

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 8th August 2011 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT

Mrs. P. W. Frankum (Chairman); Mr. B. Dickens; Mr. J. de Lara; Mr. S. Beeson; Mrs. L. Clarke; Mr. A. Gilbert; Mr. J. Brims; Mr. G. Pask (District Councillor); Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

APOLOGIES

Mr. T. Slatford; Mr. H. Hind.

OTHERS

Arlene Kersley (Rural Housing Advisor for West Berkshire CCB); Gary and Carly Bush (from the Cottage Inn).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

- M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 11th July 2011.
The minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 11th July 2011 were agreed and signed by Mr. Beeson.
- M2. Planning Committee Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 25th July 2011.
The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 25th July 2011 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs. Clarke.

PUBLIC SESSION

PS1. The Cottage Inn.

Mr. de Lara introduced Gary Bush from The Cottage Inn who has put a lot of time and effort into holding events for Upper Bucklebury people at the pub. Since the Royal Wedding, two "ticket only" events have been held in the paddock for the people of Upper Bucklebury and their friends. The most recent event was held on Friday 5th August.

The meeting was **closed**.

Gary Bush reported that the most recent event was advertised three weeks prior to the event and flyers were sent out earlier in the week. Sound checks were made on the day of the event between 5 and 6pm with the speakers facing west.

After the event had started at about 9.20pm a request was made from a resident of Byles Green that the music be turned down by 10pm. This was agreed and the resident was asked to come back if the music was still troubling him after 10pm; no further complaints were made to the landlord. At 10pm, the music was turned down and the music was turned off at 12.00am. On Monday morning, 11th July an abatement order was issued as a result of a complaint to the Out of Hours Service regarding the noise level which is understood to have been witnessed by an officer who did not speak to the landlord.

The meeting was **reopened**.

There was surprise from councillors that the abatement order had been issued without consultation with the landlord and with such speed. There was considerable concern that the abatement order should not have an impact on a charity event which is planned for September 24th. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact WBC and find out whether or not the level of the sound had been measured and get some feel for how many complaints had been received.

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- PS2. Presentation by Arlene Kersley – Rural Housing Enabler for Berkshire.
 Arlene Kersley spoke to the council and explained that affordable housing is housing which is priced at 80% of the open market value. It was explained that Housing association homes, may be either wholly rented, or in part ownership schemes. At the moment, the mortgage industry is very tight and WBC is considering subsidising rents.
 In the recent Parish Plan Refresh 52% of respondents replied that they felt a housing survey should be carried out. It was therefore agreed that BPC would aim to distribute a housing survey with the January 2012 copy of The Oaks. In order to explain the survey, Arlene agreed to write a short article for the September copy of The Oaks.

CLERKS REPORT

- CR1. RG7 Sorting Office Changes.
 A letter has been sent to Thatcham Sorting Office, but no reply has been forthcoming. It was agreed to pass the information on to the NWN.
- CR2. Welcome Packs.
 The Clerk reported that Welcome Pack covers have now been collected from the printers. Councillors were reminded to make the Clerk aware of any Welcome Packs which are needed. HP
- CR3. Bucklebury Footpath Leaflet.
 Whilst still trying to trace the original of the leaflet, the Clerk has spoken to the Tourist Information Centre who understand that in the past WBC has printed many of the leaflets they make available, but they appreciate that the funding could be a problem. LC
 Mrs. Frankum reported that she thought grant money may be available from the AONB. HP
- CR4. Chapel Row Phone Box.
 The Chapel Row Phone Box is now in the ownership of BPC and the telephone equipment has been removed. The costs of the power for the light will continue to be met by BT. A meeting is planned for 17th August to discuss possible uses. LC
- CR5. Path through Carbins Wood.
 The lack of progress by WBC in adding the path through Carbins Wood to the definitive map has been reported to the Secretary of State. A response has been received requesting copies of the original application, map and certificate issued to the owner of the land. Willie Hartley Russell has been contacted and asked if he has any additional evidence.

TOPICS

- T1. Bucklebury Meadow.
 It is unclear from the Client Contract that has been received from WBC whether the complete cost of the legal work is £350, or whether this could be higher if more than 3 hours work is required. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact WBC and confirm that it is a fixed price of £350. Assuming a fixed price of £350, it was agreed that BPC should accept the quote.
 It was agreed to ask Mr. Dickens neighbours (lawyers) if they could read and check the draft contract before it is signed. HP
- T2. Finances from Tea in the Park.
 Mrs. Frankum reported that the “Tea in the Park” event ran at a profit and that the loans made by BPC will be returned imminently.
- T3. Plans to Celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics.
 There is a meeting of Bucklebury Events Committee next week at which any plans will be discussed.
 Extending the line of oaks in the meadows was discussed. Mr. Beeson has drawn up a

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plan which includes 4 or 5 trees. Grant funding should be available to cover the cost of the trees, the only potential cost to BPC is the fencing materials required to protect the trees which are expected to be in the region of £350 - £500. If parishioners erect the protection, the labour can often be used to help with grant applications. It was agreed that Mr. Beeson and Mr. de Lara would work on this proposal which was unanimously agreed.

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It was also suggested that a day be chosen when people go out and take photographs of everyday events in Bucklebury, in order to capture and celebrate Bucklebury life. Photographs could then be displayed at some form of event.

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Time capsules were buried around the parish at the time of the Silver Jubilee and the Millennium, it was suggested that such a thing could be done again. The Clerk agreed to find out what was known about the Silver Jubilee capsule at the primary school.

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T4. Clerks Contract.

The Clerks contract was agreed by all present with the sections regarding home working being crossed out if not relevant for the current clerk.

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PLANNING

Plans submitted for approval:

- P1. 11/00999/FULMAJ Harts Hill Copse (Adjacent Parish).
Use of land for the permanent playing of paintball games together with associated building facilities and parking areas now existing.
There was some discussion about whether approving such an application could open up the site for other activities including 4x4, which could be inappropriate within the AONB. There was also concern that it could lead to a huge intensification of use of the site. 4 members were in favour of objecting to the application and 2 against. It was therefore agreed to **object**.
- P2. 11/01284/CERTE Flats 1 and 2, Fifield Farm.
Two flats which have been in existence since 1995 and continuously let since then.
BPC has **no evidence** either in support or against this application.
- P3. 11/01190/OUTD Roundfield Cottage, Broad Lane.
Proposed dwelling.
BPC **objects** to this application as infill and overdevelopment. Hawthorn House has already been developed on the garden of Roundfield Cottage.
- P6. 11/01300/CERTE Gardeners Cottage, Brockhurst School.
Staff accommodation.
BPC has **no evidence** either in support or against this application.
- P7. 11/01166/FULD Land to rear of 38-43 Roundfield.
Construction of a new detached bungalow.
BPC **objects** to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment; this site is part of a larger site, which contained two dwellings and planning permission has already been approved for four dwellings. The access route is too narrow for emergency vehicles and builders lorries. Concern was also raised for 39 Roundfield who have a vehicular access from the rear.
- P8. 11/01581/AGRIC Middle Wood, Hatch Lane.
Proposed hard standing turning circle.
It was unanimously agreed to **object** to this application.

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- P10. 11/00623/FUL Bridle End, Westrop Green.
Section 73 – Relaxation of condition 4 of 07/01080/FUL relating to Ecohomes accreditation (replacement dwelling and car port).
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P11. 10/03026/CERTE Manor View, Hopgoods Green.
Use of land and outbuilding as garden land and for purposes incidental to the use of Manor View as a dwelling house.
BPC had **no evidence**, but commented on the planning history of the site. WBC has determined that part of the outlined land is garden land, but not the barn or immediate surroundings.

REPORTS

- R1. District Councillors.
Mr. Pask reported that he had no update regarding the changes to the RG7 Sorting Office. There was some discussion about the Enforcement actions being taken at Middle Wood.
- R2. The Common.
Mr. Beeson reported that a JCB has started work today on making the fishponds and cross roads area less accessible to 4x4's. Tomorrow work will take place at the top of Holly Lane. On Wednesday, the JCB will return to the fishponds area and continue building bunds. This work is being funded by WBC who are also using the JCB to carry out work at Snelsmore Common.
- R3. Memorial Hall.
Prior to the meeting Mr. Hind reported to the Clerk that KATs had had a very good season with a three night show last week, using the new lighting bar and lights belonging to both themselves and the hall. He also reported that the plans for improvements to the committee room continue to move forwards.
- R4. WBAGI meeting on Thursday 4th August.
It is understood that 30 or 40 people attended the WBAGI meeting in the Victory Room, unfortunately only Mr. Stott attended from BPC.

PARISH PLAN

- PP1. To Receive an Update.
The Parish Plan has been signed off by Pamela Bale (District Councillor for Pangbourne), who congratulated the team on meeting the planned timescales and the commitment they had shown. Mr. Brooke was congratulated and thanked for his hard work.
- PP2. Greening Bucklebury.
Whilst Mr. Brooke is planning the initial kick-off meeting of the Greening Bucklebury Group, he is not in a position to lead the group due to family commitments.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- TM1. Items to be discussed at future meetings.
The future use of the Chapel Row Phone Box – September.
Planning and localism regional development plan – October.
Update on the WBAGI meeting – September.
Emergency Plan – November
Diamond Jubilee and Olympic Celebrations – September.

FINANCE

- F1. Cheques to be signed by Councillors:
The Alpha Xperience £36.44 Welcome Pack covers and copying.

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| | Bucklebury Memorial Hall | £500.00 | Contribution towards BMX track insurance. |
| | Helen Pratt | £319.92 | Clerks July Salary. |
| | Post Office Counters Ltd. | £10.56 | National Insurance Contributions. |
| F5. | <u>Balances:</u> | | |
| | Lloyds Current Account | £29,424.72 | At 20/7/2011. |
| | Scottish Widows Reserve Account | £26,739.74 | At 4/7/2011. |
| | Scottish Widows Gilroy Account | £4,475.82 | At 4/7/2011. |
| | Scottish Widows Memorial Hall Account | £20,633.66 | At 4/7/2011. |

The Clerk reported that the money for the BMX track is shown in the balances for both the Lloyds Current Account on 20/7/2011 and the Scottish Widows Memorial Hall Account on 4/7/2011.

CORRESPONDENCE

C1. WBC – Review of Polling Stations.

Generally BPC members were happy with the arrangements, however they commented that if the turnout is low within the East Ward, a caravan should possibly be considered at Chapel Row. Currently Chapel Row parishioners need to travel to Bucklebury Village to vote at the Victory Room.

C2. Sue Ryder – Women of Achievement Awards (Deadline 24th August).

It was agreed that Mrs. Frankum would nominate Erica Tipton for this award on behalf of BPC.

C3. Local Transport Plan Consultation.

Mr. Dickens agreed to review the following two consultation documents:

1. Implementation Plan for Local Transport Plan.
2. Draft Active Travel and Smarter Choices Supporting Strategies.

C4. Request for details of Events for London Olympics.

WBC Cultural Services have asked for details of any celebrations planned for the Diamond Jubilee, the London Olympics and the Paralympics.

C5. Berkshire Blind Society AGM – 26th September at Charvil Village Hall.

An invitation has been received to the Berkshire Blind Society AGM. Unfortunately no one is able to attend.

C6. Changes to the Area Policing – Tuesday 16th August 4pm.

BPC have been asked to send representatives to a meeting about changes to the way in which the area is policed. It was agreed that Mrs. Frankum and Mr. Dickens would attend and report back at the next meeting.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

RT1. Policing.

Mr. Beeson reported that on the BMX track, older children were throwing stones and blocking the way for younger children. Reports have also been made of drug taking in the youth shelter. Whilst the police are aware of this they haven't been seen in the parish.

Mr. Beeson has been told by the police that Section 59 traffic orders will not now be issued, unless they receive a photograph of the driver of the vehicle as well as identification of the vehicle.

RT2. Building Developments.

It was commented that the building site security fencing was still in place at the front of 20 Broad Lane and is becoming an eyesore.

It was also reported that the approved planning application for the outbuildings at Osgood Holding (11/00059/HOUSE) allow for the removal of the outbuildings, but the materials must be reused.

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The car port to the front of Little Oak, Briff Lane has had the sides boarded up. Planning permission was approved for this to be a car port only. It was agreed that this should be reported to the WBC Enforcement team.

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The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

NEXT BPC MEETING:

Monday 12th September 2011 7.45pm Memorial Hall

NEXT PLANNING MEETING:

Monday 22nd August 2011 8.00pm Victory Room

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