

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 11th November 2013 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT

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

OTHERS

Anne Hillerton; Dan Cooper (Newbury Weekly News); Paul Henwood.

APOLOGIES

Mr. T. Slatford; Mrs. H. Pratt.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

- M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2013.
The minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 14th October 2013 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs. Frankum.
- M2. Bucklebury Planning Committee Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 28th October 2013.
The minutes of the Bucklebury Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 28th October were agreed as a true record and signed by Mr. Dickens.

CLERKS REPORT

- CR1. Berry's Road Parking.
The Clerk has emailed Iain Davies, chairman of Bucklebury Primary School Governors, inviting him to a meeting to discuss the parking situation. HP
- CR2. Name of Road from Hermitage to Chapel Row.
Willie Hartley Russell and Helen Relf have been consulted. The 1883 map shows it as Burnt Bush Lane; however Mr. Hartley Russell has always known it as Marlston Road. Parts of the road are known to have other names including Manor Farm Road. It was agreed to leave things as they are.
- CR3. Grit Bin in Hatch Lane.
The Clerk now has the necessary information to submit the license application to WBC and will order the grit bins. HP
- CR4. Estimates for the outstanding work in the Meadows.
The set of estimates for the work which remains outstanding on the meadows has been sent to David Wilson Homes (DWH). They are waiting for the tree surveys to be carried out by someone from their landscaping department.
- CR5. Meeting to Mark the Royal Birth.
A copy of the letter from Mr. Hartley Russell has been forwarded. It was agreed that there should be another meeting of the working group to discuss how to progress the sign.
- CR6. Berry's Road Posts.
WBC has priced two options: the first was to have a concrete strip around the curb with posts inserted into it, the approximate cost of this was £5,000. The second proposal was to have posts concreted in and for this the approximate cost is £2,500. It was agreed that BPC should write and ask WBC to ask them to complete the work. HP
- CR7. Cemetery Roof.
The Clerk has spoken to Steve Christmas about his quote which he will confirm in writing. A third quote will also be obtained. HP

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TOPICS

T1. River Pang between the fords.

The Clerk has spoken to Stuart Clarke from WBC who has recommended sarsen stones or a post and wire fence between the fords. However the river is now very close to the road and may have undermined it.

It was agreed that Mr. Pask will ask WBC Highways department to inspect the road adjacent to the river Pang between the fords and the Clerk will move forwards with other preventative measures.

GP
HP

T2. Parish Plan.

Mrs. Clarke has been away and not had time to review the actions. It was agreed to discuss the Parish Plan at December or January meeting.

T3. Vacant Councillor Position.

Anne Hillerton was present at the meeting and is potentially interested in the role.

T4. West Berkshire Council proposed savings for 2014-16.

WBC has to save 11 million pounds over the next 2 years. This has to be done, before they know the level of government grant they will receive, (this is normally about 20% total budget). As a result, WBC has formed a proposal which is being consulted upon; there is a short video on the WBC web site explaining the basic assumptions. It is based upon there being no increase in council tax and therefore savings need to made. Three million needs to be cut on front line services; however no libraries will be cut, but there will be a reduction in the opening hours. There is a proposal to ask parish councils to manage public toilets (this does not affect BPC). There is some discussion about subsidies to rural bus service and whether parishes could support them. WBC council tax is capped, however at the moment this does not apply to parish precepts. It was agreed that BPC should investigate what services WBC provides in Bucklebury and the associated costs before BPC discuss the matter further. Mr. Dickens agreed to carry out these investigations and write a report for the December (or January) meeting.

BBOWT have signed an agreement with WBC to take over WBC's management of Bucklebury Common (and other open spaces within WBC) from January 2013. WBC will be passing some funding to BBOWT for the management of the common. BBOWT are able to utilise alternative funding streams which are not available to WBC.

T5. Cemetery Carols – Monday 16th December 2013 at 6pm.

Mrs. Frankum reminded councillors that this is effectively the only event which BPC organises for parishioners and therefore provides a good opportunity to meet with them.

Mrs. Frankum, Mr. Dunkerton and Mrs. Pratt will help set up the Chapel on the morning of Monday 16th December. During the evening, Mr. Dunkerton, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Frankum, Mrs. Cairns, Mr. Banks, Mr. Brims and Mrs. Pratt will all be available to help. Mr. Beeson has offered the use of his generator and lights again as well as the production of mulled wine. Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Frankum, Mrs Cairns and Mrs. Dickens offered to make mince pies. A number of people will be available to clear up on the Tuesday morning.

It was agreed that there would be collection tins on the table from which the mulled wine and mince pies are served, rather than just on the gate. The collection this year will be donated to Newbury Foodbank.

PLANNING

Planning applications to be considered:

P1. 13/02620/HOUSE Willow Lodge, Chapel Row.

Change to garage roof design.

BPC unanimously agreed **no objection** to this application.

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Planning Decisions taken by WBC:

- P2. 13/02206/HOUSE Gorselands, The Avenue.
Proposed new double garage/workshop block to replace existing outhouse.
BPC **objected** to this application; an amendment was received which answered some of the reasons for the objection, but not all. The application has now been **approved**.
- P3. 13/01666/LQN Bucklebury Farm Park.
A quorum of members of BPC were consulted on this application via telephone or email and agreed to support the application for an events license and an alcohol license, prior to this meeting due to time constraints. WBC Licensing Committee will meet to determine this application on the 4th December.

REPORTS

- R1. District Councillors Report.
Mr. Pask said that he was available to answer any questions.
- R2. Police Liaison Group Report.
Mr. Pask reported that the levels of anti-social behaviour are much reduced, however people must continue to be mindful and need reminding.
Attention was drawn to the number of outbuildings which have been broken into and people must continue to be vigilant.
The illegal use of 4x4's on the common and around the ford was discussed. The potential use of CCTV and the legality of the use of any evidence for convictions was touched upon and will be further investigated with WBC via the Commons Advisory Committee.
Mr. Pask also raised the parking situation during the fireworks at The Cottage Inn on 5th November. He commented that he was absolutely delighted that it was so successful; however the car parking was atrocious along Broad Lane. The event was advertised in Newbury Weekly News along with the fireworks at Newbury Race Course and Henwick, however Bucklebury does not have the local infrastructure to cope with an event of that size without traffic marshalling and liaison with the police. There was concern that had the emergency services needed to be present in the area, the parked cars in the surrounding roads would have presented a significant problem. The matter will be raised with the publican.
Mr. Dunkerton commented that Mr. Slatford will be writing an article for the next edition of The Oaks reminding people to continue their vigilance and to report anything suspicious to the police.
- R3. Victory Room Committee AGM.
Mr. Brims reported that there was a full complement of trustees at the AGM of the Victory Room and a good representation of village people.
There are three different proposals for the redevelopment of the Victory Room which were on exhibition and continue to be until the end of December.
The re-development was discussed and the committee became aware that there are several people from the village against it.
It was agreed that there will be a discussion at the November Planning meeting about the possible redevelopment options when the various proposed plans can be viewed.

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

- TM1. Items to be discussed at future meetings.
Housing Survey.
Emergency Plan.

FINANCE

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F1. There were no updates on the finances due to the Clerk's absence.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence has been received:

- C1. WBC 2013/14 Highway Winter Service Plan – consultation.
There are no changes to previous years.
- C2. WBC Local Transport Plan (LTP) Road Safety Strategy – consultation.
There is no change to the previous plan.
- C3. BALC Training Courses – Finance and Social Media.
It was agreed that Mrs. Clarke will attend the finance training session. LC
- C4. WBC – Draft Licensing Policy review.
- C5. NHS Call to Action – Newbury Meeting.
Mr. Dickens will be attending this meeting on behalf of BPC. BD
- C6. WBC – Pang Valley Flood Risk Management Plan – Consultation.
Mr. Brims commented that he was not aware of any updates, but expected some in the near future.
- C7. GLEAM minutes have been circulated.
- C8. Bucklebury Brownies have written a letter of appreciation for the donation made to them last month.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

- RT1. December meeting arrangements. WF
Mrs. Frankum volunteered to bring mulled wine for festive celebrations after the HC
December BPC meeting and Mrs. Cairns and Mrs. Clarke will provide mince pies. LC
- RT2. Gate post in the meadows.
Mr. Banks asked if there was an update on the broken gate post in the meadows. It was
agreed that it should be reported to DWH. HP
- RT3. Sign for Commemoration of the Birth of Prince George.
It was agreed that a meeting would be held on Wednesday 20th November at Mr.
Banks's house to discuss the sign.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

NEXT PLANNING MEETING: 8.00pm Monday 25th November 2013 Victory Room.
NEXT BPC MEETING: 7.45pm Monday 9th December 2013 Memorial Hall.

Signature

Date