

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: Ramune Mimiene, Buckden Village Hall Burberry Road Buckden PE19 5UY.
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Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14 November 2023 at 7.00pm at Village Hall

Present:

Councillor: Anne Howell-Jones, Chair

Councillors: John Thelwall, Caroline Underwood, Sue Ashwell, Peter Clark, Dave Duncan, Madeline Fraser, Aidan Joy, Gerald Sansom, and Emily Lankfer.

Clerk: Ramune Mimiene

4 members of the public, plus one via Zoom Call

MINUTES

11-123 Apologies for absence.

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

BPC Cllr R Salmon tendered his resignation as a councillor. Many thanks to Cllr R Salmon for his contribution to the community.

BPC Cllrs D Duncan and Mark Williams sent apologies for absence which were accepted.

Cllr C Grigg joined on Zoom.

HDC Cllr Martin Hassall sent apologies for absence.

11-124 Declarations of Interest

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

None.

To receive written requests for Disclosable Interest dispensations.

None.

11-125 Minutes

11-125/1 To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 October 2023.

Proposal: Proposed by Cllr AHJ, seconded by Cllr AB, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that the minutes are approved as the correct record of the meeting. Carried.

11-125/2 To resolve any actions arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting, Clerk's report attached.

Dealt with.

Information had been received that the contribution to the cycle way from Buckden PC will be around £66K. Still awaiting confirmation of the definite figure.

Streetlighting – CC Cllr K Billington has been talking to CC Highways about possible future arrangements.

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11-126 County and District Councillor Reports.

11-126/1 To receive a report from County Councillor Ken Billington

CC Cllr K Billington reported prior to the meeting that he tried to get a response from a new Rights of Way Officer but had not had a response to date. It is in regard the footpaths in the parish.

The only other items for the report would have been the Fire and Rescue crewing information, a copy of which is uploaded to the website.

The footpaths in Springfield Way are scheduled for repair on 20 November 2023.

Weeds are still not being sprayed. If any present a risk to safety, then they should be reported to the County Council Highways site.

Cllr PC raised flooding issues on the pavements which he will pursue with CC Cllr KB directly.

11-126/2 To receive a report from District Councillor Martin Hassall

Report on the website.

11-127 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.

A member of the public approached BPC regarding the condition of the footpaths B7 and D12. Cllr CU explained that BPC were aware of the issues and have been seeking to address the problems. Footpath D12 has not been monitored as it is rarely walked. Cllr CU will follow up with National Highways to ascertain if they are responsible for it.

It was explained that the new Rights of Way Officer at CCC has just been appointed, previously there was nobody to enforce it.. It was mentioned that all issues with footpaths should be reported online to CCC directly via online reporting platform [Cambridgeshire County Council - ReportIt](#) .

11-128 Vacancy on the Parish Council.

We received notification from HDC that following a request for an election to fill this position no nominations have been received. The Vacancy will therefore have to be re-advertised and left vacant unless and until at least one nomination is received for election as a parish councillor in Buckden. The resignation of Cllr Salmon as reported means the Council currently has two vacancies.

11-129 Chairman and Vice Chairman's report, report attached

Questions on the report.

Please let Clerk Cllr AHJ or Cllr CU know if anyone wishes to get involved with the Hub.

11-130 Finance, report attached, Cllr S Ashwell.

Questions on the report

Part 1: TO DISCUSS BUDGET PROPOSALS FROM CLERK AND FINANCE ADVISORY GROUP

Proposal: To agree a provisional budget and Precept for BPC for the financial year from 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Proposal: Proposed by Cllr SA, seconded by Cllr PC, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that the proposal is accepted subject to the final sign off at Dec BPC meeting when the number of the band equivalent is produced by HDC. Carried.

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Part 2: TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE FRONT FENCE AT THE ALLOTMENTS

Proposal: To authorise payment of £2,800 from CIL funds to be spent in 2023-24 with the recommended contractor so that work to secure the site more effectively can be completed before Christmas 2023.

Proposal: Proposed by Cllr SA, seconded by Cllr AB, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that the proposal is approved. Carried.

A request for £6000 from the VHT for the maintenance of the Playing Field as circulated.

Proposal: Proposed by Cllr SA, seconded by Cllr PC, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that the proposal is accepted. Carried.

Q2 Accounts summary presented.

Finance group have seen them.

To approve November 2023 Payments for Sanction.

Banner for £50.00 to be removed as the invoice was not addressed to BPC. It was noted that BPC are paying invoices for Community Events Team from the Grant received from HDC.

Proposal: Proposed by Cllr SA, seconded by Cllr MF, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that the payments are to be made excluding the payment of £50.00. Carried.

11-131 Flood Advisory Group, verbal update, Cllr J Thelwall.

Meeting set for 29 Nov 2023. The storage for flood equipment is now complete, it is located next to the Gardeners Shed on the concrete patio by the Silver Street Allotments. Thanks to handyman Nigel King for assembling it.

It is padlocked. The Advisory Group will decide how best to publicise the access code. Cllrs CU, AHJ are happy to share the responsibility for providing the access code.

The Shed will be insured. The group will also discuss if sandbags are required.

11-132 To Consider Planning Committee Report, Cllr P Clark

11-132/1 To note the Minutes of the Meetings on 10th and 31st October 2023.

Noted.

11-132/2 To note that Planning meeting is to be held prior to the PC meeting.

Chairman provided an update. **The group reviewed the** planning conditions imposed on the Lucks Lane development.

Cllr PC will attend DMC meeting re CCTV cameras at the Marina site.

11-133 Large Scale Planning Advisory Group, verbal update, Cllr J Thelwall.

To note that HDC refused Application 22/01748/FUL for the 20 holiday apartments at the Marina. Officer's report listed 10 reasons where the application is contrary to HDC Local Plan and NP..

It was noted that an Asset of Community Value application had been submitted to HDC by a community group.

It has been two months since BPC Large Scale Planning Committee met with Morris Homes, the potential developers of Silver Street. They seemed to be unaware about the unsolved conditions relating to the Roundabout.

11-134 Compliance Advisory Group, no report, Cllr C Underwood.

To approve:

- **Disciplinary, Capability and Grievance Committee ToR**

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Proposal: Proposed by Cllr CU, seconded by Cllr PC, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that the ToR is accepted. Carried.

11-135 Village Maintenance Advisory Group, meeting notes 6th September and 18th October 2023, Cllr S Ashwell

Questions on the reports.

4 members of the public left the meeting

The opportunity for Safeguarding training was not in Oct Minutes, this will be added.

11-136 Highways and Sustainable Transport Advisory Group, notes and report attached, Cllr G Sansom
Verbal update from Cllrs Sansom, Underwood (A1 SAG) and Grigg (Speed Watch)

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Cllr CG (on Zoom) to speak.

Cllr CG gave an update on the speeding in the village.

Meeting was re-opened.

To note report received from National Highways re A1 SAG meeting in October 2023.

Report by Cllr C Underwood re A1 SAG and Buckden Roundabout re the same meeting on 16th October 2023 – Noted.

It was agreed a survey would be created and circulated to seek residents' comments on speeding in the village. Lucks Lane has been previously identified as a problematic area and there is a plan for BPC to apply for MVAS units in the 2024-25 LHI scheme. Cllrs CU and GS will draft an application and will work through the survey. A formal proposal to be presented at December meeting.

It was noted that there is a blind corner by the Lion into the High Street. Highways AG to investigate.

11-137 Green infrastructure and Biodiversity Advisory Group, no report attached, Cllr C Underwood
Questions on the report.

To note that Ouse Valley Way Trust and CCC have a meeting arranged re valley maintenance and access Cllr CU will attend.

11-138 Village Hall Liaison, meeting held on 18th October 2023, report attached, Cllr C Underwood
No questions on the Report

11-139 Allotments Advisory Group, meeting held on 2nd October, report attached, Cllr C Underwood
Questions on the report.
Yearly Invoices have been sent.

11-140 Communications Advisory Group, no update, Cllr A Howell-Jones.

11-141 Correspondence, matters remaining unresolved, Cllr A Howell-Jones
None.

11-142 To note points of Communication to the Parish, Cllr A Howell-Jones
Noted.

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Confidential Matters

11-143 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

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.
None.

11-144 The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 7pm at the Village Hall.

Meeting finished at 9.01pm

Signature *Date.....*