree Advisory Group (tbka Green infrastructure and Biodiversity Advisory Group).

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	Questions on report.
(2020-21) 03-197	Village Hall Liaison Meeting to be arranged.
(2020-21) 03-198	Allotments Advisory Group, report attached, Cllr S Studd Questions on the report.
(2020-21) 03-199	Digital Communications Advisory Group, report attached, Cllr A Howell-Jones Questions on the report
(2020-21) 03-200	Neighbourhood Plan, report attached, Cllr A Howell-Jones Questions on the report.
(2020-21) 03-201	Correspondence, matters remaining unresolved
(2020-21) 03-202	Staffing, report attached, Cllr A Howell-Jones Questions on the report.
(2020-21) 03-203	Points of Communication to the Parish, Cllr A Howell-Jones
	<u>EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS</u> That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw, Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.
(2020-21) 03-204	Discussion of access to unconsecrated Cemetery land.
(2020-21) 03-205	Date of the next meeting on Tue 13 April 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom Conference call

Due to the Coronavirus the Government has issued the regulations that gives local authorities greater flexibility in the conduct of meetings, including allowing members to attend remotely, and for public and press access to those meetings.

The Regulations were made by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020(1) and paragraph 36(1)(b) of Schedule 6 to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011(2).

Following the government announcement of further easing of lockdown restrictions from 4 July, both NALC and the Society of Local Council Clerks are strongly advising local councils to continue to meet remotely, without the need for face-to-face contact.