

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

PRESENT

Mrs. P. W. Frankum (Chairman); Mr. B. Dickens; Mr. A. Dunkerton; Mrs. L. Clarke; Mr. P. Brook; Mr. T. Banks; Mr. A. Stott; Mr. A. Gilbert; Mr. J. Brims; Mr. T. Slatford; Mrs. H. Cairns; Mr. G. Pask (District Councillor); Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

APOLOGIES

Mr. Q. Webb (District Councillor).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

- M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 8th October 2012.
The minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 8th October 2012 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs. Frankum.
- M2. Planning Committee Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 22nd October 2012.
The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 22nd October 2012 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mr. Dickens.

CLERKS REPORT

- CR1. Field behind the Cottage Inn.
It was agreed that Mr. Slatford would talk to the Landlord about the "Overflow Car park" signs and explain the concerns of BPC. The field can only be used for non-agricultural purposes for 28 days a year and hence the signs should be removed when the overflow car park is not in use. The picnic benches are not agricultural and should therefore be removed. TS
Mr. Pask will seek further clarification from planning. GP
- CR2. Car parking in Berry's Road.
Mr. Dunkerton commented that the "no parking" bollards around the junction of Blacklands Road and Berrys Road are not enforceable. It was suggested that photographs be taken when parking is at its worst.
The Clerk will contact the head teacher and arrange a meeting to discuss the situation of the traffic problems at the beginning and end of school. HP
- CR3. Vandalism Issues.
There is a follow up meeting to the Neighbourhood Coordinators meeting in The Oak Room on Wednesday 5th December at 7pm, at which an update on the vandalism will be made by the police.
- CR4. Members Interests.
The Clerk reported that the Members Interests which have been received have now been sent to WBC and will shortly go onto the BPC web site (as required by law). HP
- CR5. Transfer of Bucklebury Meadow.
The invoice has now been received from WBC for their legal fees in relation to the transfer. Once this has been paid, they will relay the necessary information to Field Seymour Parkes in Reading for the transfer to proceed.
- CR5. Parking for 1, 2, 3 and 4 Roundfield.
Mr. Dunkerton reported that he and Mr. Banks had met Tim Purr from Sovereign Housing. The houses in question do not have allocated parking. A number of ideas were discussed at the meeting. The Clerk will contact Mr. Purr and ask for an update of the options available to prevent the owners of the flats parking vehicles on Broad Lane. HP

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TOPICS

T1. Victory Room.

The Victory Room Committee held its AGM on 5th November and now has 5 new trustees, a new chairman (John Clarke) and a new secretary (Lucy Unanba). The new committee is keen to extend and improve the hall. A meeting of the committee to consider as many options as possible has been arranged for next Tuesday.

The Victory Room Committee would be very grateful for any financial support which can be offered by BPC. Mr. Dickens proposed that BPC give a significant grant to the Victory Room; this was supported unanimously. It was agreed that BPC could handle funds for the Victory Room in the same way as has been previously done for the Memorial Hall. The Clerk will investigate opening a new account for Victory Room funds.

HP

PLANNING

Plans submitted for approval:

- P1. 12/02554/REM Roundfield Cottage, Broad Lane.
Approval of reserved matters following outline permission 11/01190/OUTD: Proposed dwelling. Matters seeking consent: Appearance and landscaping.
It was unanimously agreed that BPC **objects** to this application due to the increase in massing of the new dwelling.
- P2. 12/02501/FULMAJ Land to the North of Hunts Cottage, Midgham Green (Adjacent Parish).
Change of use of land to equestrian and erection of stable block.
After some discussion, it was agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application, however there was concern about the potential for commercial equestrian use.

WBC Planning decisions:

- P3. 12/02174/FUL Bucklebury Farm Park.
To erect new stables within the farm park and to seek retrospective approval for a barn constructed within the farm park.
BPC **supported** this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P4. 121/02109/FULD 49 Roundfield.
Conversion of property to 2 self-contained houses.
BPC **objected** to this application and it has been **refused** by WBC.
- P5. 12/02025/FULD Bushnells Green Farmhouse, Chapel Row.
New agricultural workers dwelling to replace existing temporary dwelling.
BPC had **no objection** to this application; however, it has been **refused** by WBC.
- P6. 12/02048/HOUSE Bucklebury Lodge, Chapel Row.
Construction of new garage block with room over.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P7. 12/01958/FUL Church of All Saints, Broad lane.
Replacement of the vandalized timber shingle wall cladding with a more robust fibre cement boarding of colour to match the existing.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.

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- P8. 12/01268/FUL Frilsham Nurseries, Frilsham (Adjacent Parish).
 Change of use of existing buildings to educational use together with use of site for outdoor play / sports / open space and parking – within walled garden.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P9. Cabrinswood.
 WBC has appointed an external contractor to inspect the bund around the sheds in Carbinswood because there was concern that they had been built from imported materials. However it is believed that the bunds have been built from materials from the site. The bund will need to be planted with indigenous species.
 Trees are being felled and replanted on the site; this is a legitimate use of the land.
- P8. Field Adjacent to Tylers Lane Cottage, Tylers Lane.
 It has been suggested that the field shelter/stable which is in the field is a temporary structure and is therefore not subject to planning permission. However this needs to be confirmed with WBC. HP
GP
- P9. Donnington New Homes proposal to build on land to the north of Floral Way.
 Mr. Pask reported that the area which Donnington New Homes is referring to was identified for possible development when the LDF was initially being discussed. However it was quickly turned down due to the stretching of the settlement boundary around Thatcham and the impingement on the strategic gap between Bucklebury and Thatcham.
- P10. Heritage Assets in the Community.
 Mrs. Clarke reported that she had attended training on Heritage Assets in the Community, which was run by Anthony Pick. The aim is to produce a 2nd tier listing which will be given consideration when planning applications are being determined.
 The Chapel in Turners Green is currently being considered as a Heritage Asset.

REPORTS

- R1. District Councillors Report.
 WBC is currently forming its budget for FY 13/14. There will be changes in how Social Services are to be delivered.
 Mr. Pask reported that there is deep concern at the changes in the planning rules because a significant number of extensions outside of the AONB will not require planning permission.
 It is understood that problems occurred in the process for parcels unable to be delivered to Bucklebury residents being left at the Bradfield Post Office. As a result some parishioners have been travelling to Reading in order to receive their parcels. It is understood that there is a new scheme being discussed for delivery to a neighbour or a Post Office; however clarification of the process and any associated cost have not been communicated to date. GP
- R2. Police Liaison Group.
 The Police Liaison Group had its first meeting a couple of weeks ago and has another meeting tomorrow with Jeremy Brooke and Neil Rendell. The focus of the group will be the anti-social behaviour which has been occurring in the parish. One of the actions is to distribute to all residents a set of stickers with the non-emergency police contact details to encourage the reporting of any information to the police. Mr. Slatford asked that BPC agree to fund this to approximately £100; this was unanimously agreed.
- R3. District Parish Assembly.
 Mrs. Clarke reported that presentations were given on the fire service, potholes and their repair and the proposals for heritage listing.

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It was felt that Parish Councils would like to set the agenda for these meetings, rather than the District Council.

R4. Memorial Hall.

It is understood that due to injury the building work at the Memorial Hall has been delayed by approximately 3 months. There is some concern that the F&GP meetings are being held at times when the BPC representative on the committee is unable to attend. It was suggested that if they are to be held during the day, a Monday or Friday would be most appropriate.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

GA1. Declarations of Interest.

The Clerk has received information from WBC which indicates that BPC members will need to each have an exemption granted to discuss of the setting of the precept and associated budget. The Clerk will distribute letters.

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GA2. December Meeting.

It was agreed that the December meeting will commence at 7.30pm to allow for seasonal refreshments after the meeting. Mrs. Cairns offered to bring mince pies and Mrs. Frankum will provide mulled wine and a non-alcoholic alternative.

GA3. Cemetery Carols.

Cemetery Carols will be held on Monday 17th December from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Steve Beeson has kindly agreed to make the mulled wine and provide the generator and lighting again. Mince pies will be provided by Mrs. Dickens, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Brims, Mrs. Cairns, Mrs. Frankum and Mrs. Pratt. Help was requested to set up for the event from 9.30am on the Monday and to clear up on the Tuesday from 10am.

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

TM1. Items to be discussed at future meetings.

Web Site Policy – December.
Housing Survey – January/February.
Emergency Plan – December/January.
Transfer of Bucklebury Meadow.

FINANCE

F1. Cheques to be signed by Councillors:

Southern Electric	£11.65	Street light electric supply.
The Alpha Xperience	£280.00	October copies of The Oaks.
West Berkshire District Council	£300.00	Legal costs associated with meadows.
Justeel Limited	£234.00	Delivery and rent of storage container for Pre-school.
M. Briscoe	£3.00	Oaks delivery – Berry’s Road.
A. Hanson	£3.00	Oaks delivery – Broad Lane.
V. Pratt	£3.00	Oaks delivery – Little Lane & Long Grove.
Mrs. P. W. Frankum	£12.48	Common clearing and cemetery bench expenses.
Helen Pratt	£55.00	Hosting of web site for 12 months.
Helen Pratt	£452.96	October salary.

F2. Balances:

Lloyds Current Account	£32,285.68	On 19 th October 2012.
Scottish Widows Reserve Account	£26,739.74	On 1 st October 2012.
Scottish Widows Gilroy Account	£6,492.99	On 1 st October 2012.

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CORRESPONDENCE

C1. West Berkshire Association of Local Councils.

A meeting is to be held of the West Berkshire Association of Local Councils. It was agreed that the Clerk would send apologies to Gill Hall and ask for a copy of the minutes.

C2. Address for New Bungalow in Roundfield.

The developer of the new bungalow behind 36-47 Roundfield, has proposed an address of Kilcullen, Little lane, Upper Bucklebury. It was unanimously agreed that a more appropriate address which would reduce confusion would be Kilcullen, Roundfield, Upper Bucklebury.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

RT1. Nigel Palmer.

The PCC has reached the stage where they consider Mr. Palmer to be a public nuisance in All Saints Church and would like a meeting with a representative of BPC and the police to discuss their legal position. The Clerk will arrange a meeting.

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RT2. St. Martins Club Christmas Lunch.

Mrs. May (of Long Grove) bequeathed £300 to St. Martins Club for their Christmas lunch. As a result this year it will be cooked by the Cottage Inn.

RT3. Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Dennis Gower has forwarded draft copies of a number of planning documents for planning applications within the AONB. These have been circulated to councillors.

RT4. Newbury Weekly News Over 80's Parcels.

Mrs. Cairns reported that 17 parishioners are in receipt of Christmas parcels from the Newbury Weekly News. Mr. Brook proposed that BPC donate £85 for the parcels; this was unanimously agreed.

RT5. Vehicles Parked on Byway at Osgoods Holding.

Mr. Dickens reported that a parishioner had commented that vehicles were parked on the byway at Osgoods Holding, preventing horses from passing. The Clerk will write to the residents of Osgoods Holding.

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The meeting closed at 10.10pm.

NEXT BPC MEETING:

Monday 10th December 2012 7.30pm Memorial Hall

NEXT PLANNING MEETING:

Monday 26th November Cancelled.

Signature

Date