

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 16th April 2012 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mr. T. Slatford; Mr. A. Dunkerton; Mr. A. Stott; Mr. J. Brims; Mr. S. Beeson.

OTHERS

Claire Dibble; Michael Hussey; Natalie Noakes; Jennifer Ainsworth; Jan Willis; James Byant; Paul Halfacree; Patrick Todd(Land Agent); Arlene Kersley (CCB); PSCO Karen Taylor; PCSO Paul Smith.

CHAIRS NOTICES.

CN1. Steve Beeson.

Mrs. Frankum reported that with regret she had received the resignation of Mr. Steve Beeson from BPC, due to the pressures of work.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 12th March 2012

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th March 2012 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs. Frankum.

M2. Planning Committee Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 26th March 2012

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 26th March 2012 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by Mr. Dickens.

PUBLIC SESSION

PS1. Bucklebury Housing Survey.

The meeting was **closed** for Arlene Kersley from CCB to present the findings of the Bucklebury Housing Survey written in her report. The questionnaires were distributed in January 2012 to each house in the parish with a copy of The Oaks.

The following is a summary of the results:

- 21% of forms were returned.
- 62.9% of the responses were in favour of development of a small scheme to meet local needs; 35.4% were against such a scheme.
- Six of the responses represented a genuine need for affordable homes in Bucklebury; however the common housing register for West Berkshire indicates that there are 26 households on the waiting list with a local connection.
- An addition six responses represented aspirations for home ownership in Bucklebury.

From the responses it can be determined that there is a limited need for affordable housing, however there is some need for affordable rented properties.

The difference in number of responses with a genuine need and the number on the West Berkshire housing register is unusual.

A question was asked about how affordable rental accommodation can be provided. Rural Exception Sites (as in Bradfield) are normally developed on land which is donated or made available relatively cheaply outside the settlement boundary. A number of suggestions are listed at the end of the report.

The meeting was **reopened**.

It was agreed that the report will be discussed more fully at the June meeting of BPC.

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Mrs. Frankum thanked Arlene Kersley for the work she has done.

PS2. Update on Harts Hill Paint Balling Application 11/00999/FULMAJ.

The meeting was **closed** for Patrick Todd, a consultant acting on behalf of Hotshots to speak.

Mr. Todd said that he had been involved with the application for over a year and that the key points of the application are as follows:

- There will be a maximum of 100 people (including staff) on site at any one time.
- The site will be open between 9.30am and 5.30pm, five days a week (ie. three weekdays, Saturday and Sunday).
- A noise survey is to be carried out.
- Ecology surveys have been carried out and these do not show any significant ecological features.
- The area for paintballing has been reduced by two thirds.
- Sanitation is not viewed as a problem; BPC raised this as an area of concern at the March meeting.
- The access track will be improved to provide passing points.
- Paintballs are biodegradable so won't cause a build up of materials emanating from them on the site.

Once the noise survey has been completed, the planning officer will write up her report. Concern was raised by councillors about some of the features advertised on the Bedlam Paintball website. Mr Todd said that the Bedlam Paintball website is generic to all of the Bedlam Paintball sites. If permission is approved for the site, it will be operated by Bedlam Paintball. The noise survey is to be carried out by a local company who have carried out work for WBC previously.

The meeting was **reopened**.

The Clerk reported that Emma Fuller, the planning officer will be re-consulting with BPC once the noise survey has been received.

PS3. Traffic Survey through Bucklebury Village.

The Clerk read out some of the figures from the SDR Speed survey in Bucklebury, south of the church from 6th March for 6 days. This was for the benefit of those members of the public unable to see the figures in the meeting.

Over the period of the survey southbound, the average speed was 25.3mph and the total number of vehicles was 2,638. Northbound, the average speed was 25.9mph and the total number of vehicles was 2,689. Figures were also presented for both north and south bound traffic between the hours of 8.00 to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 5.00pm. These figures should include the traffic for collection and drop off at Marlston School. The average speed for these time periods had a range from 24.9mph to 27.2mph. A 30mph speed limit is already in place. Possibilities of a 20mph limit were discussed, however these have to be self enforcing; the police will not enforce them. Concern was raised about the volume of traffic, however comments were made that traffic volumes have increased everywhere.

It was agreed that the Clerk will talk to Mr. Dunkerton and Andy Garrett (WBC) about what possible solutions may be available with minimal cost.

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PS4. Burglaries and Attempted Burglaries along The Avenue.

The meeting was **closed** for the police to speak.

PCSO Karen Taylor introduced PCSO Paul Smith; the new PCSO for the area. Mr. Brook said that he had been approached by parishioners after three recent incidents along The Avenue enquiring what was being done and what could be done to prevent further break in's. Representatives from Neighbourhood Watch groups had also been invited to attend the meeting. Jenny Ainsworth said that she had become aware that the problem was not just along The Avenue, but that there had been incidents in Chapel Row and Southend Bradfield. Some residents are not bothering to report these incidents to the police because they are unclear of what, if any action would be taken.

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PCSO Karen Taylor replied that people must be encouraged to telephone to report anything unusual or suspicious that they see. Once a call has been made and assigned a UID (which the caller should be given), the caller should receive some acknowledgement of the call. It was suggested that items of value kept in outbuildings (chainsaws, leaf blowers etc) be marked with paint, so such that they are not so easily sold on. Residents should ensure that doors are locked, curtains drawn at dusk, laptops, keys, handbags etc should be removed from sight. If people are going away, this shouldn't be advertised either on the web or in public places.

Members of the public were assured that during the early hours of the morning uniformed police are in the area in both marked and unmarked cars.

The meeting was **reopened**.

CLERKS REPORT

CR1. Bucklebury Meadow – Dog Bins.

The Clerk reported that there have been issues with the emptying of the dog bins again. This resulted in Geoff Barrows (DWH) visiting the site and inspecting the bins – the bin behind the Cottage Inn had been emptied, but the two black sacks adjacent to the bin, which were full had not been removed; the bin at the north end of the footpath had not been emptied at all. The bins are supposed to be emptied on a fortnightly basis. Following Geoff Barrows visit the bins were emptied and the sacks removed; both bins have subsequently been emptied correctly again.

CR2. Carbinswood Footpath.

The status of the Cabinswood Footpath was supposed to be determined by 4th April. However the Clerk has received notification from Stuart Higgins (WBC) who is working on the case, that it will not be determined by that date as new evidence has been obtained. The inspector has been informed by WBC.

CR3. Common Clearing.

The Spring Common Clearing session which was held on Saturday 24th March was a successful afternoon, and was well attended. Tea and cake were enjoyed by all afterwards. A number of items of fly tipping have been logged with WBC as a result of the event.

CR4. The Oaks (newsletter).

Malcolm Storey (the typographer) has sadly decided to step down from this role. A notice went into the April edition of The Oaks asking if anyone was interested in taking over. Two parishioners have come forward, however there is some concern about continuity being maintained. (see item T4 of these minutes for more information).

CR5. Cemetery Bench.

The bench is understood to have been installed in the Cemetery and the concrete plinth relaid. Once the wording of the plaque has been finalised by the family, it will be attached to the bench. HP

Subsequent to the meeting this has been confirmed.

TOPICS

T1. Bucklebury Meadow Transfer.

The Clerk reported that she had met Geoff Barrows (DWH) when he came to inspect the dog bins. As a result DWH are aware that there are a list of issues which need to be resolved before the transfer can take place, one being the provision of a large scale map of the site. DWH have since sent two copies of 1:500 maps of the meadows. The water supply to the water troughs, the problems at the rear of 9 Mortons Lane and a number of other issues were touched upon.

The Clerk has also received correspondence from Michele Sherman at WBC, who has confirmed that there is a right of way from the northern gate into the meadow to the HP

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rear of Autumn House (formerly Waney Edge) for vehicular access.

T2. Millson Land.

A copy of the will of Edward Charles Millson has been obtained from Mike James. The will states that any residue of his personal property remaining after funeral expenses and Inheritance Tax should be used by his trustees to establish a bowling club on his land adjacent to the tennis courts at Upper Bucklebury and to utilise such monies for the construction of bowling green, club house, car park and other necessary work for a proper functioning club. However if there proved to be insufficient money to enable his trustees to establish a club, the land and residue shall be inherited by his brother Reginald Millson.

The land was inherited under this last clause by Reginald Millson.

It was agreed that there is no further value in pursuing this land for the parish.

T3. Annual Assembly.

Bryan Lyttle from WBC will be speaking at the Assembly about the possible impacts of the Localism Bill on Bucklebury. A number of groups have been invited to have a stand at the back of the hall to display information about their groups.

It was agreed that Mrs. Frankum would ask Mrs. Dunkerton if she could help out with refreshments afterwards.

T4. Computer Setup for Parish Council.

It was agreed that the Clerk should take on the role of typographer for The Oaks, so that there is continuity. The Clerk will be paid an additional 3 hours a month to maintain the new web site and to typeset The Oaks. After the Autumn edition of The Oaks, this will be reviewed.

It was proposed that the Clerk be given a budget of £1,500 to purchase a laptop and software for the explicit role of the BPC Clerk. At the moment, a private laptop is being used. It was decided that this was an unsatisfactory arrangement and the proposal was unanimously agreed.

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PLANNING

Plans submitted for approval:

- P1. 12/00173/LBC2 Paradise Cottage, Paradise Way.
Make timber repairs and replace where needed the single skin of external wall. Removal and rebuild in filled panels to external wall using existing materials where possible including lime mortars and render. All finishing like for like.
BPC has **no objection** to this application.
- P2. 12/00517/CERTE Manor View, Hopgoods Green.
Outbuilding/barn and adjacent land used for purposes ancillary to the dwelling known as Manor View.
BPC has **no evidence** for or against this application. However if a Certificate of Lawfulness is granted, the outbuilding/barn and adjacent land should remain ancillary to Manor View, and not become a separate dwelling.
- P3. 12/00625/MDOPO Fifield Farm.
To allow Fifield Farm to be sold in the future with no encumbrances. Discharge of the obligation of planning application 00/01499/HOUSE.
BPC has no objection to this application which removes the S106 agreement on Fifield Farm.
- P4. 12/00501/HOUSE Concordia, Upper Woolhampton.
Conversion to raise roof to create home office.
BPC has **no objection** to this application.

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- P5. 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.
BPC **objected** to this application; however it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P6. 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.
BPC **objected** to this application; however it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P7. 12/00135/HOUSE Keepers Cottage, The Avenue.
Proposed ancillary building (garage, store) to serve the dwelling house (amended scheme to that approved under application 03/00231/HOUSE).
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P8. 12/00070/HOUSE 21 Berrys Road.
Single storey extension to enhance family accommodation.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P9. 11/02731/FULD Bushnells Green Farmhouse, Chapel Row.
Agricultural worker dwelling for temporary period.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P10. 11/02734/FUL Bucklebury Memorial Hall, Broad Lane.
Store room extension on the south west corner of the hall and roof light in existing committee room.
BPC **supported** this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P11. 11/02670/HOUSE Winchcombe Farm, Briff Lane.
Erection of 3-bay oak frame garage.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P12. 11/01807/HOUSE Foundry House, Bucklebury.
Two storey front extension comprising entrance hall with en-suite bathroom/dressing area above with adjoining garden room.
BPC **objected** to this application and a subsequent amendment, however is has been **approved** by WBC.
- P13. 10/02753/XFULD & 10/02754/XLBC The Manor, Bucklebury.
Renewal of planning permission 07/02050/FULD & 07/02051/LBC – Erection of a new outbuilding at north east corner of the site. The building accommodates a flat for an old family member and 4 “card shed” garages at the ground floor level, a storage attic/workshop at the 1st floor level. Relocation of an existing garden shed.
BPC had **no objection** to this application, WBC has determined that **no application** is required.
- P14. Land at Hopgoods Green.
BPC has been contacted by a consultant acting on behalf of Mr. House, about a possible proposal to build a dwelling on the site of a barn in Hopgoods Green which has usage for the storage and repair of aeroplanes. Mr. Norgate, the consultant, is interested in the view of BPC on this proposal.

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R1. District Council Business.

On the 27th March 2012 the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) will be replacing the Planning Policy Statements and Guidelines (PPSs and PPGs). The NPPF is a shorter document being only 75 pages, however it refers to more than 1000 pages else where. Power to determine applications is devolved to the Local Planning Authority (WBC in the case of BPC) who will be using the Local Development Framework (LDF) and the saved policies. There is therefore likely to be little change in how planning applications are determined locally.

The Cottage Inn has been awarded Community Pub of the Year and a presentation will take place on Tuesday 17th April. Mr. Pask was asked if he could talk to the Environmental Health team because a very loud car will be starting there on the 21st July 2012.

R2. Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Mrs. Frankum reported that plans for the event to be held at the Farm Park on Sunday 3rd June are moving ahead and asked if anybody on BPC would be available to volunteer on the day. This would be appreciated.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

TM1. Items to be discussed at future meetings.

Emergency Plan (June).

Housing Survey (June).

FINANCE

F1. Cheques to be signed by Councillors:

SSE Contracting Limited	£27.36	Streetlights – maintenance contract.
Southern Electric	£7.55	Streetlights – electricity.
The Alpha Xperience	£395.00	Spring edition of The Oaks x 875.
Berkshire Association of Local Councils	£342.66	BALC membership.
Angela Willis	£100.00	Donation towards printed panels for Chapel Row phone box.
Oaks delivery	£12.00	Two cheques for Oaks delivery.
Bus shelter cleaning	£35.00	January, February & March 2012.
P. W. Frankum	£1.96	Common clearing expenses.
Clerks expenses	£48.64	January, February & March 2012.
Clerks Salary	£441.04	March 2012.

F2. Balances:

Lloyds Current Account	£19,069.48	At 20/3/2012
Scottish Widows Reserve Account	£26,739.74	At 1/4/2012
Scottish Widows Gilroy Account	£6,984.40	At 1/4/2012.

F3. Insurance.

The Clerk reported that she had received the renewal notice for insurance from Zurich Municipal, quoting £811.81 for 1 year, £771.21 for 3 years and £730.60 for 5 years. It was agreed that the Clerk would seek a second quote. It was agreed that this quote would be compared with the quote for a 5 year period from Zurich and the most favourable accepted.

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CORRESPONDENCE

C1. Complaint regarding noise from the Memorial Hall on Sunday mornings.

This has been passed to Mike Scholl.

C2. CCB Oil Club leaflets.

These were distributed.

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- C3. Volunteer Centre West Berkshire ivolunteer leaflets.
These were distributed.
- C4. British Heart Foundation.
The British Heart Foundation have written in appreciation of the grant made in memory of Harry Hind.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

- RT1. Chapel Row Telephone Kiosk.
The swap shop in the kiosk will be officially opened on Sunday 6th May at 4pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards in The Blade Bone.
- RT2. Greening Bucklebury.
The results of Phase 1 showed that 109 houses in the parish had taken part and taken up the challenge to reduce their carbon footprint.
- RT3. Peachs Store.
It is understood that Mr. Shingadia has signed a new lease on the shop.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.

ANNUAL BPC MEETING:	Monday 14th May 2012, Memorial Hall, 7.45pm
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY:	Friday 18th May 2012, Memorial Hall 8pm
NEXT PLANNING MEETING:	Monday 30th April 2012, Victory Room, 8pm

Signature

Date