

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 9th January 2012 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mr. T. Slatford; Mr. J. de Lara; Mr. A. Gilbert; Mr. J. Brims.

OTHERS

Mr. Tim Banks; Mr. Conrad and Mrs. Shelia Lewis.

ONE MINUTES SILENCE IN MEMORY OF COUNCILLOR HARRY HIND.

One minutes silence was held to remember Councillor Harry Hind, a serving member of this parish council for the last 16 years who sadly died on the 16th December.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

- M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 12th December 2011.
The minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 12th December 2011 will be reworded in section CR3 to change the tense and will then be signed by Mrs. Frankum.
- M2. Planning Committee Minutes for Meeting held on Wednesday 28th December 2011.
The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 28th December 2011 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mr. Dickens.

CLERKS REPORT

CR1. Appointing a New Councillor.

WBC has been advised of the death of Councillor Harry Hind and therefore the vacancy on BPC. A notice has been placed on the notice boards advising of the vacancy and requesting that should anyone wish for a by-election they need to contact the Returning Office, Phil Runacres at WBC within 14 days.

Assuming no by-election is requested, BPC can co-opt a new member on to the council. The Oaks asked for anyone interested in the position to come forwards and a notice will also be placed on the notice boards. To date correspondence has been received from two parishioners who may be interested. It was felt that if no by-election is requested a new councillor should be co-opted on to the council at the February meeting if no other candidates come forward, or if other candidates come forward at the March meeting. It was agreed that any interested parties should send a letter of application to the Clerk.

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CR2. Refuse in Westrop Green.

The resident of Bucklebury Alley, who was concerned with the arrangements for the refuse collection for the houses in Westrop Green, has now asked if BPC could consider whether there are other solutions to the problem of the wheelie bins remaining permanently at the top of Westrop Green. The Clerk reported that she had replied stating that there are limitations to BPC powers and that any solution would need to be negotiated between WBC and the residents.

It was agreed that BPC would write to WBC and ask for copies of the correspondence on this matter and whether it was possible for the refuse collection vehicle to collect from in front of individual houses.

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CR3. Bucklebury Meadow.

A copy of the Transfer document and the Management Plan have now been received from Michele Sherman; however there is no plan showing the land to be exchanged. The Transfer document and Management Plan have been forwarded to councillors.

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Two named councillors need to be specified on the Transfer document. Mr. Beeson observed that the original map shows the public footpath in the narrow strip of land belonging to some of the occupants of Mortons Lane, rather than in the meadow. Mr. Dickens agreed to ask his lawyer neighbours to look over the documents and be asked to informally give their professional opinion. There was a discussion concerning the wording in the legal document about the use and correct name of the unimproved meadows and any recreational use of the land. It was noted that the three meadows are to be given to the parish in perpetuity to be maintained as meadows.

CR4. Grit Bins.

These have now been installed in Paradise Way, Byles Green and Berrys Road.

CR5. Housing Survey.

The Housing Survey should have been delivered to all houses in the parish over the weekend of 7th and 8th January. Replies need to be submitted by the end of January. CCB will produce a report during February which should be ready to be submitted to BPC at the March or April meeting.

TOPICS

T1. Annual Parish Assembly – Friday 18th May 2012.

It was agreed to ask someone to speak on Localism and its possible impact. In the first instance the Clerk will speak to Gary Lugg, or alternatively someone from CPRE. It was also suggested that following the demise of FWAG someone be invited to speak from the newly to be formed conservation group made up of an amalgamation of the previous conservation groups in the area which operated under FWAG. The Police will be notified of the date and invited to attend. It was agreed that local parish groups would be invited to have some form of display at the back of the hall for parishioners to peruse.

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PLANNING

WBC planning decisions:

P1. 11/02444/AGRIC Bushnells Green Farmhouse, Chapel Row.
Pole Barn.

BPC had **no objection** to this application. WBC has determined that it is necessary for the applicant to submit a **full planning application**.

P2. 11/02022/HOUSE 1 Woodside Close, Upper Bucklebury.

Erection of conservatory to the rear of the property.

BPC had **no objection** to this application, however it is understood that an amendment to the application was made which has been **approved**. BPC has not received this amendment.

P3. 11/02266/FUL Pinfold House, Chapel Row.

Section 73 – Variation of condition 2 (The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with drawing numbers 1103/02, 1103/03, 1103/04, 1103/05 received on 10th May 2011 purpose, of 11/00991/FUL (Demolish existing dwelling, garages and car port and erect a replacement dwelling and garage)) to allow the inclusion of a play room and study and storage space within the attic plus the addition of 2 small dormer windows on the rear elevation and the widening of the patio door sets on the rear elevation.

BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.

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- P4. 11/02249/XHOU SE Byrons Chase, Carbinswood Lane.
Renewal of application 08/02074/HOUSE for first floor extension to dwelling and ground floor extension to outbuilding.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P5. 11/02202/HOUSE 4 Mortons Lane.
Single storey rear/side extension and adjustment of existing brick wall to widen existing car parking bay.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P6. 11/01995/LBC2 & 11/02093/HOUSE Greens Old Farm, Cemetery Road.
Demolition of existing garage/store to be replaced by new oak framed garage, store and studio.
BPC had **no objection** to either application. WBC has determined that **no listed building application is required**, and has **approved** the main application.
- P7. 11/01885/HOUSE Briff Well, Little Lane.
Single storey rear extension and loft conversion.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P8. 11/01432/HOUSE Willow Lodge, Chapel Row.
Change of use of existing integral garage to a utility and erection of a detached double garage.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P9. 11/01849/FUL Hillfoot Farm, Hillfoot.
Biogas installation.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P10. Application 11/02154/FULD – Land to the Rear of 38-47 Roundfield.
BPC objected to this application and it has been called to committee. There is a site meeting this Wednesday 11th January at 9.30am. The planning committee meeting will be on Wednesday 18th January at 6.30pm in Calcot. It was agreed that Mrs. Frankum will attend the site meeting and Mr. Dickens will attend the Planning Committee meeting.
- P11. Application 11/01293/HOUSE – Elmtree Cottage, Marlston.
This application for a 3 bay car port with machine store was refused by WBC (BPC offered no objection to the application). The applicant has taken the application decision to appeal.

REPORTS

- R1. District Council Business.
Mr. Pask reported that WBC has been finalising the district budget which is a 0% increase on last year. It will include a small number of redundancies including some senior management. Front line services will be maintained. The LDF is causing controversy over proposed development to the south of Newbury.
Parish Councillors were encouraged to report to the police any anti-social behaviour which they witness in the parish.
- R2. The Common.
Mr. Slatford and Mr. Beeson met Elaine Cox (Rights of Way Officer, WBC) to discuss fly tipping and 4x4 usage on the Common. Elaine will be walking around the worst affected areas and the proposed cycle route with an engineer, before writing a report which she will send to Mr. Beeson.

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A number of trees have been blown down or lost limbs in the recent storms; Mr. Beeson is compiling a list of those blocking rights of way. The overflowing bins in the laybys on the common have been reported to WBC.

GENERAL ADMIN

GA1. Clerks Hours.

The Clerk reported that she had worked an average of 32.5 hours a month for September, October, November and December 2011, in addition there are a number of matters which will need further investigating and time. The budget for 2011/12 was based on the Clerk working 30 hours a month instead of 27.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the clerk 5 hours overtime from January 2012 until the end of this financial year and then from April 1st 2012 to increase her hours to 35 hours a month.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

TM1. Items to be discussed at future meetings.

Meadows Transfer.

Emergency Plan – March.

FINANCE

F1. Cheques to be signed by Councillors:

SSE Contracting Limited	£27.36	Streetlights maintenance.
Sylvia Cornell	£35.00	Bus shelter cleaning.
Mrs. J. Hale	£25.00	Cemetery Chapel cleaning.
BALC	£25.00	Finance training.
Victoria Pratt	£16.50	Delivery of The Oaks (Jan 11, Mar 11 & Jan 12).
Helen Pratt	£348.66	Clerks December 2011 Salary.
Helen Pratt	£50.15	Clerks expenses for Oct, Nov & Dec '11.

F2. Balances:

Lloyds Current Account	£23,109.85	At 16/12/2011.
Scottish Widows Reserve Account	£26,739.74	At 1/10/2011.
Scottish Widows Gilroy Account	£4,478.64	At 1/10/2011.
Scottish Widows Memorial Hall Account	£2,563.66	At 1/10/2011.

F3. Precept for 2012/13.

It was unanimously agreed that the precept for 2012/13 be £24,000.00. This is a 0% increase on last year.

F4. Donation to British Heart Foundation in Memory of Councillor Harry Hind.

It was unanimously agreed to make a donation of £50.00 to British Heart Foundation in memory of Councillor Harry Hind. The objective of the British Heart Foundation is to play a leading role in the fight against disease of the heart and circulation system, therefore potentially benefiting parishioners.

CORRESPONDENCE

C1. Supporting Communities and Neighbourhoods in Planning.

Mr. Dickens agreed to attend the training session, organised by BALC and CPRE at Newbury Rugby Club on 22nd February 2012.

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C2. Upstream.
These leaflets were distributed to councillors.

C3. Representative for the Speed Limit Review at Hillfoot.
It was agreed that Mrs. Clarke would attend the Speed Limit Review meeting on the 24th January. Mr. Pask commented that the policy for villages with houses on both sides of the road is to have a 30mph speed limit; this means that speed restrictions do not extend into the country side. It also ensures that the 30mph speed limits which are in place have maximum impact.
On balance it was felt that the 30mph speed limit at Chapel Row should be extended to include Hillfoot.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

RT1. Greening Launch.
This will take place on 28th January in the Memorial Hall.

RT2. WBAGI Planning Application.
The Planning Application has now been submitted. Mr. Stott had a significant number of leaflets, from WBAGI to deliver to homes within the parish. It was unanimously agreed that BPC will object to the application. AS
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The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

NEXT BPC MEETING: Monday 13th February 2012 7.45pm Memorial Hall
NEXT PLANNING MEETING: Monday 23rd January 2012 8.00pm Victory Room

Signature

Date