

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on 9 November 2021 at 7.30pm at Village Hall

Present:

Councillor: Caroline Underwood, Chair

Councillors: John Thelwall, Kathy Render, Allan Jones, Dave Duncan, Josh Harris.

Clerk: Ramune Mimiene

Sue Ashwell (on Zoom)

HDC Cllr Hamish Masson

CC Cllr Ken

Terry Hayward – resident

2 members of the public

MINUTES

(2021-22) 11-119	Apologies for absence. To receive and accept apologies for absence. Cllrs A Howell-Jones, P Steel, R Salmon, E Scott and A Burbidge sent apologies for absence.	
(2021-22) 11-120	County and District Councillor Reports. 06-030/1 To receive report from County Councillor. Verbal report received. Surgeries suggested - times and dates to be confirmed, most likely Saturday mornings. 06-030/2 To receive report from District Councillor Verbal report received. Concerns raised about flooding, updated information on HDC's response. CCC costing the estimates to carry out the remedial work. Planning department still has issues which HDC are addressing. Work on precept is in progress. The issue of grey water run-off from proposed Solar farm was raised.	KB
(2021-22) 11-121	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. <i>Terry Hayward, the resident stated that he has not received replies to the emails he was sending to HDC and CCC Cllrs.</i> <i>Also, the resident stated that no satisfactory response received from BPC either to the questions he raised at Sep meeting:</i> <i>1. Have Bloor Homes actually got authority to have all of their advertising notices on Street furniture? If so from whom?</i> <i>2. Have you found the answer to the sign by the garage on the adjacent fence? – against planning permission? Is there a PC follow up?</i> <i>3. Where are we with the decoration of the underpasses. There is new Graffiti and graffiti begats more graffiti.</i>	

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	4. <i>Where are we on the state of pavements? Especially between the alms houses and green. – the state is very bad, dangerous for all but especially elderly.</i> <i>Note since meeting: The answers to the questions were provided in 14 Sep 21 Minutes.</i>	
(2021-22) 11-122	Declarations of Interest To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests, and the nature of those interests relating to items on the agenda. Cllr KR declared a non-statutory interest in planning related to 77 High Street which impacts on house of family member.	
(2021-22) 11-123	Minutes 11-123/1 To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 October 2021. PROPOSAL: Proposed by Cllr CU, seconded by Cllr KR, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that the minutes are approved as the correct record of the meeting. Carried. 11-123/2 To resolve any actions arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting, Clerk's report attached and noted.	
	<i>It was agreed to bring forward the Councillor Co-option Agenda item</i>	
(2021-22) 11-124	To co-opt to fill the Councillor vacancies The statutory period for electors to request an election to fill the vacancies on the Council, due to the resignations of Cllr Martin Hassall and Cllr Stephen Dickenson, has now passed without such a request having been made. Therefore, BPC are able to make the necessary arrangements to co-opt to fill the vacancies. PROPOSAL: Proposed by Cllr CU, seconded by Cllr AJ, all in favour and it was RESOLVED to co-opt Mrs Pam Frazer and Gerald Sansom to the Parish Council. Carried. Two new Cllrs joined the Council meeting. Mentors are going to be Cllrs KR and JT Cllr DD will help setting up BPC email addresses. Suggested Committees and AGs Chairs invite new Cllrs attend all groups to help them decide which to join.	KR JT DD Chairs of Committees and AGs
(2021-22) 11-125	Chairman's report, report attached. No questions on the report.	
(2021-22) 11-126	Finance, Meeting held on 26 October 2021, report attached, Cllr S Ashwell. Questions on the report. <i>Standing Orders were suspended to allow Cllr SA speak.</i> <i>A member of the public left the meeting.</i> 11-126/1 Part 1: TO REVIEW THE BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR BPC IN 2022-23 Proposal: That the budget (as per pdf provided) is adopted, subject to review by Council at its December meeting to review final year-on-year change i.e. at	

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	a time when it is expected that HDC will have published the number of Band-D-equivalent dwellings in the Buckden and Diddington Parish that will contribute to our Precept 2022-23. <i>Standing orders re-instated.</i> Council agreed not to take the proposal to a vote Noted. Cllrs are asked to have a very good look into the Draft Budget, and bring questions and queries to the December meeting. Cllr SA offered to run through the budget with the new Cllrs. PC thanked Cllr SA, Clerk and all AGs for their input in setting up the draft Budget. The Precept will be approved at December meeting. 11-126/2 To note that the Quarterly reports to 31 Dec 2021 will be presented in January 2022. Noted. 11/126/3 To approve 9 November 2021 Payments for Sanction. PROPOSAL: Proposed by Cllr CU, seconded by Cllr JT, all in favour and it was RESOLVED to approve the Nov 2021 payments. Carried.	All
	CCC Cllr KB left the meeting	
(2021-22) 11-127	To Consider Planning Committee Report, Cllr S Ashwell 11-127/1 To note the Minutes of the Meetings 12 October 2021. <i>Standing orders were suspended to allow Cllr SA speak.</i> Verbal update provided. 11-127/2 Verbal update on the meeting of 9 November 2021 <i>Standing orders re-instated.</i>	
(2021-22) 11-128	To Consider Update from Large Planning Committee, report attached, Cllr J Thelwall No questions on the report. Cllr CU reported that the LA has informed the school that on current predicted pupil numbers there is unlikely to be any additional building at the school. Landscape and Townscape SPD: Consultation Draft 2021 - The consultation period runs from 15 October to 11:59pm on 10 December 2021, received on 15th Oct 21 from HDC https://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/kse/event/36533 This is an important document, and all Cllrs are invited to read section on Buckden (pages 331 – 356) and send the comments to the Clerk and Chairman by 5 Dec 21. Cllr JT will draft some notes to PC. Clerk to recirculate the document.	Clerk All
(2021-22) 11-129	Compliance Advisory Group, meeting held on 26 October 21, report attached, Cllr C Underwood No questions on the report. Proposed policy for Governance Oversight of Single Tender Actions.	

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	Proposal: That the Governance Policy “Ensuring value for money in the use of single tender actions - Key considerations for Buckden Parish Council” is adopted. PROPOSAL: Proposed by Cllr CU, seconded by Cllr JT, all in favour and it was RESOLVED to approve the Single Tender Actions Policy. Carried.	
(2021-22) 11-130	General Purposes and Cemetery Advisory Group, report attached. No questions on the report. Risk Assessment Billy Goat leaf vacuum To note that the Clerk has reviewed the Risk Assessment. Noted.	
(2021-22) 11-131	Climate Change Mitigation Advisory Group, report attached, Cllr A Jones. Questions on the report Proposal to purchase 2 electric dirty water pumps at a combined cost of £286 including VAT and 2 (1 1/2 inch) flat PVC hose at a combined cost of £57.86 including VAT for these 2 pumps to be on emergency standby for the use of the whole village, at such time and location that they are needed. Various questions and concerns were raised, such as the storage and practicalities of using the pump in an emergency, how to use it if there is a power cut and the use of extension leads during the flooding. It was agreed that residents would be consulted prior to purchase and to proceed if the responses were positive. Cllrs CU and AJ to approach the residents. It was agreed to amend the proposal to add “if residents affected support the purchase.” Proposal: The amended proposal was proposed by Cllr AJ, seconded by Cllr CU, Cllr JT abstained, all the rest in favour and it was RESOLVED that the amended proposal is approved. Carried. <i>Note since meeting: After the agreement of the council to sanction the purchase of 2 electric water pumps and hoses, with the condition that the affected residents agreed. Cllr AJ consulted No’s 91, 93 and ‘Old Chapel’ High Street (3 properties are still unoccupied). The responses were positive, and the Clerk was instructed to place the order for the pumps.</i>	AJ CU
(2021-22) 11-132	Highways and Sustainable Transport, no report received, Cllr E Scott. To note that two Highways Initiatives bids have been submitted to County Council. Thank you to Cllr AB.	
(2021-22) 11-133	Green infrastructure and Biodiversity Advisory Group, no meeting held, report attached, Cllr C Underwood BPC liaised with the Friends of Buckden Towers, and both the Council and the Friends will be planting an English oak tree in the grounds to celebrate Queen’s Jubilee next year.	
(2021-22) 11-134	Village Hall Liaison Please refer to Chairman’s report.	
(2021-22) 11-135	Allotments Advisory Group, no report received, no meeting held. To note that the Invoices for the 2021.22 rent have been sent out. <i>Note since meeting:</i>	

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	Vacant Plots - all plots have now been allocated. Those that were untended have been reclaimed and reallocated. Rats - the infestation appears to be largely under control. The situation will be monitored carefully. Compost Area - the handymen are happy with the new location of their composting/shredding area which is at the back of Plot 1. Skip Hire - this was a huge success. It was half full within a couple of hours. All plots holders had ample opportunity to dispose of their rubbish. We have received feedback from one plot holder who said that the whole site is looking much tidier and what a good idea it was to get the skip. Fencing - we are in the process of obtaining quotes to replace all or some of the perimeter fence on the Silver Street side of the site. Meetings - we have cut right back on our meetings at this quiet time of year, holding them as and when needed. Monthly meetings will resume in Spring 2022.	
(2021-22) 11-136	Communications Advisory Group, meeting held on 1 November 2021, report attached, Cllr C Underwood No questions on the report.	
(2021-22) 11-137	Staffing, verbal update, meeting delayed, no report, Cllr A Howell-Jones. Meeting now scheduled for 1 Dec 21.	
(2021-22) 11-138	Correspondence, matters remaining unresolved, Cllr C Underwood The Parish Council has received two anonymous complaints, including an allegation of criminal conduct against one Councillor. In accordance with their statutory obligations, the allegation of criminal conduct has been investigated by the Parish Council and Huntingdonshire District Council. It was without foundation. The Parish Council does not respond to anonymous complaints.	
(2021-22) 11-139	To agree points of Communication to the Parish, Cllr C Underwood	
(2021-22) 11-140	Date of the next meeting on Tue 14 December 2021 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. <i>Given Covid restrictions if you wish to attend, please contact the Clerk.</i>	

Meeting finished at 9.00pm

Signature

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