

BUCKDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: Ramune Mimiene, Buckden Village Hall Burberry Road Buckden PE19 5UY.
Tel; 01480 819407

Notice of meeting: **Parish Council Meeting**
Time: 7.00pm
Date: Tuesday 12 September 2023
Venue: Village Hall

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purposes of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below. The meeting is open to the public (including press).

If a member of the public wishes to attend this meeting, please contact the Clerk providing your name, email address and contact number by emailing to clerk@buckdenpc.org.uk

If you wish to join Parish Council meeting remotely, please email the clerk for a Zoom invite providing your name and email address.

Ramune Mimiene
Clerk
Buckden Parish Council
6 September 2023

AGENDA

- 09-76 The election of chair and vice chair**
- 09-77 Apologies for absence.**
To receive and accept apologies for absence.
- 09-78 Declarations of Interest**
To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests, and the nature of those interests relating to items on the agenda.
- To receive written requests for Disclosable Interest dispensations.**
- 09-79 Minutes**
09-79/1 To agree and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 July 2023.
- 09-79/2 To agree and re-sign the Annual Assembly minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 23 May 2023 following the corrections made**
- 09-79/3 To resolve any actions arising from the minutes of the Parish Council meeting, Clerk's report attached.**
- 09-80 County and District Councillor Reports.**
09-80/1 To receive a report from County Councillor Ken Billington
09-80/2 To receive a report from District Councillor Martin Hassall
- 09-81 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.

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09-82 To co-opt to fill the 1st vacancy on the Parish Council.

To note the resignation of Cllr Allan Jones.

If, within 14 statutory days after the date of the notice provided to HDC, a request for an election to fill the vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer, Huntingdonshire District Council, Pathfinder House, Huntingdon PE29 3TN by ten electors of the Parish an election will be held. If no such notice is given the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

09-83 Chairman's report, report attached

Questions on the report

09-84 Finance, report attached, Cllr S Ashwell.

Questions on the report

Part 1: APPLICATION FOR A DONATION FOR A GROUP SERVING BPC RESIDENTS

Proposal: That BPC makes a donation of £500 to Buckden Monday Club.

Part 2: PROPOSAL THAT BPC BECOMES A PARTNER WITH BVHT TO MAKE A GRANT APPLICATION FOR NEW/ADDITIONAL ENERGY SAVING MEASURES FROM THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE PRIORITIES CAPITAL FUND.

Part 3: TO NOTE AGAR SUBMITTED FOR 2022-23 - EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S COMMENTS & BPC RESPONSE

Part 4: TO NOTE END OF Q1 FINANCE: SUMMARY BY ADVISORY GROUP AND CENTRAL FUNCTIONS

To note Bank Reconciliations and Balances of the Quarter 1 account to 30 Jun 2023

- Unity Trust current account £115,422.05 (confidential)
- Unity Trust instant access £101,320.87
- Nationwide Building Society £203,484.14
- NatWest current and reserve £2,496.66
- Cambridge Building Society £11,071.93

DATES FOR THE DIARY: All budget proposals need to be sent to the Clerk no later than 14 October 5pm, to enable consideration of the overall potential effect on the 2024-25 Precept. This will be undertaken by the Finance AG at its meeting on 24 October 2023.

Part 5: STAFFING FINANCE

To note August payments made

To approve September 2023 Payments for Sanction.

09-85 Flood Advisory Group, verbal update, Cllr J Thelwall.

09-86 To Consider Planning Committee Report, Cllr P Clark

09-86/1 To note the Minutes of the Meetings on 11 and 25 July and 15 and 29 August 2023.

09-86/2 To note that Planning meeting was held tonight prior to the PC meeting.

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09-87 Planning Matters for discussion by Council

09-87/1 Installation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) park generating up to 35 MW of electricity comprising of ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays, together with inverters/transformer stations, Distribution Network Operator (DNO) Substation, customer substation/switchgear and meter kiosk, internal buried cabling and private wire cable to Anglian Water facility, internal access tracks, security fencing and gates and CCTV cameras, upgraded existing site access, other ancillary infrastructure, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements – Site Address: Land North of Vicarage Lane Diddington Reference: 23/00258/FUL received 8th August, comments by 29th September
Discussion re proposed council policy in relation to Solar Panel farms. See attached statement.
Cllr Anne Howell-Jones

09-87/2 Marina Leisure Club application

Proposal That BPC wishes to draw the attention of HDC Para 99 of the NPPF about planning arrangements for recreational facilities:

Open space and recreation, paragraph 99:

‘Existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- a) As assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, building or land to be surplus to requirements; or*
- b) The loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or*
- c) The development is for alternative spots and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.*

09-88 Large Scale Planning Advisory Group, verbal update, Cllr J Thelwall.
Proposal to appoint a new member to the Group.

09-89 Compliance Advisory Group, no report, Cllr C Underwood.
Proposal to Approve ToR to all BPC Advisory Groups and Committee.

09-90 Village Maintenance Advisory Group, Minutes from the meeting on 27th Jun 2023 attached, Cllr S Ashwell
Questions on report.

Village Maintenance Advisory Group, Minutes from the meeting on 27th Jun 2023 attached and verbal update on key issues from meeting on 06 September, Cllr S Ashwell
Questions on report.

Proposal: to appoint village resident Mrs Margaret Carter to VMAG following the resignation due to other commitments of one of the group’s two village members.

09-91 Climate Change Mitigation Advisory Group, no report.

09-92 Highways and Sustainable Transport Advisory Group, no report, Cllr G Sansom

09-93 Green infrastructure and Biodiversity Advisory Group, no report

09-94 Village Hall Liaison, meeting held on Wed 2 Aug 2023, report attached, and verbal update on meeting on 6th September Cllr S Ashwell
Questions on report.
Proposal to appoint a new member to the Group.

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- 09-95 Allotments Advisory Group, report to follow**
- 09-96 Communications Advisory Group, no meeting held, no report, Cllr A Howell-Jones.**
- 09-97 Correspondence, matters remaining unresolved, Cllr A Howell-Jones**
- 09-98 To note points of Communication to the Parish, Cllr A Howell-Jones**

Confidential Matters

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

- 09-99** 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
Staffing matter.
- 09-100 Date of the next meeting is Parish Council Meeting which will be held on Tuesday 10 October 2023 at 7pm at the Village Hall.**