

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 12th September 2011 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mr. S. Beeson; Mr. A. Gilbert; Mr. P. Brook; Mr. T. Slatford.

OTHERS

Angela Willis; Jon Willis; Ian Guthrie; Sarah Hufford (Planning Consultant).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

- M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 8th August 2011.
The minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 8th August were agreed and signed by Mrs. Frankum.
- M2. Planning Committee Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 22nd August 2011.
The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 22nd August were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs. Frankum..

PUBLIC SESSION

- PS1. Planning Application 11/01590/HOUSE for Rochestown House.
As a number of members of the public were present to talk about this application it was agreed to move it to the public session.
Mrs. Clarke introduced the application which is for the change of use of a former outbuilding. The building currently contains a shower room, kitchen and appears to have 2 rooms upstairs in addition to a workshop. The application doesn't change the external appearance of the building. The building is three times closer to the neighbouring property than to Rochestown House.
The meeting was **closed** for the public to speak.
The planning consultant Ms. Hufford apologised for the confusion over the plans submitted for the application which showed external changes. She explained that there will only be one room at first floor which is to be an "L" shaped bedroom with a living area. The kitchen is not as yet plumbed in. The application has been submitted for family reasons and is for a member of the family. There are no changes to the external appearance of the building to ensure that it doesn't impact upon the AONB. The proposed annexe is ancillary to the main dwelling because it shares the drive, garden and all services which are routed though the main house.
A question was asked as to why in 2008 when an application for the building was approved was there a prohibition for residential use placed on it. Ms. Hufford commented that she would also like to know the answer to this.
A further question was asked about what had changed since 2008 in planning terms and the answer was nothing.
Mr. Willis (neighbour) then commented about the planning history of the building, including the fact that an application for restoration had been approved, but that the building had been replaced rather than restored. Mr. and Mrs. Willis were also concerned that the building could easily become a separate dwelling and whilst a S106 agreement could be signed, there was nothing to stop this potentially being overturned in the future.
Mrs. Willis commented that the plans submitted in error, showed how the proposed

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annexe could easily become a separate habitable dwelling.

Mrs. Frankum thanked the members of the public for attending before **reopening** the meeting.

Mrs. Clarke read out two sets of objections received from Mr. Brook and Mrs. Brook. The decision of BPC on this application is documented in the Planning Section of these minutes.

CLERKS REPORT

CR1. RG7 Sorting Office.

No response has been received to the Clerks letter. A petition has been set up opposing the changes to the sorting office which has received a lot of interest. A copy was at Chapel Row Fayre and there are copies in Peaches Stores, The Blade Bone Public House, the Blade Bone Butchers and The Cottage Inn.

Mr. Pask reported that he had corresponded with Jonathon Holdaway from the Post Office about the reasons for the proposed change. This correspondence will be forwarded to members.

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CR2. Welcome Packs.

The Clerk is aware of 4 properties needing Welcome Packs, are asked if BPC councillors were aware of anymore.

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CR3. The Cottage Inn, Noise Abatement Order.

The Clerk contacted Suzanne McLaughlin at WBC and understands that there were at least two complaints about noise from the Cottage Inn on the night in question. The officer, who came out on the night, simply came out to witness the disturbance. If such officers are alone they do not attempt to make themselves known to the perpetrator. It is understood that there have been follow up meetings between WBC and the landlord.

CR4. Path through Carbinswood.

The Clerk reported that the Planning Inspector has written to WBC regarding the processing of the application for a Right of Way; WBC has six weeks to respond.

TOPICS

T1. Plans for Events to Celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics.

The Bucklebury Events Committee is planning a scaled down version of the "Tea in the Park" event for the Diamond Jubilee to be held on Tuesday 5th June at Bucklebury Farm Park. Entrance to the event will be by tickets purchased in advance. Questions were asked about whether this would be a Bucklebury only event and whether funding would be requested from BPC. The question of whether the children of Bucklebury would receive free mugs to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee is being discussed by the Village Events Committee; appropriate tin ware is being investigated.

The Cottage Inn is also planning an event to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

It was suggested that BPC could receive donations "in memory of" or to celebrate personal events. This would be recognised by a board next to the oak trees planted in the meadows.

PLANNING

P1. Update on Planning Appeal at Brockhurst School.

The Clerk advised BPC that the planning appeal for Brockhurst School will continue on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st October 2011.

Plans submitted for approval:

P2. 11/01591/HOUSE Denbar, Turners Green.

Extension of bungalow to provide 1.5 storey chalet style dwelling.

It was noted that there is no substantial difference between this application and the previous application.

It was unanimously agreed that BPC **object** to this application.

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- P3. 11/01590/HOUSE Rochestown House, The Avenue.
Change of use of domestic ancillary building to 1 bedroom family annexe. It was unanimously agreed to **object** to this application.
- P4. 11/01293/HOUSE Rushdens Farm, Bucklebury Road (Adjacent Parish).
Re-roofing of the existing swimming pool. Rebuilding of the existing garage block to create habitable accommodation with basement below. Single storey link extension, new porch and associated external works. It was agreed that BPC would make **no comment** on this application as it is out of the parish.
- P5. 11/01293/HOUSE Elmtree Cottage, Marlston.
3 bay car port with machine store.
This application was deferred until the Planning Committee meeting on Monday 26th September.
- WBC planning decisions:
- P6. 11/01581/AGRIC Middle Wood, Hatch Lane.
Proposed hard standing turning circle.
BPC **objected** to this application and WBC has determined that a **full application is required.**
- P7. 11/01195/FUL & 11/00991/FUL Pinfold, Chapel Row.
Demolish existing dwelling, garages and car port and erect a replacement dwelling and garage.
BPC had **no objection** to either of these applications and they have been **approved.**
- P8. 11/00593/HOUSE Greengates, Burdens Heath.
Double storey side and rear extensions.
BPC **objected** to this application however it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P9. 11/00578/HOUSE Birdcage Cottage, The Avenue (Adjacent Parish).
Demolition of existing conservatory at rear of house, erection of a ground floor extension to the rear of the house and new rooflights to rear and side.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved.**
- P10. 11/00504/HOUSE Hillfoot Farm, Hillfoot.
Double storey side and rear extension/annexe.
BPC **objected** to the original application as the annexe could be made into a separate dwelling; however an amendment made this more unlikely and it has subsequently been **approved** by WBC.

REPORTS

- R1. District Council.
Mr. Pask reported that the Faraday Road WBC Office will be closing. Questions were asked regarding the closure of the ticket office and waiting room at Thatcham Railway Station. It is understood that whilst the closure is planned, there has been no formal announcement of the intention.
- R2. Memorial Hall.
Mr. Scholl is responsible for the planning application for the extension to the Committee Room of the Memorial Hall for storage. Whilst final quotes are being awaited, the committee believe that they have sufficient funds to cover the work. The committee are keen to establish the size of the hall when it was first built.
It was noted that the feedback from the youths of the parish in the Parish Plan refers to an all purpose play surface and astro turf as well as a BMX bike track. It was suggested that this is at odds with the BMX track which has been implemented.
- R3. Chapel Row Phone Box.
It has been agreed to use the phone box for exchange of books, videos and CDs. Shelves should soon be put up inside the kiosk and some form of historical timeline

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inside is being discussed.

R4. Policing.

Mrs. Frankum and Mr. Dickens attended a meeting concerning the closure of the existing Thatcham police station. It is planned that a temporary building will be situated behind the Priory in Thatcham, however this will only be used as a drop in centre. Officers will be based at Newbury Police Station. The Police authority does not believe that the extra distance and hence time to reach Bucklebury will be significant.

R5. WBAGI.

The roadshow held in the Victory Room on the 4th August had an attendance of 30-40 people. Many people have signed up and offered support in promoting the campaign. It was agreed that BPC will consider a financial donation to WBAGI at the October meeting. Mr. Stott will forward details about the October Beer Fest to be held at the Victory Rooms to WBAGI with and suggest they may wish to have a stand.

PARISH PLAN

PP1. To Receive an Update.

The Parish Plan Refresh document has been distributed to the majority of houses in the parish, with copies of The Oaks. It was noted again what a magnificent job Mr. Brook and the team have achieved.

PP2. Greening Bucklebury.

The launch meeting of Greening Bucklebury is to be held on 28th September. It was noted that the group needs a Chairman.

It was noted that a local electrician is now qualified to install PV cells.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

GA1. Autumn Common Clearing.

The Autumn Common Clearing session is on Saturday 8th October. Mr. Brims and Mrs. Clarke are unable to help. Cakes will be forth coming from a number of different people.

The Clerk will talk to WBC about litter picking the main road prior to the event.

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TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

TM1. Items to be discussed at future meetings.

Planning and localism regional development plan – October.

Emergency Plan – November.

FINANCE

F1. Cheques to be signed by Councillors:

R. F. West	£72.00	Cutting the Hockett Field.
The Alpha Xperience	£395.00	875 copies of the September edition of The Oaks.
Sylvia Cornell	£35.00	July, August & September bus shelter cleaning.
The Victory Room	£21.00	WBAGI meeting.
The Alpha Xperience	£547.92	1000 copies of the shortened version of the Parish Plan.
Helen Pratt	£324.00	The Clerks August 2011 salary.

F5. Balances:

Lloyds Current Account	£6,664.36	At 16/8/2011.
Scottish Widows Reserve Account	£26,739.74	At 4/7/2011.
Scottish Widows Gilroy Account	£4,475.82	At 4/7/2011.

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CORRESPONDENCE

C1. Request for Salt Bin on Briff Lane.

A resident of Briff Lane has requested a salt bin in Briff Lane. After some discussion about the sites of the existing salt bins in Briff Lane and Sadgrove Lane, it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the cost of having the bin on Sadgrove Lane moved to the junction of Sadgrove Lane and Briff Lane.

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C2. Nominations for Junior Citizen of the Year Award 2011.

Nominations have been requested for the above award.

C3. District Parish Conference Event.

The next District Parish Conference Event will be held on Tuesday 18th October 2011 in the Council Chamber, West Berkshire Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury. It was agreed that Mrs. Frankum would attend.

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C4. Material Update to Developer Contributions – Consultation.

It was agreed that Mr. Dickens would consider the changes to the development contributions (S106).

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ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

RT1. Bucklebury and Marlston Horticultural Society.

Mr. Hind commented on what a successful event the Horticultural Society Autumn Show had been, with a very good turn out.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

NEXT BPC MEETING:

Monday 10th October 2011 7.45pm Memorial Hall

NEXT PLANNING MEETING:

Monday 26th September 2011 8.00pm Victory Room

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