

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 11 January 2022 at 7.30pm at Village Hall

Present:

Councillor: Caroline Underwood, Chair

Councillors: Anne Howell-Jones, John Thelwall, Kathy Render, Amy Burbidge, Josh Harris, Richard Salmon, Pam Fraser and Gerald Sansom.

Clerk: Ramune Mimiene (on Zoom)

HDC Cllr Hamish Masson

CC Cllr Ken Billington

3 members of the public

MINUTES

(2021- Apologies for absence.

22) To receive and accept apologies for absence.

01-163 In the light of increased Covid cases Councillors were asked if they wished to continue with formal in person meetings. Remote meetings are not legally permitted. The majority of the Councillors agreed to continue with face to face meetings.

Cllrs Sue Ashwell, Dave Duncan, Pauline Steel and Allan Jones sent apologies for absence.

(2021- County and District Councillor Reports.

22) **01-164/1 To receive report from County Councillor, no report, verbal update by Ken Billington.**

01-164 **01-164/2 To receive report from District Councillor, report attached.**

No questions on the report. There was discussion of the concerns raised in relation to attenuation basins on the Bloor's development. It was noted that District Cllr HM reported he had had discussions with District Cllr Fuller about enforcement issues. Parish Councillors expressed concerns about the liability for any problems arising from the basins in the future.

Draft Template Letter re Flooding is on the BPC website, and residents are encouraged to write to HDC Cllr Hamish Masson Hamish.Masson@huntingdonshire.gov.uk. Letter (including word document) can be accessed via <https://buckdenpc.org.uk/lucks-lane-attenuation-basin/>.

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

22) Council.

01-165 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 BPC about:

- Post Boxes – asking about the possibility of an additional post box closer to the Old Flour Mills
- Village Signs – the resident noted the sign as you travel from the Offords is installed in the wrong place, it should be on the boundary of the village which is near the river bridge before the level crossing. The Old Flour Mill is within the Buckden boundary but the sign does not state that
- Solar Panels – he requested more information on the pre application consultation to install Solar panels on the meadow in front of the Old Flour Mill.

Cllr Underwood will respond to the queries.

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(2021-22) Declarations of Interest

01-166 To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests, and the nature of those interests relating to items on the agenda
None.

(2021-22) Minutes

01-167 01-167/1 To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14 December 2021.

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

01-167/2 To resolve any actions arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting, none.

(2021-22) To fill in the Vacancy on Parish Council

01-168 We are now within the 6 months of the election, however, we still had to advertise an alternative vacancy notice. As stated on the Notice, the Council may choose to fill the vacancy for the period until the election
Noted.

(2021-22) Chairman's report, report attached, Cllr C Underwood

01-169 Noted.

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

01-170 Report noted, no questions on the report.

01/170.1 To note bank reconciliations:

- Unity Trust Current Acc to 31 Oct 2021, balance £131,223.47
- Unity Trust Current Acc to 30 Nov 2021, balance £134,787.03

Additionally, the Bank Reconciliation carried out for Dec 2021 for the Current Unity Trust acc which was circulated to the PC prior to the meeting.

- Unity Trust Instant Access Acc to 30 Nov 2021, balance £50,000.00.
- Nationwide Building Society to 30 Nov 2021, balance £149,525.31 (CIL funds)
- Natwest Business Reserve and Current accounts to 30 Nov 2021, balance £84,399.47
- Bank of Scotland to 31 Dec 2021, balance £17,838.21

Noted.

01-170.2 To approve 11 January 2022 Payments for Sanction, payments list for the amount of £12,167.16 attached.

PROPOSAL: Proposed by Cllr CU, seconded by Cllr GS, all in favour and it was **RESOLVED** that the Payments are approved. Carried.

(2021-22) To Consider Planning Committee Report, Cllr J Thelwall

01-171 01-171/1 To note the Minutes of the Meetings 14 December and 21 December 2021.

Cllr JT presented the outcome of the two planning committee meetings, especially highlighting the 21st Dec 21 meeting Minutes, as this was when the pre-application presentation for the Solar Farm in the Ouse Valley Landscape was made by the developer. Minutes can be accessed via: <https://buckdenpc.org.uk/planning-committee-minutes/planning-committee-minutes-2021/>
Cllr JT requested that the following proposal be put to the Council in relation to the application:
The Planning Committee is directed to write to the proposers of a solar farm at Mill Road informing them that the Parish Council is bound by the Neighbourhood Plan to absolutely

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oppose any proposal for any development, including a solar farm, in the Ouse Valley Landscape Area.

PROPOSAL: Proposed by Cllr JT, seconded by Cllr CU, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that the resolution is approved. Carried

01-171/2 Planning meeting moved to 18th January 2022. Noted.

(2021-22) To Consider Update from Large Planning Committee, no report, verbal update, Cllr J Thelwall
Cllr JT expressed concerns about the engagement with HDC regarding the Silver Street development and the payment of S106 money.

01-172 Ongoing meetings have been arranged with National Highways, Cllrs CU, GS, AHJ and JT (depending on availability), will attend.

(2021-22) Compliance Advisory Group, no meeting held, no report, Cllr C Underwood
Meeting scheduled for Tue 25th January. Mid-Year Audit will be carried out this week.

01-173 (2021-22) General Purposes and Cemetery Advisory Group, no meeting held, verbal update, Cllr A Howell-Jones

01-174 There were several problems with the Christmas Lights in the High Street over Christmas. We are talking to the contractor concerned to understand the underlying cause and what action is required.

(2021-22) Climate Change Mitigation Advisory Group, no meeting held, report attached.
Update on infrared camera provided, there is a waiting list for the camera.

01-175 The Council have purchased 2 water pumps for use in an emergency. These are currently being held by the residents at most risk of flooding.

(2021-22) Highways and Sustainable Transport, no meeting held, no report Cllr A Burbidge
Additional MVAS units for Mill Road and Perry Road being delivered tomorrow. Cllr CU will organise a Highways meeting before the end of the month.

(2021-22) Green infrastructure and Biodiversity Advisory Group, no meeting held, no report, Cllr C Underwood

01-177 Updates on Biodiversity Strategy provided, and Tree Planting in the Towers included under Chairs report.

(2021-22) Village Hall Liaison, no meeting held, no report, Cllr C Underwood
Meetings are scheduled for the whole year.

01-178 (2021-22) Allotments Advisory Group, no meeting held, no report, Cllr C Underwood
Initial payment for the fence made.

01-179 (2021-22) Communications Advisory Group, verbal update, Cllr A Howell-Jones
A new Parish Council Facebook account was created and is being finalised, it is linked to the BPC website for the automatic updates.

01-180 Quarterly information for the Roundabout insert is being finalised, this time it concentrates on Biodiversity and Flooding.

(2021-22) Staffing, verbal update, Cllr A Howell-Jones.
Advert for Assistant Parish Clerk has been published. One Councillor Vacancy has been advertised.
01-181 Schedule of works for the village handymen will need to be reviewed by the Staffing Group to reflect the Biodiversity Strategy.

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(2021-22) **Correspondence, matters remaining unresolved, Cllr C Underwood**
None.

01-182

(2021-22) **To agree points of Communication to the Parish, Cllr A Howell-Jones**
Points of communication agreed.

01-183

(2021-22) **Date of the next meeting on Tue 8 February 2022 at 7.30pm – venue to be confirmed**
Given Covid restrictions if you wish to attend, please contact the Clerk.

01-184

Meeting finished at 8.35pm

Signature

Date.....