

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT

Mrs. P. W. Frankum (Chairman); Mr. B. Dickens; Mr. A. Dunkerton; Mr. J. Brims; Mr. T. Banks; Mrs. H. Cairns; Mr. A. Aldridge; Mr. G. Pask (District Councillor); Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

OTHERS

Caroline Cowley; Clarie Dovey; Dan Cooper (NWN).

APOLOGIES

Mr. T. Slatford; Mr. A. Gilbert; Mrs. L. Clarke.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013.  
The minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs. Frankum.

PUBLIC SESSION

M1. Planning Application 13/0218/FUL for Fifield House.  
Details of the discussion on this planning application are minuted in the planning section of these minutes.

CLERKS REPORT

- CR1. Chapel Roof.  
A detailed quote has been received from R&R Roofing. A second quote has been received from Steve Christmas, however some clarification is needed about what is included. Given the difference in the quotes the Clerk will obtain a third quote for the work. HP
- CR2. Cemetery Gates.  
Graham Futcher has quoted for replacement gates, posts and furniture in both soft and hard wood. It was agreed that a second quote should be obtained from Graham Plank. HP
- CR3. Tree Management in the Cemetery.  
Roger Malloy has looked at all of the trees in the Cemetery and will remove the birch trees resting on the BT wires and carry out half a day's work tidying up some of the trees. The tidying up work will include the removal of the deadwood which is overhanging the road and paths and raise the crown of the yew and horse chestnut tree which overhang the path in the southwest corner of the Cemetery. He will schedule to do the work towards the end of December, but may fit some of the smaller bits in earlier if possible. HP
- CR4. Transfer of the Meadows.  
Hazel Eccles from Field Seymour Parkes LPP has chased Osborne Clark again, with regards to questions she sent them on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013.  
We have a list of outstanding work which needs to be carried out; Graham Futcher has quoted for any fencing required. He has also given a quote for replacing the water supply from the meter to the water troughs, this being the worst case scenario in identifying the water leak. BPC will need to arrange for Thames Water to reinstall the water meter.
- CR5. Parking outside Hawthorne House.

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The parking of vehicles on the pavement outside Hawthorne House appears to have stopped in the last week.

It is understood that a suggestion has been made to turn the grass area in the Ring of Roundfield into extra parking, but this needs to be confirmed.

## TOPICS

- T1. Vacant Councillor Position.  
Mr. Andrew Aldridge is willing to take on the role of being a Parish Councillor in the East Ward. After a short discussion, Mr Dunkerton proposed that Mr. Aldridge be co-opted onto BPC; this was seconded by Mr. Banks and unanimously agreed. Mr. Aldridge was welcomed to the council and completed his "Declaration of office". There was a discussion about possible candidates for the position on the West Ward. The Clerk will notify WBC of the vacancy. HP
- T2. Common Clearing – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013.  
A number of councillors are away for Common Clearing. However the following agreed to provide a cake: Hilary Cairns, Alan Dunkerton, Wynne Frankum, Lindy Clarke and Andrew Aldridge. Mrs. Dunkerton will help Mrs. Frankum with the teas. The Clerk will ask Oli Brooke and Rupert Hartley Russell if they can attend. HP
- T3. Name of Road from Hermitage to Chapel Row.  
A parishioner has complained to WBC about the naming (on a road closure sign) of the road from Bucklebury village to Marlston with the name Burnt Bush Lane. The parishioner thanked WBC for the response he received; however there is still some question over the name of the road. There was some discussion about the length of road from Chapel Row to Hermitage; names include Marlston Road, Burnt Bush Lane and Manor Farm Road. Other names may also be being used for small parts of it. It was agreed that an article would be put in The Oaks asking for any parishioners with long standing names for parts of the road to come forwards. The Clerk will also contact Bucklebury Estate and Helen Relf and ask if they have any information. HP
- T4. Road Name Sign for Cemetery Road.  
The road from Byles Green, past the Chapel to Angel's Corner is called Cemetery Road. It was agreed that WBC should be asked to put up a road sign at the Angel's Corner end for Cemetery Road, HP
- T5. Grit Bin on Hatch Close.  
Residents have requested a grit bin on Hatch Close which is not on a primary gritting route. This was approved by BPC. The Clerk will request a licence form WBC and sort out the necessary license. Mr. Aldridge will identify the best site for the bin, prior to the Clerk ordering bins for Hatch Close and Tylers Lane. HP  
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## PLANNING

Planning applications to be considered:

- P1. 13/02018/FUL Fifield Farm, Marlston.  
*Stable yard including an American Barn, Manege and small store. Change of use to equestrian.*  
Mrs. Cairns introduced the application to members prior to the meeting being **closed** to discuss the proposal with representatives of the applicant. The meeting was **reopened**.  
It was noted that a condition which WBC placed on the Tylers Lane planning application was that they had to have a plan in place for the removal of effluent. Drainage was raised as a possible issue, although there is a pond in the corner of the field under the same ownership. Mrs. Cairns proposed **no objection** to the application; this was seconded by Mr. Dickens and unanimously approved.

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- Planning Decisions taken by WBC:
- 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 5<sup>th</sup>.*  
 BPC did not comment on this application; WBC has determined that a **full planning application is required.**
- P3. 13/01533/HOUSE 43 Broad Lane.  
*Side dormer and rear extension.*  
 BPC **objected** to this application which has been **refused** by WBC.
- P4. 13/01388/HOUSE Little Copse House, Paradise Lane.  
*Demolition of existing conservatory, construction of new two storey side and rear extension, formation of pitched roof over existing flat roofed dormers, associated internal alterations and landscaping, relocation of oil tank.*  
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P5. 13/00790/FULD 49 Roundfield.  
*Conversion of property to 2 self contained houses.*  
*Amendment: 2 parking spaces to front of existing house and 1 to front of proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> dwelling and one in neighbouring garage block.*  
 BPC **objected** to the original application; the amendment attempts to address the reason for the objection and has met with the approval of the highways department at WBC and has therefore been **approved** by WBC.
- P6. The Cottage Inn.  
 BPC has concerns about use of the “agricultural” paddock behind the Cottage Inn and asked the WBC Enforcement team for advice. The Enforcement team has spoken to the landlord and has suggested that he applies for the land to be made “recreational”. It is understood that this would give the land better protection against future development than if it remains as “agricultural”.
- P7. Rochestown House.  
 No planning application for change of use of the outbuilding has been received.  
 The Clerk will contact the Enforcement team for an update on the various open cases. HP

REPORTS

- R1. District Councillors Report.  
 Mr. Pask reported that major repairs have been carried out on Marlston Road and that in his view the local roads are returning to an acceptable level. Members raised concerns about the state of the A4 and the road from Bradfield to the A340.  
 From April, WBC will be responsible for public health and wellbeing. A committee of 8 members (including two doctors) has been formed to investigate how WBC can improve life in years and years in life.
- R2. Parish Sign Committee.  
 Three questions were discussed at the meeting of the Parish Sign Committee last week:
- Why a sign?
  - Where it should go?
  - What wording, design and material should be used?
- It was agreed that the sign was to celebrate the birth of a prince (future king) to a former member of the parish of Bucklebury.  
 Various locations were discussed including road signs of the parish of Bucklebury (ie Upper Bucklebury, Bucklebury, Chapel Row).

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Three alternatives for words were discussed although no decision was made:

1. "The parish of Bucklebury former home of the Duchess of Cambridge mother of HRH Prince George"
2. "The birth of Prince George son of HRH Duchess of Cambridge"
3. "Parish of Bucklebury former home of Catherine Duchess of Cambridge"

It was agreed that the wording "family home" would be more appropriate than "former home".

It was agreed that the Clerk ask the WBC Highways Department for advice on what may and may not be possible. Once the location and wording/design has been agreed BPC will consult with Kensington Palace.

R3. Bucklebury Events Committee.

The sale of mugs to commemorate the birth of HRH Prince George has been very successful. The first order of five hundred mugs has all been sold and another five hundred have been commissioned. A healthy profit has been made and the Events Committee will be able to repay the loan made to them by BPC.

The Wine Man from Yattendon will be entertaining people on an evening in November and there will be the traditional Christmas Tree Festival in December.

The Committee will be helping with the organising and running of the Bucklebury Beerfest on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October and also helped with the Chapel Row Fayre.

R4. Memorial Hall Committee.

The improvements made to the Committee Room make it a very usable, pleasant room which should be an asset to the complex.

A projector is being considered for the Oak Room.

Unfortunately there are some issues with anti-social behaviour around the hall which have resulted in several windows being broken. The police are aware of the issue and investigating.

#### 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:

R. F. West	£90.00	Cutting of the Hockett Field.
St. Martin's Club	£800.00	£300 donation from BPC and £500 from Gilroy account – payment 2 of 5.
P.W. Frankum	£30.00	Expenses.
Helen Pratt	£905.92	Clerk's salary for July and August.

F2. Balances:

Lloyds Current Account	£10,543.49	On 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2013.
Scottish Widows Reserve Account	£37,314.74	On 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2013.
Scottish Widows Gilroy Account	£6,505.13	On 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2013.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence has been received:

C1. Community Planning Conference.

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This is on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am in Newbury  
Mr. Aldridge volunteered to attend.

C2. GLEAM

The Draft Deregulation Bill is to close loopholes in rights of way legislation which have led to extensive damage to unrestricted byways from off-road motor vehicles. To support the Bill, requests have been made for photographic material with dates demonstrating the damage being done. Mrs. Cairns has volunteered to co-ordinate a response to GLEAM.

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C3. Bucklebury Brownies.

The Clerk has received a funding request for a sleepover and visit to the pantomime for Bucklebury Brownies (who have not requested a grant for a number of years). Mr. Dickens proposed a donation of £150; this was seconded by Mr. Banks and unanimously agreed.

C4. AONB Annual Forum.

This is to be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at Wick Bottom Barn, Temple Farm, Rockley, Marlborough. It was agreed that Mrs. Cairns would check her diary.

C5. District Parish Conference.

This is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 6.30pm in the Market Street Council Offices. Mr. Brims volunteered to attend.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

RT1. Peach's Noticeboard.

Mrs. Frankum requested that BPC investigate replacing the noticeboard at Peach's stores. The Clerk will investigate.

HP

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

**NEXT PLANNING MEETING:**

**8.00pm Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 Victory Room.**

**COMMON CLEARING:**

**2pm Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013 Memorial Hall.**

**NEXT BPC MEETING:**

**7.45pm Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013 Memorial Hall.**

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