

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 11th August 2014 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT

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

OTHERS

Mr R. and Mrs. S. Morgan.

APOLOGIES

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. There were no declarations of interest on any agenda items.

MINUTES

- M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Minutes for the meeting held on Monday 14th July 2014.
The minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 14th July 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs. Frankum.
- M2. Bucklebury Planning Committee Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 28th July 2014.
The minutes of the Bucklebury Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 28th July 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mr. Dickens.

PUBLIC SESSION

- PS1 Water Supply.
Mr and Mrs Morgan had contacted the Clerk prior to the meeting about the amount of air in their water supply first thing in the morning.
This item is further minuted under the Topics section of these minutes.

CHAIRS REPORT

- CH1 Blacklands Copse.
Mrs. Frankum said that she had attended a meeting with Lady Hoare, Mr. Pask and the Clerk about the work to be carried out in Blacklands Copse.
Posters have been put up around Upper Bucklebury informing people of the works and referring them to the parish web site for more information.
- CH2 Cemetery Memorials.
Mr. Dunkerton and Mrs. Frankum have inspected the memorials in the Cemetery; several are in need of some attention and a number of graves have subsided and need some filling in. CR Landscapes will be asked to make the graves level in the Autumn.
- CH3 Victory Room.
Three letters have been received from residents of Bucklebury (village), who are concerned about the proposed plans for the Victory Room. These were discussed later in the meeting.
- CH4 Congratulations Card.
A card of congratulations has been sent to Rupert Hartley Russell and Elizabeth Peplow on their engagement.

CLERKS REPORT

- CR1. Chapel Roof.
The Clerk said that she has accepted the quote from Mr. Christmas for the work on the Chapel roof and has since spoken to him. He will start work on Monday 18th August

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and intends to have the work finished by the end of the month. The Clerk has also asked him to rake out and refill the cracks under the two side windows and to look at two memorials where the surrounds need repair.

CR2. Cemetery Gates.

Mr. Plank has been sent a new copy of his quote and has assured the Clerk that he can have the new gates completed by the end of September.

CR3. Parking in Roundfield.

A letter has been received from Mr. Edwards (WBC) about parking in Roundfield. The wide grass verges at the junction of Little Lane and Roundfield are part of the highway. Mr. Edwards has also confirmed that there is some S106 funding available for highway improvements in Bucklebury parish. Any improvements would have to be investigated in detail, including the safety implications of vehicle manoeuvres to and from the parking spaces.

Mr. Edwards has proposed that a project, within the highways capital programme be carried out next year, in 2015/16. Unfortunately the Projects team is fully committed for this year.

TOPICS

T1. Transfer of Bucklebury Meadows.

The latest correspondence from Field Seymour Parkes LPP, acting on behalf of BPC, was informing DWH of the fees which they have incurred to date, which is above the original and agreed estimate which DWH agreed to pay.

T2. Vodafone Signal Boosters.

The signal boosters being offered are a public version of the private Vodafone Sure Signal which delivers the Vodafone signal to individual homes via Broadband. In order for the system to work someone or somewhere needs to give up some of their Broadband. Mr. Banks is continuing to look into the scheme; however it is unlikely to suit all parts of the parish as many don't have sufficient Broadband coverage.

T3. Water Supply.

It was understood that the works being carried out by Thames Water around Cold Ash should improve the water supply to Bucklebury Parish. The water supply to much of the parish is pumped from a pumping station at the bottom of Harts Hill up Harts Hill. This pumping station is dependent upon the electricity supply and when there have been power outages (either due to storms or maintenance) over the last year, Bucklebury has been without water, or notice when that has been applicable. It was understood that a valve in Cold Ash was supposed to enable water to flow directly from Cold Ash to Bucklebury in the event of the Harts Hill Pumping station failing; this however does not appear to be happening.

In addition a number of residents are reporting air building up in their systems, particularly overnight, which tend to imply that air is getting into the system somewhere. Questions were asked about the impact the air in the systems could have on both plumbing in private houses and within the water infra-structure at large. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Damien Crawford from Thames Water and inquire about all of the above points.

T4. Victory Room.

No planning application has been submitted to date. The Victory Room trustees are discussing the different options for the future of the hall. A letter from Mr. E. Johnson was read out. It was noted that the trustees are an elected committee and do not need to consult. However they have decided to put an article in the Parish Magazine and to make hard copies of their plans available at the Victory Room. In addition documents and plans have been published on the Parish website, which is for the community. A google e-mail account has been set up to receive feedback.

The consultation period will finish between the middle and the end of September after

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which time the trustees will make a decision on the future of the Victory Room.
A summary of the other letters was given to the members of BPC present.

PLANNING

Planning applications to be considered:

- P1. 14/01680/HOUSE Anyho, Long Grove.
Replace existing garage with new one.
It was unanimously agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application.
- P2. 14/01753/FULD 49 Roundfield.
Construction of detached dwelling and associated parking.
It was agreed that BPC **object** to this application which is back garden development and overdevelopment of the site.
- Planning decisions made by WBC:
- P3. 14/01470/HOUSE Old Surgery, Chapel Row.
Single storey rear extension.
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P4. 14/01424/HOUSE Winchcombe Farm, Briff Lane.
Two storey extension.
BPC **objected** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P5. 14/01254/FUL Sunridge, Bucklebury Road (Adjacent Parish).
Revised scheme for replacement dwelling house and garages – change of use from agricultural to residential for driveway, access etc.
BPC **objected** to this application which has been **refused** by WBC.
- P6. 14/01386/HOUSE Camplins Cottage, Turners Green.
Proposed two storey side extension with a new study at ground floor and en-suite to master bedroom on first floor. New replacement garden store.
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **refused** by WBC.
- P7. 14/01332/FUL Winchcombe Cottage, Briff Lane.
Demolition of existing property and its replacement with a single dwelling and ancillary outbuildings.
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P8. Form for Neighbour Consultations.
It had been suggested that a slip be put through the door of any applicants and neighbours who are out at the time a site visit is made, informing them of the application and the BPC meeting at which the application will be discussed.
It was agreed that it would be better to have blank complements slips which can be used for this purpose. The Clerk will investigate. HP

REPORTS

- R1. District Councillors Report.
Mr. Pask reported that he has investigated the barrier on the east side of Briff Lane, just south of Red Hill House. The road suffered from subsidence at the beginning of the year due to the volume of water and as a result WBC has made the necessary road repairs. The culvert which runs next to the road still needs to be repaired, but WBC say that this is the responsibility of the riparian owner. WBC have therefore written to Bucklebury Estate.
- R2. Victory Room Committee.
In addition to the plans for the future of the Victory Room, plans are progressing well

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for the Bucklebury Beer Festival on 4th October and everything is on track.

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

TM1. Items to be discussed at future meetings.

Housing Survey.
Emergency Plan.
Parish Plan

FINANCE

F1. Cheques signed by Councillors:

Southern Electric	£6.30	Street light supply 27/6/2014 – 1/8/2014.
The Society of Local Council Clerks	£129.00	Membership of SLCC.
Helen Pratt	£542.25	Clerk's July Salary.

F3. To review current balances and financial position.

Lloyds Current Account	£26,805.39	On 18 th July 2014.
Scottish Widows Reserve Account	£37,360.89	On 1 st July 2014.
Scottish Widows Gilroy Account	£5,524.04	On 1 st July 2014.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence has been received:

C1. CCB Housing Event – Tuesday 23rd September.

The Clerk advertised this all day event to members, having already forwarded the email around.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

RT1. Streetlights.

It was reported that the streetlight outside Hyakinthos is on during the afternoons.

RT2. Hedge outside Ormesby.

Letters and copies of the hedge management leaflet produced by WBC have been delivered to a number of properties where hedges are protruding onto pavements or roads. However the hedge outside Ormesby has now been reported to WBC.

RT3. Parking on Broad Lane/Harts Hill adjacent to the Apartments.

It was reported that vehicles are again parking on Broad Lane/Harts Hill Road outside of the flats and blocking the pavement. The Clerk will report this to Sovereign.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

NEXT PLANNING MEETING:

8.00pm Tuesday 26th August 2014 Victory Room.

NEXT BPC MEETING:

7.45pm Monday 8th September 2014 Memorial Hall.

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