

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Buckden Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 December 2024 at 7.00pm at Village Hall

Present:

Councillor: Peter Clark, Chair

Councillors: Anne Howell-Jones, John Thelwall, Gerald Sansom, Anita Pancholi, Aidan Joy, Mark Williams, Dave Duncan, Madeline Fraser, Kayler Larman, Emily Lankfer

Clerk: Ramune Mimiene

CC Cllr Ken Billington

HDC Cllr Martin Hassall

2 members of the public

MINUTES

12-138 To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Cllrs S Leggate and C Underwood sent apologies for absence which were accepted.

12-139 Declarations of Interest

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

Non statutory Interest was declared by Cllr JT in one of the grant applications.

To receive written requests for Disclosable Interest dispensations – None.

12-140 Minutes

12-140/1 To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 November 2024.

11/126 amend 'them' into 'access will then be..'

Proposed by Cllr MF, seconded by Cllr AHJ, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that Minutes are approved as true and correct record of the meeting with the above amendment.

12-140/2 To resolve any actions arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting, Clerk's report attached.

Noted.

It was agreed to chase National Highways re broken lights and stolen mirror in the Underpass.

12-141 County and District Councillor Reports.

12-141/1 To receive a report from County Councillor Ken Billington

Verbal update. Traffic, parking and other road issues discussed.

Car parked on the corner causing highway obstruction, agreed to seek police support.

12-141/2 To receive a report from District Councillor Martin Hassall

Report received and can be accessed via the website under the Agenda reports.

12-142 A report from HDC Biodiversity Lead, attendance to be confirmed

The aim is to get informed about HDC's strategies on Biodiversity enhancement measures.

The HDC lead did not attend the meeting tonight, we will aim to invite them the future meetings.

12-143 Open Forum – a maximum of 15 minutes is permitted for members of the public to address the Council.

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Terry Hayward suggested to bring colour to the Christmas lights. Agreed to take it to Village Maintenance Committee to explore the options. It was noted by Cllr AHJ that the white lights were chosen because of the village request.

Terry Hayward congratulated people who produce Roundabout. There are 8 principal people who are responsible to bring the magazine each month. Chairman will write a thank you paragraph and ask that to be inserted into the Roundabout.

12-144 Chair's update, Cllr P Clark

Cllr PC stated that despite of the weather the turn out for the Lights Switch was pretty good.

Thanks to everyone involved. It was noted that BPC are responsible for the lights switch and road closure payment only.

Seniors Tea party was on Monday at the VH.

In early Jan Cllrs CU and PC are meeting the chairman and representative of Shakespeare at the Towers.

Current volunteers are stopping managing the book exchange. Immediately two Councillors (CG and EL) volunteered to be part of a rota to ensure that it continued. It was therefore agreed to put an appeal in "Roundabout" for more people to come forward.

12-145 To discuss HM Gov consultation on Enabling remote attendance & proxy voting at council meetings, consultation circulated

Consultation is seeking views from elected member, council body, member of the public etc. It can be responded to online. In general, the BPC is keen on having remote access.

The consultation is only open by the end of Dec. It was decided that individual responses are most practical.

12-146 Compliance Advisory Group, report attached, Cllr C Underwood.

Questions on the report.

12-146/1 Single Tender Actions Policy, a copy circulated

Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr AHJ, all present in favour, and it was RESOLVED that the policy is accepted. Carried.

Note since meeting: Uploaded to the website.

12-146/2 Complaints Policy & Habitual and Vexations Complaints Policy, a copy circulated

Proposed by Cllr AHJ, seconded by Cllr AJ, all present in favour, and it was RESOLVED that the Complaint policy is accepted. Carried.

Note since meeting: Uploaded to the website.

Proposed by Cllr MF, seconded by Cllr CG, all present in favour, and it was RESOLVED that the Habitual and Vexations Complaints policy is accepted subject to the amendments with the agreed. Carried.

A member of the public joined the meeting

12-146/3 To note new Terms of Reference for:

- Village Maintenance Committee

Needs adding 'Terms of Reference' – agreed.

Proposed by Cllr MF, seconded by Cllr MW, all present in favour, and it was RESOLVED that the ToR are approved. Carried

- Hub Advisory Group

Agreed on term of 'chair' to be used in all future documents.

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Bullet point 3 repeats 2 – remove bullet 2 on p.1

Bullet point 4 of the second lot – focal point – remove ‘the’ from communication. Remove quotation marks at the end

Proposed by Cllr MF, seconded by Cllr MW, all present in favour, and it was RESOLVED that the ToR are approved with the above amendments. Carried

12-147 Finance, report circulated to Councillors, Cllr M Williams

Discussion took place.

12-147/1 PROPOSAL: It is recommended that the Council approve this course of action to deliver a balanced budget for 2025/26 of £209,339.

Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr EL, all present in favour, and it was RESOLVED that budget for 2025/26 of £209,339 is approved. Carried.

12-147/2 PROPOSAL: It is recommended that the Council approve this proposal for the precept request of £187,554.29 to HDC.

Proposed by Cllr EL, seconded by Cllr MW, all present in favour, and it was RESOLVED that Precept request of £187,554.29 is submitted to HDC. Carried.

12-147/3 PROPOSAL: It is recommended that the Council approves the Reserve Fund definitions and uses from 2025/26 onwards.

Proposed by Cllr JT, seconded by Cllr AHJ, all present in favour, and it was RESOLVED that Reserves Fund is approved. Carried.

12-147/4 PROPOSAL: The Council approves the Grants and Donations Applications as set in the report.

7 grant and donation applications received. Recommending approval to 6 of them.

Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr MF, all present in favour, and it was RESOLVED that 6 Grant and Donation requests are approved, and one is not approved. Carried.

12-147/5 To approve December 2024 Payments for Sanction

Proposed by Cllr MW, seconded by Cllr MF, all present in favour, and it was RESOLVED that December PFS are approved. Carried.

12-148 Flood Advisory Group, meeting to be held on 6 December, report to be circulated, Cllr A Joy

To note the petition re Demand the Environment Agency to Reinstate Flood Prevention Measures which can be accessed here <https://chng.it/XtG9RF5tLF>

Report circulated.

Thank you was expressed to Cllr JT for chairing the group. Cllr AJ was elected as a new chair.

A member from Brampton Flood Group attended the meeting tonight and was introduced to BPC, update on Environmental Agency response was shared.

12-149 To Consider Planning Committee Report, Cllr P Clark

12-149/1 To note Planning Meeting Minutes of 12 November 2024

Noted.

12-149/2 To note that Planning Meeting was held prior to the PC meeting.

Brief provided by Cllr PC. Update on ongoing issue with Pasturelands provided.

12-150 Large Scale Planning Advisory Group, no meeting, verbal update, Cllr J Thelwall.

A1 SAG noted that no progress was made on Roudnabout.

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12-151 Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group, Cllr J Thelwall

To confirm the submission made in response for Call for Sites.

The Local Plan submission was made. Following the meeting with HDC Cllr MH the responses on the documents do not permit wider view of the options therefore we did a more general response to the Options Paper which was submitted at the same time as formal consultation. A wider context view was presented.

Approved.

12-152 Village Maintenance Committee, report attached, meeting held on 8th November 2024, next meeting to be held on 6 Dec 2024, Cllr A Howell-Jones

Report noted. And verbal update provided.

CCC map – to check if what CCC are saying and what we think we are responsible for match.

Wee bin – query from VHT which we are responding to. We need HDC to provide us the measurements (it will be smaller than clothing bank). From placing an order, it takes between 2 to 3 weeks to deliver. Battery powered items can be placed in it but cannot put sperate batteries.

Cllr AHJ, proposed to co-opt the volunteer B Millard to the committee.

Proposed by Cllr AHJ, seconded by Cllr GS, all present in favour, and it was RESOLVED to co-opt Cllr Betty Millard to the Village maintenance Committee, approved. Carried

**12-153 Highways and Sustainable Transport Advisory Group, Cllrs G Sansom and C Underwood
To receive notes from A1 Safety Advisory Group held on 11 November 2024**

Signs of ‘speed watch village’ will be with us in the new year.

Work on Manor Garden kerbs is in progress.

Speed watch will resume in late January 2025. Special thanks to volunteers and Des especially.

To note submission for Highways Maintenance Investment scheme, CCC

Path down Mill Rd – request submitted to Maintenance Investment, CCC. The briefing will be 4 days after the submissions.

Request to widen pavement at the end of Silver str corner also submitted.

It was noted that there are safety issues at Stirtloe Lane when cars come off A1 there is no paths for pedestrians to walk and they end up walking on the road. Since the new estate been built many dog walkers go that way.

12-154 Green infrastructure and Biodiversity Advisory Group, next meeting 7 January 2025, verbal update, Cllr C Underwood

12-155 Climate Change Mitigation Advisory Group, reports attached, Cllr M Fraser

- Recycling batteries responsibility
- Report on Thermal Imaging Camera
- Climate Change Mitigation Advisory Group Report

PROPOSAL: To purchase a Hikmicro pocket 2 thermal imaging camera which currently retails at £499 from Amazon and to confirm the Thermal Imaging Camera Loan Agreement.

Proposed by Cllr MF, seconded by Cllr GS, all present in favour, and it was RESOLVED to purchase the thermal imaging camera for £499. Carried

Cllr MF agreed to host the camera.

**12-156 Village Hall Liaison, meeting held 21 November 2024, report attached, Cllr C Underwood
To note information about BPC Custodian Trustee status, noted.**

12-157 Allotments Advisory Group, no report, Cllr C Underwood

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12-158 Communications Advisory Group, no report, Cllr A Howell-Jones

12-159 The Hub, meeting held 3 December 2024, report to follow, Cllr A Pancholi

Verbal update provided. Report needs to be completed and then it will be circulated.
Thank you to the team.

Children's Summer Parish Sports Sessions - 2024 Summary Report circulated; it had a break down for Buckden village.

1 member of the public joined the meeting

12-160 Correspondence, matters remaining unresolved, the chair

12-161 To note points of Communication to the Parish

Noted.

Cllr GS attended Hunts Forum meeting and noted that their name will change into CCVS from April 2024.

12-162 Confidential Matters

None.

12-163 The next Parish Council Meetings: on 14 January 2025 at 7pm at the Village Hall

Meeting finished 8.59