

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 9th February 2015 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Mrs. P. W. Frankum (Chairman); Mr. B. Dickens; Mrs. L. Clarke; Mr. J. Brims; Mr. T. Banks;
Mrs. A. Hillerton; Mr. A. Aldridge; Mr. A. Gilbert; Mr. Q. Webb (District Councillor); Mrs.
H. Pratt(Clerk).

APOLOGIES

Mr. T. Slatford; Mr. A. Dunkerton; Mrs. H. Cairns; Mr. G. Pask (District Councillor).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

MINUTES

M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Monday 12th January 2015.

The minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 12th January 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs. Frankum.

M2. Bucklebury Planning Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday 26th January 2015.

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 26th January 2015 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by Mr. Dickens.

CHAIRS REPORT.

CH1 Cemetery Working Party – Mrs. Frankum thanked all those who had attended.

CH2 The Oaks – The Clerk and Mrs. Clarke were thanked by Mrs. Frankum for all their work in the production of the January edition of The Oaks.

CH3 School Parking – PCSO Sarah Preston has spoken to Mrs. Frankum, and is of the opinion that the cones in Berry’s Road and Blackland’s Road are working well. However, there is the issue of who is in charge of the cones when they get blown into the road by the wind. PCSO Sarah Preston said that if double yellow lines are implemented enforcement is the responsibility of WBC and not Thames Valley Police. The Clerk has written to the Headmistress, however to date no response has been received.

CLERKS REPORT

CL1. Community Assets.

The Clerk has arranged two possible dates for a meeting with Andy Day (WBC) for councillors to find out more about Community Assets, how they are obtained and what they mean. It was agreed that Monday 2nd March at 10am in the WBC Council Offices was the most convenient. Mr. Brims, Mrs. Cairns, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Frankum hope to attend. The Clerk will confirm the arrangements.

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CL2. Flooding at Junction of Carbinswood Lane and road to Midgham – This has been logged with WBC and is ELM 131801.

CL3. Flooding in Berry’s Road – Photographs of the road flooded after rain since the drains have been jetted have been sent to WBC and the issue has been raised as ELM 131271. It is understood that a report has been requested and is now awaited.

CL4. Chapel Row Culvert – The culvert itself had been cleared. It is understood that it is again blocked and water is spilling over the road. The Clerk will raise it again with WBC.

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CL5. Flooding on The Ridge – This was raised as ELM 129520 and Anop Gehlot (WBC) has been working on the problem. He has requested that the drain be jetted and has been corresponding with the riparian owner about getting the ditches and the pipe under the entrance to the paintballing site cleared.

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- CL6. Tylers Lane Culvert – This has been raised as ELM 130278 with WBC and has been passed to project management. No further detail was available from WBC. Derek Matthews commented to the Clerk prior to the meeting that in order for the water to flow through the culvert under Tylers Lane, the ditch between Tylers Lane and Redhill View also needs to be cleared. The Clerk will raise this with WBC.
- CL7. Air in the Water Supply – Thames Water increased the water pressure overnight at the Harts Hill Pumping station in an effort to resolve some of the issues with air building up in water supplies overnight. Whilst this has not made any difference to the main property suffering from the problem, other properties which had a less significant problem have seen far fewer instances of air in their water. It was agreed that the residents of the property suffering from the issue should work with Thames Water direct.
- CL8. Agricultural Land versus Domestic Land – Letters have been sent to Greens Old Farm, Elmwood House and Woodthorpe reminding residents that agricultural land cannot simply become domestic garden, but needs planning permission.
- CL9. Swilly Hole – It is understood from Graham Plank that the Swilly Hole in Tylers Lane has been partially filled in. It is believed that this happened when the sewage system in Tylers Lane was built; Mr. Brims agreed to discuss this with Graham Plank and verify the dates.

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COUNCILLORS REPORT

- CO1. Planning for a Parish Emergency.
Mrs. Clarke reported that a meeting had taken place between Mrs. Frankum, Mr. Dunkerton, Mrs. Clarke and the Clerk to discuss the Emergency Plan. The Clerk will reformat the original information to match the new style template and the Emergency Plan should be essentially complete.
- C02. Broadband.
Mr. Banks said that he had sent Colin Batchlor (WBC) an email about when the cabinets which serve Bucklebury village are scheduled to be upgraded. To date no response has been forthcoming. The Open Reach website is indicating that the Woolhampton cabinets will be upgraded in 6 months.

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TOPICS

- T1. Bucklebury Meadow.
West Boundary – Letters have been sent to 12 properties believed to have boundaries adjoining the west side of the meadows. It has transpired that there are only 5 adjoining, these being Shaldrake House, Orchard Gate, Leafield, Brimstone Cottage and 5 Broad Lane. The residents who have erected a very substantial fence close to the stock proof fence and several meters beyond the actual boundary have been in informal discussions with BPC and Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Dickens will visit them with a view to resolving the situation.
Transfer – Hazel Eccles from Field Seymour Parkes will be moving to a new job on the 20th February and Simon Taylor will be handling the transfer of the land from David Wilson Homes to BPC.
Planting of Slips on Boundary with The Cottage Inn – In the last order of hedging slips supplied by Barlow’s, there was a surplus of 40 slips. Rather than waste them, it has been agreed to plant them on the boundary between meadow 1 (the south meadow) and the Cottage Inn paddock. Assistance was requested to form a working party to plant them; Mr. Dickens and Mr. Banks volunteered to help Richard Hubbard from the WBCS and Roger and Wynne Frankum, subject to the working party being on a Saturday or Sunday. Mrs. Frankum will organise it. *Subsequent to the meeting this has been arranged for Saturday 7th March*

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- T2. Cemetery.
Update from the Working Party – Those present succeeded in clearing the ground adjacent to the wall on both sides along the north wall and half of the east wall of the 1970's Cemetery. The north wall is in most need of repair. Three separate contractors who may be interested in the job have been identified. HP
- Requirement for further work adjacent to the wall – There is a tree resting on the wires which needs to be removed and a number of smaller trees which are growing too close to the wall; these also need to be removed and the stumps killed. Quotes will be obtained for their removal. HP
- Quote from C.R. Landscapes for clearance of land next to the 70's graves – A quote for £700 plus VAT has been received to clear and chip the scrub which has grown up on the north side of the path between the graves and the wooded section. The quote includes a day's work with a digger to remove the roots and stumps and to level off some of the spoil which has been dumped over the years. This expenditure was agreed. HP
- Registration of the old Cemetery – It has come to light that the old Cemetery has not been registered with the Land Registry. The Clerk has contacted Field Seymour Parkes about what needs to be done in order to register it. They have replied that they will look at it in more detail once they have the deeds. However there is some question over whether there are any deeds. The Clerk will talk to Gill and Jeremy Brooke and find out what they can remember about this from the past. HP

PLANNING

- Planning applications to be considered:
- P1. 15/00152/HOUSE 79 Roundfield.
Demolish existing garage, brick store at rear and build 2 storey side and single storey rear extension.
 It was unanimously agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application.
- Planning decisions made by WBC:
- P2. 14/02955/AGRIC Track Adjacent to Holly Farmhouse, The Slade.
Track: Length 859.0m Width 3.4m.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application, but did raise concerns about access. WBC has determined that a **full application is required** for this proposal.
- P3. 14/03228/HOUSE Pentwyn, Tylers Lane.
Single storey extension to rear.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P4. 14/02592/HOUSE 3 Broad Lane.
First floor rear bedroom extension over existing flat roof. First floor side dormer extension to create en-suite bathroom. Internal alteration to form kitchen and utility room plus window and door alterations to elevations.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P5. 14/02936/HOUSE Kiln House, Broad Lane.
Proposed extension – revised design to address concerns raised in previous application 14/00718/HOUSE.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

REPORTS

- R1. West Berkshire Council Report.
 The Scrutiny Committee has looked at the maternity services provided by the Royal Berkshire Hospital because a number of women had been turned away. They are now

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confident that with new staff things are improving.

Bradfield Primary School is currently struggling to achieve pupils and is down to a headcount of 135 (170 in December 2012).

The report on the SHLAA sites has been delayed until May or June 2015 due to the number of respondents.

A question was asked about the status of a number of addresses in Bucklebury which have been reported to enforcement; staff levels are down but Mr. Webb offered to take a list of addresses to look at with enforcement staff.

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A question was also asked about the number of houses to be built in the district. Currently the district is on target with 10,500 new homes, but it is possible that this number may need to increase.

R2. Recreation Ground.

The Recreation Ground Committee wish to retain the two large goal posts. Bucklebury Wolves had submitted a grant request to BPC for two smaller goal posts which could be chained to the rail around the perimeter of the Recreation Ground and used by others when not in use by Bucklebury Wolves; this is not compatible with retaining the larger goal posts.

Bucklebury Wolves also applied for a grant of £50.00 for the rent of the Recreation Ground; however they will be paying the rent in kind by installing two benches.

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It was agreed that the Clerk will contact Jonathon Poole and clarify that the Bucklebury Wolves grant application for the goal posts and rent therefore null and void.

The Cricket Club have asked to build a shed on the Recreation Ground for their equipment (mowers etc); this is understood to require planning permission and they have asked whether BPC would consider submitting the application. It was noted that in order to submit the application, permission is likely to be required from all the interested parties: WBC (the owners), Recreation Ground Management Committee, BPC (trustees of the Recreation Ground Charity) and possibly the Charity Commission itself.

R3. Victory Room.

Mr. Brims reported that members of the Victory Room Committee had a very useful meeting with representatives of WBC planning on Friday and received feedback on the outline plans. There is concern about the impact on the neighbouring property. The Committee have carefully measured the site and put markers in the ground to represent the proposed building. There have been discussions about moving the whole building. There have also been suggestions of doing a small swap of some land with the Recreation Ground; however this would need the support of all the trustees and possibly the Charity Commission.

R4. Patient Participation Group Meeting.

Mr. Dickens reported that the liquid nitrogen clinic at Chapel Row is to cease. Dr. Zaklana is due to leave the practice at the end of March. It is now possible to make appointments on-line; you have to register to use this service. The minor injuries unit at Newbury Hospital is open from 8.00am until 9.00pm.

It was felt that this information should be included in The Oaks.

R5. Memorial Hall.

Brian Mason, the treasurer of the Memorial Hall is retiring at the end of March and a new treasurer is urgently needed. The AGM will be held on Tuesday May 12th.

During the half term break the reception area will be repainted.

There was a discussion about the number of tables needed in the committee room for BPC meetings; it was agreed that 3 large and 3 small tables should be sufficient; Mr. Brims will communicate this to the Memorial Hall Committee.

FINANCE

F1. Cheques signed by Councillors:

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	Helen Pratt	£554.23	Clerks January salary.
F2.	<u>To review current balances and financial position.</u>		
	Lloyds Current Account balance after all		
	cheques cleared and lodgements received.	£15,929.23	On 10 th February 2015.
	Lloyds Current Account	£16,158.50	On 20/1/2015
	Scottish Widows Reserve Account	£37,436.15	On 1/1/2015.
	Scottish Widows Gilroy Account	£5,535.17	On 1/1/2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence has been received:

- C1. Copy of letter from Derek Matthews about Highway Drainage of Marlston Road – It was agreed that Mr. Slatford would draft a response to the letter.
- C2. SSE Community Advisor – It was agreed that it would be more beneficial to ask the advisor to write an article for the next edition of The Oaks than and also to put her in contact with the West Berkshire Volunteer Village Agents.
- C3. Network Rail electrification of line between Tilehurst Station and Didcot – reminder not to go within 2.5m of rail equipment.
- C4. Thatcham Town Council – will be holding a ceremony to unveil a memorial to Alexander Buller Turner VC on 28th September. Invitations will be forthcoming.

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ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

RT1. Churchyard Management.

The Church magazine contains an article written by John Tennant implying that BPC could be liable for the management of the St. Mary churchyard. Mrs. Frankum has emailed Mr. Tennant asking for clarification.

RT2. Kissing Gate Posts in the Meadows.

Mr. Banks reported that a second post has now broken at the base. The recently broken post is the most southerly which is believed to belong to the owners of 30 Broad Lane.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

NEXT BPC MEETING:

7.45pm Monday 9th March 2015 Memorial Hall.

NEXT PLANNING MEETING:

8.00pm Monday 23rd February 2015 Victory Room.

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