

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 8 October 2024 at 7.00pm at Village Hall

Present:

Councillor: Peter Clark, Chair

Councillors: Caroline Underwood, Anne Howell-Jones, John Thelwall, Abi Bodede, Anita Pancholi, Aidan Joy, Simon Leggate, Mark Williams, Dave Duncan, and Madeline Fraser.

Clerk: Ramune Mimiene

HDC Cllr Martin Hassall

1 member of the public

MINUTES

10-093 To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Cllrs Kayla Larman, Gerald Sansom, Catherine Grigg, and Emily Lankfer sent apologies for absence, which were accepted.

10-094 Declarations of Interest

None.

To receive written requests for Disclosable Interest dispensations.

None.

10-095 Minutes

10-095/1 To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 September 2024.

Page 4 Minute 09-078.1 change "with into '*subject to editorial work*'

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

10-095/2 To resolve any actions arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting, Clerk's report attached.

Noted.

10-096 County and District Councillor Reports.

10-096/1 To receive a report from County Councillor Ken Billington – no report.

10-096/2 To receive a report from District Councillor Martin Hassall – report circulated. Noted.

Recent flooding issues in the area discussed.

10-097 Open Forum – a maximum of 15 minutes is permitted for members of the public to address the Council.

Lou Connor approached BPC on behalf of Buckden Farmer Market & The Vine. The group wishes to return any funds collected into the community (previously given to the charity) and asked for top 10 things community needs. It was agreed that the fund is kept and then when the need comes along the group will be approached. Defer to January meeting when we know how much funds have been collected. AGs to take the offer to their meetings. Funds could be used for match funding in support of Grant applications.

Terry Hayward, spoke about the overgrowth from planter outside the Lion. He cannot remember if it is PC responsibility but felt it is definitely not CCC responsibility. It was suggested that the handymen are asked to trim it back. This would be done as soon as possible.

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He also complained about the lack of action on the section of the pavement in the High Street near the Roundabout. Cllr CU explained that the pavements around the village are being looked at by CCC Highways, Cllr CU agreed to check with CC Highways Maintenance team.

He then raised his concern that brambles were overgrowing the Judas Tree in the church yard. It was agreed to report to our tree warden.

10-098 Chair's report, report attached, Cllr P Clark

10-098/1 To consider BPC response to the engagement process re proposed pilot of a Quiet Way between Grafham and Brampton – agreed to take to Highways AG. BPC wish to be involved in this engagement matter with CCC and Sustrans.

10-098/2 To consider buying and laying a Wreath on Remembrance Day – Church and British legion take the lead in the village. BPC never had anything to do with this particular service, suggested to lay a Wreath. Before doing so, agreed to approach RBL first.

Proposed by Cllr PC, seconded by Cllr MW, 4 abstentions, 1 against, 6 in favour and it was RESOLVED to lay a Wreath on Remembrance Day.

10-098/3 To consider giving further support to the Lithium-ion Battery Safety Bill – agreed to support the bill.

10-099 Compliance Advisory Group, report attached, Cllr C Underwood.

No questions on the report

To note that Compliance Advisory Group meeting would be on 29th October 2024.

10-100 Finance, no report

The Finance Advisory Group meeting is on 29th October 2024

10-100/1 AGs and Committees are reminded to submit Budget 2025.26 requests by mid-October.

10-100/2 To approve October 2024 Payments for Sanction

Comment re Making Memories was raised, it was explained that all MM expenditure is covered by the Grants.

Proposed by Cllr MF, seconded by Cllr JT, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that October payments are approved.

10-101 Flood Advisory Group, meeting held 17 September 2024, report attached, Cllr J Thelwall.

No questions on the report.

Cllr JT resigned from chairing this AG. BPC thanked Cllr JT for all his work on this matter. Cllr AJ is planning to step in to chair the AG.

It was noted that for the fourth time in 12 months the Great Ouse has flooded, isolating properties for a week.

10-101/1 To elect the chairman to the AG – it was agreed to leave it to the group to elect their chair.

10-102 To Consider Planning Committee Report, Cllr P Clark

10-102/1 To note Planning meeting Minutes of 10 September 2024 – noted.

10-102/2 To note that Planning meeting was held prior to the PC meeting – noted.

The Parish Council has been consulted on proposals for a 766-hectare solar panel site running Westwards from Hail Weston. We have objected as it is on good quality agricultural land.

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We have also complained to Cambridgeshire County Council about the noxious smells emanating from the Landfill site on the Buckden Road at Brampton

Cllr JT explained that he is still chasing the enforcement team re serving the enforcement notice to Pasturelands.

10-103 Large Scale Planning Advisory Group, verbal update, Cllr J Thelwall.

In the last edition of "Roundabout" we reported on the proposed meeting with our neighbouring Parish Councils to discuss the "Call for Sites" which is one of the early stages in the development of the District Local Plan. 6 sites in Buckden and 1 in Diddington have been identified/put forward in the desktop review and more information can be found at <https://consult.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/kse/event/38140>
The consultation will finish on 27th November.

10-104 Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group, meeting held on 25 Sept 2024, report attached, Cllr J Thelwall

Question on the report.

It was agreed to get new NP in line to take for adoption as soon as LP is adopted.

Agenda item for Nov BPC re LP recommendations from the AG.

A volunteer AB will attend the group meeting tomorrow with the possibility of joining the group.

10-104/1 To Approve Terms of Reference – approved.

10-105 Village Maintenance Committee – due to the restructure has not met since July but Scheduled to meet on Friday 8th Nov 2024.

10-105/1 Election of Chair.

Proposed by Cllr PC, seconded by Cllr CU, all in favour and it was RESOLVED that Cllr AHJ will chair the meeting.

Cllr AHJ explained that she is happy to do this short term but will be looking for the replacement chair.

To note Streetlighting Stakeholder Survey - <https://forms.office.com/e/6QFWMrJ2WX->

Documentation on streetlights were received from the leaving chair. **Cllrs MF and AHJ** will have a look.

10-106 Highways and Sustainable Transport Advisory Group, verbal update, meeting scheduled for 7 Oct 2024, Cllr C Underwood

A1 Safety AG meeting scheduled for 11 Nov 2024.

CCC Highways attended the site meeting re Lucks Lane LHI scheme application. Received designs and the cost.
To note Highways Stakeholder Survey - <https://forms.office.com/e/t85HpP1QEn>

Cllr JT left the meeting

10-107 Green infrastructure and Biodiversity Advisory Group, report attached, Cllr C Underwood

No questions on the report.

10-108 Climate Change Mitigation Advisory Group, verbal update, Cllr M Fraser

A highly successful Repair Café took place on 5th October at Buckden Village Hall. Our thanks to Councillor Madeline Fraser who organised it and to all the volunteers who helped, either as repairers or providing refreshments. Repairers looked at 50 items and had a 73% success rate. Not only that, but it is also estimated that it saved 91kg of waste and 685kg of CO2 emissions.
Further Repair Cafes will be advertised in "Roundabout".

We are deeply grateful to **Raphael Magnus from Safe Electric** who supply Electrical Design services and are the specialists in compliance services without whose help we could not be able to PAT (EET)

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inspect and test the electrical equipment.

Chair to write a thank you letter.

90 visitors attended the repair café and 50 items for repair. Some people arrived for coffee and a cake.

Feedback was very positive. 12 volunteers and general helpers.

Next repair café is scheduled for 8th Feb 2025.

BPC agreed to pay £20 donation to the Charity for the hire of the kit for the day

Proposed by Cllr MF, seconded by Cllr MW, all in favour and it was RESOLVED to pay £20 for the hire of the Repair café kit.

10-109 Village Hall Liaison, no report, Cllr C Underwood

Matter to be discussed under closed meeting.

10-110 Allotments Advisory Group, report attached, Cllr C Underwood

Questions on the reports.

Soil improver arrived and we are keen to have a 2nd lot.

10-111 Communications Advisory Group, report attached.

Questions on the report.

Cllr AHJ urged Cllrs to use Council email addresses.

AG to think about communication at the meetings to share on social media.

We have not responded on Facebook queries but now will respond to factual queries.

We do not comment on anything that is not factual.

Verbal update on Hub and Youth Events and developments, A Howell-Jones

Youth event and survey results with priorities are in place. The Hub and all things attached are finding its identity. Cllr AP was thanked for her work.

The child and family centres will provide all equipment and resources, for a stay and play group for pre-school age children from 4th Nov 2024 at the Village Hall from 10am to 11.30am.

Following the success of the summer multisport sessions for children aged 5-11, we will be offering 3 more sessions in October half term. Keep an eye on FB for further details and booking information.

- Weekly multisport sessions for young people aged 11-18.
- Yoga sloths! Yoga sessions for 11-18 year olds, free, on Mondays at 5pm.
- Stay and play group coming soon to Buckden! Parents and children under 5 all welcome. £2 to attend.

Provision will include table top crafts with few child chairs (focus on fine motor skills, language development), baby mats/books/baby toys (safe area for youngest children with sensory play) tuff trays to fill with various activities focusing on creative play, sensory experience, problem solving.

Play such as cars/trains/toy farms and larger toys such as small ride ons and physical play items to develop balance and gross motor skills. The sessions will also include mats to provide baby self-weigh scales.

Cllr CU left the meeting

A member of the public left the meeting

10-112 Correspondence, matters remaining unresolved, the chair

Agreed and noted.

10-113 To note points of Communication to the Parish

Noted.

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10-114 Confidential Matters

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.

Update on employment of new handyman. A new groundstaff is joining the Parish Council from November 2024.
BVT and BPC matter discussed.

10-115 The next Parish Council Meetings: on 12 November 2024 at 7pm at the Village Hall

Meeting finished at 8.46pm

Appendix 1 – Payments for Sanction List October 2024

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Expenditure transactions - payments approval list

Start of year 01/04/24

No	Payment Reference	Gross	Vat	Net	To pay Invoice date	Invoice no.	Details	Payment Reference
2045	BACS2410 08Classes2	£178.00	£0.00	£178.00	£178.00 31/08/24	080	Love to Move - MM	£178.00
2038	BACS2410 08JAM1	£57.46	£9.58	£47.88	£57.46 11/09/24		TSOHOST - Hosting for one year - Roundabout	£57.46
2039	BACS2410 08JAM2	£23.94	£3.99	£19.95	£23.94 11/09/24		TSOHOST - Domain fee for one year	£23.94
2046	DD241001 SSE	£23.35	£3.89	£19.46	£23.35 17/09/24	IV01564871	SSE - Electricity gardeners shed	£23.35
2043	BACS2410 08Glassblade	£120.00	£20.00	£100.00	£120.00 18/09/24	2476	Glassblade Ltd - 2 month website admin 18 Sep to 17 Nov 24	£120.00
2028	BACS2410 08Amaz4	£19.79	£3.30	£16.49	£19.79 19/09/24	236548	Amazon EU - Yellow and Black tape for the Repair café	£19.79
2042	BACS2410 08PreLawn	£300.00	£50.00	£250.00	£300.00 19/09/24	1856	ProLawnCare - Autumn clearance - Hunts End	£300.00
2041	BACS2410 08Savills	£255.00	£0.00	£255.00	£255.00 20/09/24	945676	Savills - Rent for Allotments 06.4.24 to 10.10.24	£255.00
2040	BACS2410 08Viking	£75.58	£12.60	£62.98	£75.58 23/09/24	4788469	Viking - Ink cartridge	£75.58
2027	BACS2410 08Amaz3	£46.40	£7.73	£38.67	£46.40 24/09/24	96114668	Amazon EU - Chalkboard for the Repair café	£46.40
2032	BACS2410 08TBPC	£760.00	£0.00	£760.00	£760.00 24/09/24	55103	The Business Printing Company - Roundabout Booklets October	£760.00
2033	BACS2410 08MM	£121.12	£0.00	£121.12	£121.12 25/09/24	SI-985744	BVHT - Hall hire Sep 2024 Making Memories	£121.12

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2036	BACS2410 08NoName dOr	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00	25/09/24		Donation S137	£500.00
2026	BACS2410 08Amaz2	£6.44	£1.07	£5.37	£6.44	27/09/24	GB41A83PABEY	Amazon EU - Chalk for the repair café board	£6.44
2031	BACS2410 08Amey	£93.76	£15.63	£78.13	£93.76	27/09/24	101243968	AmeyCespa (East) Ltd - Mixed general waste 3, 10, 17 and 24 Sep 24	£93.76
2029	BACS2410 08Ibbetts1	£60.00	£10.00	£50.00	£60.00	30/09/24	183027	Ibbetts - Spanner set	£60.00
2030	BACS2410 08Ibbetts2	£42.57	£7.09	£35.48	£42.57	30/09/24	183026	Ibbetts - Various	£42.57
2037	BACS2410 08DiddingP CC	£1,894.00	£0.00	£1,894.00	£1,894.00	30/09/24		Diddington PCC - Grant S137	£1,894.00
2044	BACS2410 08Classes MM1	£140.60	£0.00	£140.60	£140.60	30/09/24	082	Love to Move - MM	£140.60
2047	DD241007 Shell1	£3.60	£0.60	£3.00	£3.60	30/09/24	9008244104	Shell Buckden - Admin fee	£3.60
2025	BACS2410 08Amaz1	£14.78	£2.46	£12.32	£14.78	01/10/24		Amazon EU - Adhesive labels	£14.78
2034	BACS2410 08BVHTpc	£4.33	£0.00	£4.33	£4.33	03/10/24	SI-985734	BVHT - Refreshments 2nd Sep 24 for parishes meeting	£4.33
2035	BACS2410 08StNeots M	£300.00	£0.00	£300.00	£300.00	03/10/24		St Neots Museum - Donation s137	£300.00
		£6,995.33	£0.00	£6,995.33	£6,995.33	Confidential			
Total		£12,036.05	£147.94	£11,888.11	£12,036.05				