

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 10th March 2014 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT

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

OTHERS

Dan Cooper (NWN); Mr. P. Weedon; Mr. Murray; Mr. D. Heslop.

APOLOGIES

Mr. J. Brims; Mr. A. Dunkerton; Mr. A. Aldridge; Dominic Murphy.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

- M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 10th February 2014.
The minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 10th February 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mr. Dickens.
- M2. Bucklebury Planning Committee Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 24th February 2014.
The minutes of the Bucklebury Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 24th February 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs. Cairns.

PUBLIC SESSION

- PS1. Planning Application 14/00304/FULD Windy Ridge, Burdens Heath.
For a discussion about this application, please refer to the Planning Section of these minutes.
- PS2. Planning Application 14/00422/HOUSE Meadow House, Paradise Lane.
For a discussion about this application, please refer to the Planning Section of these minutes.
- PS3. 4x4 Misuse in the Parish.
The minutes for this item are documented under section T3 of these minutes.

CHAIRS REPORT

- CH1. Ariel Photographs of Pang Valley in Flood.
Dick Greenaway has been up in a small aircraft and taken photographs of the Pang Valley during the recent flooding. He has sent copies of the Bucklebury area to BPC. If any members are interested in a copy, please contact the Clerk. A copy will be sent to Piers Allison for information.
- CH2. Parking in Berry's Road.
PCSO Sarah Preston has sent a letter to all parents at the school giving guidelines on what is legal parking. She has also stated that she will be in the vicinity at drop off/collection time and will issue fines to those parked illegally.

CLERKS REPORT

- CR1. Annual Assembly.
The Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfeld has agreed to speak at the Annual Assembly on Friday 16th May.
- CR2. Rear Cemetery Gates.
The Clerk has spoken to Graham Plank about hardwood versus softwood for the

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replacement gates and posts. He has recommended metal posts. Hardwood will last longer than softwood, but will also cost more. He has agreed to quote for the replacement gates and posts.

CR3. Cemetery Roof.

The Clerk has obtained a quote from E. A. Laming for the work required on the roof. A written quote is still awaited from Steve Christmas. The Clerk will contact him again, to enable the Burial Board to consider all 3 quotes prior to the April meeting and make a recommendation on which quote to accept.

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TOPICS

T1. Common Clearing.

The Spring Common Clearing session will take place on Saturday 29th March at 2pm, meeting at the Memorial Hall. Mrs. Frankum will ask Mrs. Dunkerton if she can help serving teas. Mrs. Frankum, Mrs. Cairns, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Hillerton and Gill Brooke will make cakes.

T2. Flooding.

The rainfall over the last 2 months is being described as a 1 in 250 year event. Luckily no properties in Bucklebury village are known to have flooded. Whilst there was water in the north west corner of the Recreation Ground which caused concern, it is now understood that this is likely to have been caused by a natural spring.

On Friday 14th February, the army and police were called into the village as a result of WBC monitoring the situation. It was suggested that the Emergency Plan should include information on flooding. It was agreed that those who have worked on the Emergency Plan should have a meeting.

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Whilst the swilly hole in Tylers Lane was cleared in December, it was not cleared down to the chalk and as a result, water flows out of the swilly hole and down Tylers Lane to Marlston Road.

The list of know flood issues needs to be discussed by Mr. Slatford and Mrs. Cairns with Stuart Clarke from WBC. The Clerk will organise this meeting as soon as Mr. Clarke is available.

HP

Mr. Pask commented that the Emergency Command Centre had been in operation 24 x 7 to address emergencies as they had arisen during the wettest winter on record. 140 homes in West Berkshire had been affected by flooding, some of these due to rising levels of ground water, which was an issue in Stanford Dingley. WBC will have a day of scrutiny to look at what has worked and what could have been improved upon.

T3. 4x4 Misuse in the Parish.

Ramsbury Corner.

Prior to this meeting notes from meetings between representatives of BPC, parishioners, Paul Hendry (WBC), Simon Barnett (BBOWT) and Mr. Hartley Russell were forwarded to councillors.

The meeting was **closed** for Mr. Heslop to talk to BPC.

Mr. Heslop said that the first deadline was approaching; at this stage CCTV signage should be in the process of going up. In order to do this locations for signs and cameras need to be identified. Whilst Ramsbury Corner has initiated the actions taking place, the whole of Bucklebury Common is being considered. An article should go into the Newbury Weekly News this week. Paul Hendry agreed that two of the byways at Ramsbury Corner need to have TRO's placed on them whilst awaiting repairs and agreed to investigate this. It was noted that Mr. Slatford and Mr. Beeson met with Elaine Cox (WBC Rights of Way) about the same issue in January 2012 and no action had been taken.

Mr. Pask thanked Mr. Heslop for coming forwards with the evidence he had gathered from the illegal use of 4x4's on the Common. He also commented that he has pushed illegal 4x4 usage higher up the policing agenda and thanked Paul Hendry for his help.

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It was noted that Paul Hendry has usage of the CCTV cameras from the waste team. Paul Hendry is understood to have been in contact with LARA (Land Access and Recreation Association).

The meeting was **reopened**.

Bucklebury Ford.

Mrs. Clarke said that she has met Sally Wallington and Chris Booth (who was involved with the Flood Alleviation Scheme). Mr. Booth's suggestion was to put large tree stumps and lay them along the bottom of the bank, or alternatively really heavy tree trunks which could be secured along the bank, however Sally was not keen on this suggestion and thought it would be unsightly. She has suggested 3 possible pieces of work:

1. Stockproof fencing along the road side between the footbridge and the fallen tree, which she has had priced at £5.50 per metre plus VAT.
2. Posts concreted into the bank.
3. Wire fence on the field side of the river.

It was agreed that Elaine Cox should be asked to place a TRO on the byway.

LC

Mr. Dickens proposed that BPC pay for stock proof fencing with trees or hedging to a maximum of £1,000. This was seconded by Mrs. Cairns and carried with 5 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention. Mrs. Clarke will contact Sally Wallington and ask her to pursue the stockproof fencing option as this will require consent from the Environment Agency.

T4. Parking Issues at the Junction of Little Lane and Roundfield.

Mr. Dominic Murphy, who is developing 47 Roundfield has contacted BPC about the possibility of improving the parking at the junction of Little Lane and Roundfield. It was agreed that Mr. Dickens and Mr. Banks would have a site meeting to review the situation.

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Mr. Pask said that he had raised parking as a concern with Sovereign at a high level as parking needs to be addressed in the Roundfield area as a whole.

PLANNING

Planning applications to be considered:

- P1. 14/00304/FULD Windy Ridge, Burdens Heath.
Dwelling with integral garage.
The meeting was **closed**.
Mr. Weedon said that he had consulted with a number of his immediate neighbours about the application.
The meeting was **reopened**.
It was unanimously agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application.
- P2. 14/00388/FUL & Brockhurst Preparatory School.
14/00389/LBC2 *Erection of Biomass fuel store and boiler room within the curtilage of a listed building with alterations to landscaping corresponding to the access and delivery.*
There was some discussion about this application and the size of the vehicles and frequency of deliveries of biomass fuel to the site. It was unanimously agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application, but request that an "Authorised Haulage Route" be established.
- P3. 14/00422/HOUSE Meadow House, Paradise Lane.
New orangery.
The meeting was **closed** during which time there was some discussion on the percentage size increase on the original dwelling.
The meeting was **reopened**.
It was unanimously agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this

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- application.
- P4. 13/03227/HOUSE 51 Broad Lane.
Single storey rear extension to replace conservatory, part conversion of existing garage into Gym/Workshop and installation of new window/door openings.
 BPC has **no objection** to this application.
- Planning Decisions taken by WBC:
- P5. 13/03014/FULD Bushnells Green Farmhouse.
Erection of new agricultural workers dwelling on an alternative siting from that approved by planning consent ref 13/00331/FULD dated April 2013, and removal of existing temporary timber chalet.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P6. 13/03198/HOUSE Fernleigh, Burdens Heath.
Single storey extension.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P7. 13/03200/HOUSE Stable Cottage, Upper Woolhampton.
Single storey extension – bedroom and bathroom.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P8. 13/03027/FUL Bucklebury Memorial Hall.
Installation of floodlighting to 2 Tennis Courts involving the erection of 6 no 10m columns mounted with 8 no floodlight lamps. Removal of 5 No redundant wooden columns with associated floodlights and overhead wiring.
 BPC **supported** this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P9. 13/02838/FULD 47 Roundfield.
Two storey rear extension to 47 Roundfield and the construction of a new attached two storey dwelling house to the side.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P10. 13/02294/COMIND Hartshill Copse, Burdens Heath (Adjacent Parish).
Section 73A: Removal or Variation of Condition 3; “Temporary shelter”, Condition 5; Details of proposed netting, Condition 10; Vehicular access, Condition 12; Vehicle access surfacing, Condition 13; Visibility splays, Condition 13; Vehicle parking and turning space and Condition 15; Fencing of approved application – 11/00999/FULMAJ.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

REPORTS

R1. District Councillors Report.

Mr. Pask reported that WBC has set its budget with a 0% increase. He commented that WBC will be making payments of 75% of last years “rate support grant” to parish councils, after being told that they would be receiving the money and must pass it on. It is expected to decrease to 50%, 25% and 0% in the coming years.

The highways budget will be maintained. Due to the flooding there has been a small increase from Central Government for spending in this area.

Under the current Local Plan, Bucklebury is not due to take any more development; however 3 parcels of land in Upper Bucklebury have been submitted to the SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment). The existing Local Plan states that 10,500 homes need to be built by 2026 half of which have already been built. There is

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now a suggestion that a further 5,000 homes will need to be built between 2026 and 2036.

R2. Victory Room Meeting.

Mrs. Clarke said that the full structural survey had been obtained on the existing building which shows that the walls are quite sound, but there are some issues with the roof. The wall at the front of the stage is a supporting wall. The Board of Trustees have voted to rebuild and are investigating further options.

The Bucklebury Beer Fest will take place on Saturday 4th October.

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

TM1. Items to be discussed at future meetings.

Housing Survey.

Emergency Plan.

Parish Plan – January

FINANCE

F1. Cheques signed by Councillors since the last meeting:

Building Surveying and Project Management Ltd	£1,068.00	Full structural investigation into the Victory Room.
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F2. Cheques signed by Councillors:

Bucklebury Memorial Hall	£44.18	Rent for Memorial Hall 1 st January to 31 st March 2014.
The Victory Room	£78.00	Rent for Victory Room for 2014.
Helen Pratt	£542.25	Clerk's February 2014 salary.

F3. Balances at Bank.

Lloyds Current Account	£12,834.20	On 20 th February 2014.
Scottish Widows Reserve Account	£37,314.74	On 1 st January 2014.
Scottish Widows Gilroy Account	£6,513.62	On 1 st January 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence has been received:

C1. Newbury CCG Governing Body Public Meeting – 13th March 2-5pm.

C2. Neighbourhood Watch Meeting – Monday 7th April, 7.30pm.

C3. District Parish Conference – Tuesday 25th March, 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

It was agreed that Mrs. Frankum would attend.

C4. CCG Call to Action – 20th March 7-9pm.

C5. Mr. Matthews from Ford End, Bucklebury.

Mr. Matthews has written to BPC about the recent rainfall and the flooding caused as a result of it. He has lived at the bottom of Tylers Lane for many years and has commented on the causes of some of the flooding and possible ways of improving the situation in the future. It was agreed that Mr. Slatford, Mrs. Cairns and Mrs. Clarke would draft a reply.

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RT1. Clearing of Trees to the North of Burdens Heath.

A number of parishioners have commented negatively about the clearing of the birch and oak trees to the east of Fanny's Lane and the north of Burdens Heath.

Between 1760 and 2000, West Berkshire lost 90% of its areas of lowland heath.

Bucklebury Estate totals 860 acres; 70 acres have been cleared on the Lower Common and 15 on the Upper Common.

Between 40 and 50 years ago, the area to the north of Burdens Heath was void of trees and there were views to the Chiltern Hills.

RT2. Peach's Store.

The freehold of the store is for sale. This does not affect the existing shop, which continues to trade. A notice will be put on the web site stating this.

RT3. Kissing Gate Between the Two Meadows.

It was noted that the gatepost of the kissing gate has rotted through at the base.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

NEXT PLANNING MEETING:

8.00pm Monday 24th March 2014 Victory Room.

NEXT BPC MEETING:

7.45pm Monday 14th April 2014 Memorial Hall.

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