

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 12th August 2013 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT

Mrs. P. W. Frankum (Chairman); Mr. B. Dickens; Mr. A. Dunkerton; Mrs. L. Clarke; Mr. A. Gilbert; Mr. A. Stott; Mrs. H. Cairns; Mr. G. Pask (District Councillor).

OTHERS

Mr. Andrew Aldridge; Mr. Dan Cooper (Newbury Weekly News).

APOLOGIES

Mr. T. Slatford; Mr. J. Brims; Mr. T. Banks; Mrs. H. Pratt.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 8th July 2013.
The minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 8th July 2013 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs. Frankum.

CLERKS REPORT

CR1. Rear Cemetery Gates.

The Clerk is in the process of obtaining quotes for the replacement of the rear cemetery gates.

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CR2. Berry's Road / Woodside Close.

WBC is understood to have a price of £5,644.00 to lay a 1metre concrete strip with wooden bollards inserted into it and approximately £2,000 for just wooden bollards alongside the road at the junction of Berry's Road and Woodside Close. WBC has suggested that parking restrictions be applied. BPC is very strongly in favour of wooden bollards being put into the grass. It was suggested that BPC obtain a quote for the work, with a view to WBC paying for it.

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CR3. Chapel Roof.

A quote has been obtained from R&R Roofing to remove all of the tiles and battens, spray the roof with wood preservative, fit new battens, felt the roof and retile the roof with old tiles on one side and new clay tiles on the other.

It was agreed that two other quotes need to be obtained. Steve Christmas has carried out some work on the roof of Marlston Church and has been recommended.

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CR4. Hockett Field.

The Hockett Field has been cut by Bob West.

CR5. Memorial Hall Cupboard.

The storage cupboard in the Committee Room has been cleared for the renovation work. The contents have been temporarily moved to Mr. Dunkerton's stable and the Clerk's home. Mr. Dunkerton was thanked for his help in doing this.

CR6. Transfer of the Meadows.

The latest management plan, which incorporates changes, to reflect the tenancy of the meadows, has been forwarded to Jeremy Davey (WBC) and Hazel Eccles (Seymour, Field and Parkes LPP).

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- T1. Vacant Councillor Position.
 Mr. Andrew Aldridge was present at the meeting and may be interested in being co-opted onto the council.
 Mrs. Clarke has also discussed the position with a resident of The Avenue who may be interested.
- T2. Update on marking the birth of the Prince of Cambridge.
 Bucklebury Events Committee has placed an initial order for 500 half pint Emma Bridgewater mugs to commemorate the birth. The mugs will be available to parishioners for £15.00 and non-parishioners for £20.00. Orders are being taken by Anne Ryder (order forms are on the BPC web site).
 The Sign Committee has met and discussed the material the sign is to be made of and some possible locations. They have sought advice from the Village Sign Society. A cast iron sign is expected to cost approximately £1,000, however this is dependent on the design and size. There was some discussion on the location for the sign including the green opposite Peaches, the triangle in Bucklebury Village, at Chapel Row or when entering parish from Southend Bradfield where there is no sign. The Sign Committee will meet again to progress thoughts.

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PLANNING

Planning applications to be considered:

- P1. 13/01831/FUL Bucklebury Lodge, Chapel Row.
Retrospective planning application for the construction of a new garage block with room over. Application made under Section 73A to regularise the unauthorised development which has been commenced in breach of Conditions 3 (pre-approval of materials), and 5 (pre-approval of tree protection) of approved planning permission 12/02048/HOUSE.
 BPC has **no objection** to this application, but recommends that conditions be included in any permission granted that the garage be tied to the house such that it could not be used as a separate dwelling.
- P2. 13/01677/AGRIC Westrop Farm, The Ridge (Adjacent Parish).
A steel portal framed mono pitch agricultural building. Open fronted to 4 bays and enclosed on the 5th.
 It was agreed that BPC would not comment on this application; it being outside the parish and agricultural.
- Planning Decisions taken by WBC:
- P3. 13/01294/HOUSE 8 Hatch Close, Chapel Row.
Proposed rear conservatory.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P4. 13/001148/HOUSE Kempas Lodge, Burdens Heath.
Single storey extension at the rear of the house.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P5. 13/01189/HOUSE 2 Hopgoods Green.
First floor rear extension.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P6. 13/00763/FUL Clover Cottage, Westrop Farm (adjacent parish).
Demolition of existing dwelling, outbuildings and hard surfaces, erection of replacement dwelling with parking, revised curtilage and landscaping.
 BPC **objected** to this application which has been **refused** by WBC; however the applicant has taken the decision to **appeal**.

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- P7. 13/00514/FUL Tylers Lane Enclosure, Tylers Lane.
Change of use of land and erection of stable block.
 BPC **objected** to this application which was **approved** by the Eastern Area Planning Committee.
 It was requested that this site be added to the planning list of sites to be monitored.

REPORTS

- R1. Memorial Hall Committee.
 The renovations to the Committee Room should be finished by the end of this week. The flooring material is causing some discussion. On 15th August there is to be a fire inspection of the complex.
- R2. Neighbourhood Planning Meeting.
 Neighbourhood Plans carry more influence than Village Design Statements (Bucklebury Vision); however they are expected to cost a minimum of £10,000. Mr. Pask commented that their role is more to identify where communities wish to see development, rather than to prevent development and are therefore more relevant to communities like Thatcham.
- R3. BALC Planning Training.
 Mrs. Cairns, Mrs. Clarke and Mr. Banks attended this training. They identified a number of material considerations on which planning applications for development may be refused including: history of the site; overshadowing; local circumstances and local knowledge of drainage.
- R4. Heritage Training Day.
 Mrs. Frankum commented that this was very interesting day. Heritage listing is a new category to be introduced in addition to Grade I and Grade II listing. It is expected to identify buildings, walls, bridges or other objects which are of local interest. Once Mrs. Clarke has attended the training, Mrs. Frankum and Mrs. Clarke will consider the various buildings etc. within the parish.
- R5. Bucklebury Events Committee.
 The Wine Man from Yattendon will be doing an evening in the Autumn. There will also be a Christmas Tree Festival in the Victory Room.
- R6. District Councillor Report.
 Mr. Pask reported that WBC is well underway with the road repairs in the area. Hatch Lane has been completed and some of the larger pot holes on the Marlston Road have been repaired.
 Mrs. Clarke asked Mr. Pask if there was an update on Rochestown House from the Enforcement team. It is understood that WBC has been expecting a planning application since April for the use of the external store/garage.

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

- TM1. Items to be discussed at future meetings.
 Housing Survey.
 Emergency Plan.
 Transfer of Bucklebury Meadow.
 Parish commemoration of the Royal Birth.

FINANCE

- F1. Cheques signed by councillors since the last meeting:
 C. R. Landscapes £581.34 Cemetery maintenance.
 Southern Electric £12.10 Street light electricity supply.
- F2. Balances:
 Lloyds Current Account £11,736.91 On 19th July 2013.

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Scottish Widows Reserve Account £37,314.74 On 1st July 2013.
Scottish Widows Gilroy Account £6,505.13 On 1st July 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence has been received:

- C1. Community Planning Conference.
This is on Saturday 28th September at 10.00am in Newbury
- C2. Pang Valley Flood Management Plan.
There is a meeting about the Pang Valley Flood Management Plan on Wednesday 11th September at 7pm. BPC is still to be advised on the venue.
- C3. Parish Plan Refresh.
Tessa Hall at CCB has recently taken over Parish Plans. She has looked at the Bucklebury Plan and outstanding actions, the following have not been progressed: improved telecommunications service and mobile phone signals; off-road cycle ways where roads are dangerous; liaising with other parishes to produce a map of cycle routes; phase II of the greening campaign; help Bucklebury Primary School make Travel Plan greener; upgrade Victory Room; community orchard; set up a film club; support adult learning. BPC has not followed up on affordable housing due to lack of a suitable site. It was noted that the upgrade of the Victory Room is being managed by the Victory Room Trustees. Mr. Dickens proposed that BPC pursue 2 or 3 of the activities and the next meeting include the housing survey. This was seconded by Mrs. Cairns and agreed.
- C4. CCB AGM.
CCB are holding their AGM and 40th Birthday party on Thursday 3rd October 2013 beginning at 6pm at The Barn, Purley on Thames.
- C5. Andrew Stott.
Mrs. Frankum has received Andrew Stott's resignation as a member of BPC because he is moving out of the parish. Mr. Stott commented that this would be his last meeting. Mrs. Frankum thanked him for his efforts as a parish councillor and wish him best wishes for the future.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

- RT1. Parking outside Hawthorn House.
Parking on Broad Lane/Harts Hill outside Hawthorn House has become an issue again. Mr. Dunkerton has already spoken to the PCSO Sarah Preston. Mr. Pask commented that he had raised the issue at a high level with Sovereign Housing. There have been up to 3 cars parked on the pavement. Concern has been raised about the increase in use the pavement will have once the school term begins, with parents taking children to school and pre-school, who will have to go into the road to pass the cars.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm.

NEXT BPC MEETING:

7.45pm Monday 14th October 2013 Memorial Hall.

NEXT PLANNING MEETING:

8.00pm Tuesday 23rd September 2013 Victory Room.

Signature

Date