

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 12th March 2012 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mr. T. Slatford; Mr. Q. Webb.

OTHERS

Mr. Ian Guthrie; Mr. Peter Weedon; Mr. Dennis Gower; Mr. Torquil Montague-Johnstone..

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

- M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 13th February 2012
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th February 2012 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs. Frankum.
- M2. Planning Committee Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 27th February 2012
The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 27th February 2012 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by Mr. Dickens.

PUBLIC SESSION

PS1. Planning application 11/00999/FULMAJ Harts Hill Copse.

A letter has been received from the applicant making a number of alterations to the original application.

The meeting was **closed** for residents to speak.

Mr. Gower said that residents have, over the years made complaints to WBC, their predecessor and to BPC. Litter has been an ongoing problem at the entrance to the site. The bluebell season runs from March until July and most of the bluebells have already been trampled on. If there are 150 players per game, marshals and staff and the area used for games is rotated, this will increase damage and not reduce it. A question was raised about what will happen to the effluent from the chemical toilets. The proposed area for the games is of high conservation value. The badger sets on the site are no longer active. Whilst the site is outside of the AONB, the road used to access the site is within the AONB who were contacted about the application. They requested that the trees not be cut down however they had already been removed. It has also been observed that paintballing activities are currently taking place on the site on Saturdays without permission.

Mr. Weedon commented that the proposal is a dramatic escalation in the use of the site, which is being marketed by Bedlam Paintball. There is the potential for this to become a highly professional, commercial paintballing site in the south of England. It is understood that 7 games can be played a day, with 50 paintballs, per player, per game for private parties. This gives a total of 52,000 paintballs per day plus pyrotechnics. There would be an increase in speeding traffic which is already an issue.

Mr. Gower said that he felt he was entitled to quiet enjoyment of his property on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

It was noted that a temporary planning application was submitted and approved about 15 years ago for occasional use. This planning permission has now lapsed.

The meeting was **reopened**.

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Please refer to the Planning Section of the minutes for actions by BPC.

PS2. Planning application 12/00351/HOUSE Oak Acre, The Avenue.

The meeting was **closed** for members of the public to speak.

A question was raised about whether or not this application is being treated as an exception. Mr. Pask commented that each planning application is judged on its merits.

The following points were made: more than the end of the garage complex will be visible from Nine Elms Farmhouse, the tree to be removed would act as a screen and it was questioned why it needs to be removed. There was some discussion around the height of the garage complex.

The meeting was **reopened**.

Please refer to the Planning Section of the minutes for decisions by BPC.

CLERKS REPORT

CR1. Street Lighting.

Two of the six lights in Burdens Heath have been reported as failing and have since been repaired. These were reported by residents after they became aware of the increased crime in the area.

CR2. Vehicles Driving up the River Pang from Bucklebury Ford towards Marlston.

Reports have been received by both BPC and WBC about vehicles driving up the bed of the River Pang.

It is understood that Andreas Hempell owns the land on either side of this stretch of river. The EA have visited the site and don't plan to take any further action (they noted evidence of use of the riverbed in car, horse and on foot but did not seem to be worried about any future flood risk or environmental damage from their perspective). Unfortunately it doesn't fall within the remit of the Rights of Way team at WBC.

It needs to be confirmed that the landowner hasn't given anyone permission to drive up the river bed in order to determine what the next steps could be.

HP

CR3. Wording for Bench in Cemetery.

The bench in the Cemetery is in memory of Olive Mabel Edwards who died on 30th December 2005, age 93. Words need to be confirmed with her family before the plaque can be obtained. The Clerk will attempt to identify the whereabouts of the family.

HP

CR5. Chapel Row Phone Box.

The official opening of the Chapel Row Phone Box as a swap shop will be held at 4pm on Sunday 6th May. Laminated sheets containing a time line of Bucklebury have been printed by The Alpha Xperience. It was planned that this would be paid for by a parishioner as a donation; however the cost at approximately £136 was well in excess of what they were expecting. It was unanimously agreed that BPC would reimburse the parishioner with £100, the invoice having already been paid.

CR6. Emergency Plan.

Mrs. Frankum, Mrs. Clarke and the Clerk met on Monday 5th March and drew up a provisional document and some actions including writing to a number of local organisations. It is planned to discuss the Plan at the May meeting of BPC.

Mr. Dunkerton has agreed to join the group working on this.

TOPICS

T1. Bucklebury Meadow Transfer.

At a meeting of the Meadows working group a list of issues was discussed, which need to be resolved before the transfer should take place. It was agreed that WBC should be sent this list and asked whether they would charge extra (over their original quote) to check the answers to these issues. It was also agreed that another law company be

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- contacted and asked to quote for the same work.
- T2. Review of Procedures.
This was held over until the next meeting due to time constraints.
- T3. Street Lights.
A quote for a total of £709.93 (excluding VAT) has been received to replace the streetlight outside Beckfords, Burdens Heath. It was unanimously agreed that the light would not be replaced.
- T4. Common Clearing.
It was agreed that a number of people would make cakes. Mrs. Dunkerton will help Mrs. Frankum with refreshments.

PLANNING

Plans submitted for approval:

- P1. 12/00358/HOUSE Field House, Hungerford Lane (Adjacent Parish).
Proposed side and rear first and rear two storey extension and chimney.
BPC has **no comment** to make on this application.
- P2. 12/00351/HOUSE Oak Acre, The Avenue.
Single storey extension replacing verandah and detached outbuilding incorporating covered parking, home office and annexe accommodation replacing existing garage.
It was proposed that BPC **object** to the application on the grounds of overdevelopment and that the annexe is not integral to the main house. This proposal was carried with 6 votes in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention. It was noted that if the application be approved, there should be a condition tying the garage accommodation to the main dwelling.
- P3. 12/00352/FUL White Lodge, Hatch Lane.
Section 73 – Variation of Condition 2 Approved Plans, to not build in accordance with approved plans of approved reference 10/00526/HOUSE, New detached garage.
It was agreed that BPC **objects** to this application for the same reasons as the previous application (10/00526/HOUSE).
- P4. 11/00999/FULMAJ Harts Hill Copse (Adjacent Parish).
The application was to be discussed at the Eastern Area Planning Meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st March, however it has been withdrawn as the planning officer has requested further information from the applicant. There is still to be a site meeting on Thursday 15th March, which Mrs. Frankum and Mr. Dickens agreed to attend.
It was unanimously agreed that BPC should write a letter of objection to WBC about the application referring to the original observation, possible contamination of the site and the vast over intensification in use. HP
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WBC planning decisions:

- P5. 11/02764/HOUSE Concordia, Upper Woolhampton.
Conversion of attached garage to include raising roof to create extra dwelling space.
BPC had **no objection** to this application however, it has been **withdrawn**.
- P6. 12/00030/HOUSE Pentwyn, Tylers Lane.
Demolition of existing garage and rebuilding with larger.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P7. 11/02690/CERTE Flat 1 and 2, Fifield Farm.
Separate residential units.
BPC had **no evidence** for this application. It has been determined as **lawful** by WBC.

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- P8. 11/02546/HOUSE Beechwood, The Slade.
Two storey rear extension to form garden room and bedroom extension.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P9. 11/02516/HOUSE 17 Mortons Lane.
Construction of a conservatory to the rear of the property.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved**.
- P10. 11/02470/FUL Bucklebury Farm Park.
Section 73 – Variation of Condition 2 – To vary the approved design, Condition 3 – To vary materials and Condition 5 – Treatment of hard surfaced areas (work commenced in advance of approval) of approved application 10/02048 - Extension to existing farm building to create a café serving hot and cold food and beverages.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P11. 11/01300/CERTE Gardeners Cottage, Brockhurst School.
Staff accommodation.
BPC had **no evidence** for this application and it has been **withdrawn**.

REPORTS

- R1. District Council Business.
Mr. Pask reported that Stuart Higgins (WBC Rights of Way team) has produced a provisional report on the Carbinswood path. It was reported in the Newbury Weekly News in 1984 that the Lord of the Manor had closed the path for a year, after which residents were “permitted” to use the path. The new owner of the land was told that there was no public right of way across it. If the “order is not made” those who promoted it (BPC) have the right of appeal within 28 days of the decision being made. The inspector would look at all information and review the case.
It was agreed that BPC would take the decision to appeal if the “order is not made”.
- R2. The Common.
Mr. Beeson reported that he had met with Elaine Cox about the state of some of the bridleways and footpaths. She has sent a report to Mr. Beeson and it is currently planned to install some posts on the bridleways in order to prevent some of the illegal use.
Due to increased use of 4x4 and motorcycles on the Common at weekends, Simon Barnett(WBC) has agreed to send the rangers out around lunchtimes at weekends.
- R3. CPRE/BALC Localism Briefing.
Mr. Dickens attended this event which was about the changes in National Planning and the National Policy Planning Framework (NPPF). It is understood that there will be a softening of the Sustainability Development Bill. There will be mandatory consultation of developments of more than 250 dwellings. There is a new “Local Green Space” designation within the plan. Village Design Statements (VDS) will continue to be used. Parish councils can formally comment on applications submitted within adjacent parishes.
Neighbourhood Plans will form part of the Local Plan and will be based on the VDS, where they exist. At the moment there is no model for this document. The process is understood to be that BPC produce the document, submit it to WBC where it is examined before being put before the local planning inspector. A referendum is then held for the local electorate to endorse the report (held at the expense of WBC). A number of parishes including Bray, Sunninghill, Sunningdale and Ascot are understood to already have Neighbourhood Plans in place.
- R4. District Parish Conference.
WBC holds a Parish Capacity Fund which contains £50,000. Up to £5,000 is available

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to bidding parishes to increase the capacity of any services.

Charges are to be extended within Newbury car parks to cover Sundays. To reduce costs, 47 jobs are to be cut within WBC. The register of members' interests for Parish Councils must now be available via the website.

On April 28th, Bryan Lyttle will be speaking on Neighbourhood Planning.

Some parishes have been asked to financially contribute towards superfast broadband facilities within their parishes, Bucklebury has not been asked to contribute.

R5. Memorial Hall.

Concern has been raised about how some users of the hall are being treated. Mr. Brims is considering a possible approach.

R6. Crime Meeting in the Victory Room.

It is understood that the crime in Bucklebury has now subsided.

However the Victory Room committee is planning to install security lighting and has asked that this be paid for from the BPC ring-fenced donation for FY12/13. This was approved by BPC.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

TM1. Items to be discussed at future meetings.

Housing Survey (April).

Emergency Plan (May).

Milson Land.

FINANCE

F1. Cheques to be signed by Councillors:

Bucklebury Parish Council	£2,500.00	Donation to Gilroy from Memorial Hall funds (Scottish Widows).
Bucklebury Memorial Hall	£63.66	Remainder of balance in Scottish Widows Memorial Hall Account.
Clerks Salary	£381.44	February 2012.

F3. Balances:

Lloyds Current Account	£20,746.47	At 16/2/2012.
Scottish Widows Reserve Account	£26,739.74	At 4/1/2012.
Scottish Widows Gilroy Account	£4,481.46	At 4/1/2012.
Scottish Widows Memorial Hall Account	£2,563.66	At 4/1/2012 (note account to be closed and balance distributed as above).

CORRESPONDENCE

C1. Berkshire Community Savings and Loans – Stakeholder event, 20th March 2012 at 11am.

C2. Wasing Estates – Invitation to drinks reception.

An invitation to drinks has been received to welcome the new Chief Executive of Wasing Estates John Pattison.

C3. Children 1st West Berkshire.

An email has been received about a charity set up to help young people, age 17 and above who have been fostered. A house has been purchased for them to live in where there is some support for them to help them live independent lives.

It was suggested that this might be the charity to which donations are made at the Candlelight Carols in the Cemetery Chapel this year.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

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- RT1. Mrs. Frankum thanked Mr. Dunkerton for mending the Upper Bucklebury bus shelter, agreeing to stand on the Memorial Hall committee and also helping in the production of the Emergency Plan.
Mr. Stott is now on the Burial Board.
- RT2. Mr. Beeson agreed to write an article for The Oaks about the proposed trees to be planted in the meadow in Upper Bucklebury for the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics.
- RT3. Web Site.
The current arrangements finish at the end of March. The domain name therefore needs to be moved and a host needs to be found for the web site. This will mean that much of the web site will need to be rewritten.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

NEXT BPC MEETING:

Monday 16th April 2012, Memorial Hall, 7.45pm

NEXT PLANNING MEETING:

Monday 30th April 2012, Victory Room, 8pm

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