

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 14th September 2015 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Mrs. P. W. Frankum (Chairman); Mrs. A. Hillerton; Mr. A. Aldridge; Mr. T. Banks; Mr. A. Gilbert; Mrs. L. Clarke; Mr. J. Brims; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

APOLOGIES

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

MINUTES

M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Monday 10th August 2015.

The minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 10th August 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs. Frankum.

M2. Bucklebury Planning Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday 24th August 2015.

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 24th August 2015 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by Mrs. Clarke.

PUBLIC SESSION

P1. 15/02274/FUL – Greenwood, Hatch Lane.

For details of this discussion, please see the Planning section of these minutes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

CH1. Kissing Gates of Public Footpaths near the church.

Mrs. Frankum reported that John Tennant has contacted her about replacement of the kissing gates on the footpath near St. Mary's church. He has contacted Fiona Walker from the Ramblers and one of their working parties will fit the gates without charge. Mr. Tennant may approach BPC about funding for the gates.

CH2. St. Mary's Churchyard.

The Revd. Gadsby has spoken to Mrs. Frankum about the churchyard; in approximately 5 years it is likely to be full. At this point the cost of maintaining it will be transferred to BPC. Currently it is maintained by John Tennant; BPC will need to consider this item in future budgeting.

CH3. Bucklebury Meadows.

A date has been arranged in October for Mrs. Frankum to meet Mr. Hubbard to discuss the Winter work of the WBCS on the meadows. The hedges planted this year have done well with the exception of the hedge near the Byles Green gate; this will need to be replanted. It is estimated that a further 300 slips are required.

CH4. Bucklebury Beer Fest.

Bucklebury Beer Fest takes place on Saturday October 3rd. Any offers of help setting up on Friday, actually on the day or clearing up on the Sunday would be gratefully appreciated.

CLERK'S REPORT

CL1. Water Supply.

The Clerk has written a letter to Damien Crawford at Thames Water and sent it via email and as a paper copy. The Clerk has received a copy of the letter, forwarded to a water optimisation manager within Thames Water for response, but no official response has yet been received.

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CL2. Noticeboards.

The Clerk commented that Stanford Dingley PC has recently taken delivery of new noticeboards from Greenbarnes, these have a standard pin board as opposed to a self-healing pin board. The standard pin board should be adequate for the needs of BPC. Two new quotes will be obtained for noticeboards with standard pin boards for Peaches store and the Victory Room.

HP

CL3. Flooding in Berry's Road.

Diagrams of the drains at the top of Berry's Road have been received, which indicates that they have been thoroughly inspected. Councillors were asked to monitor and photograph any flooding, should it occur, at this location.

CL4. Marlston Road at Ford End.

The roadworks appear to have been completed; however a line of cones has been in situ all summer. The very deep gully to the side of the road is still seen as a significant hazard by councillors. The Clerk will contact WBC and clarify the situation.

HP

COUNCILLORS REPORT

CO1. School Parking in Berry's Road.

The parking in Berry's Road is being monitored. Mr. Andy Higgs has been appointed as the head, having started at the beginning of this term. It was agreed that BPC invite Mr. Higgs to the next meeting to introduce himself to BPC, at which time the concerns over parking can be raised. It was also suggested that he write an article for The Oaks to introduce himself to the parish.

HP

CO2. Highspeed Broadband.

Mr. Banks reported that he has been talking to Colin Batchelor (WBC) about the broadband provision in the parish. There was incorrect information being used about which houses were connected to which boxes which has caused a lot of confusion. The schedule of timescales for premises/properties to be connected up under Phase 2 and the Gigaclear contract is now expected to be available at the end of September. There is expected to be a connection charge of approximately £100 for many properties, however by the end of 2015, 99% of properties should be connected.

TOPICS

T1. Bucklebury Meadows.

There have been no further developments on the transfer. Mrs. Frankum will organise a meeting with Andrew Waters the tenant to discuss the management of the meadows.

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T2. Defibrillators.

There are two possible ways of working with Heartstart Thatcham in order to introduce defibrillators into the parish: BPC purchase a defibrillator via Heartstart Thatcham and it becomes an asset of BPC who will then be responsible for its insurance and maintenance or, BPC make a donation to Heartstart Thatcham for a defibrillator to be located in agreed locations in the parish and BPC make an annual donation to Heartstart Thatcham for the necessary insurance and maintenance.

BPC agreed that the best approach was for BPC to make a donation to Heartstart Thatcham who will then supply and be responsible for the defibrillator. This has the advantage that parishioners can make a donation to Heartstart Thatcham for a Bucklebury defibrillator and Gift Aid can be claimed.

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JB

AH

A defibrillator for the Victory Room is being discussed and Jonathon Poole has applied for a grant from the British Heart Foundation for part of the cost.

T3. Community Assets.

The Bladebone has now been registered as a community asset. WBC now has to consult with Enterprise Inns, who could appeal the decision.

The open day held by Enterprise Inns is understood to have attracted 2 couples;

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Enterprise Inns are understood to be awaiting 2 business plans.

T4. Outreach Post Office in All Saint's Church.

The outreach Post Office run at All Saint's Church is operated by the Post Office in Pangbourne. This has recently moved into a shop and as a result the service provided has been reviewed. The Monday morning service in All Saint's church is well used, however the Friday afternoon service has a very low footfall. As a result the Post Office has asked if the church would consider reducing the rent. The church is not keen to reduce the rent for a Friday afternoon as there are no other users of the church at that time. It was proposed that BPC pay the rent for the Post Office on a Friday afternoon; this proposal was not carried because it was not considered good use of money for a very low number of parishioners.

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T5. Roads.

Mr. Tennant has raised concern about the speed of traffic passing St. Mary's church when there are weddings and funerals taking place. It was suggested at a site meeting that Mr. Tennant have some portable signs to put up when necessary. This was not seen as a satisfactory arrangement and Mr. Tennant has requested flashing. It was agreed that BPC would request a site visit.

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Concern has been raised about the blind bend on Broad Lane, to the west of the Cottage Inn at the top of Berry's Road, which makes it dangerous for traffic turning out of the Cottage Inn or the houses on or near the bend. It was suggested that "concealed entrance" signs could possibly be put up by WBC. The Clerk will request WBC to investigate.

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The junction of Burdens Heath and Hart Hill/Broad Lane has been raised as a dangerous junction; it was suggested that a mirror could be erected to aid visibility but WBC do not put up mirrors. No member of BPC was aware of an accident taking place at this junction. It was agreed that no further action would be taken.

T7. Common Clearing – Saturday 24th October.

Mr. Aldridge and Mrs. Cairns should be able to attend.

Mr Aldridge, Mrs. Hillerton and Mrs. Cairns will provide a cake/cakes each.

PLANNING

Planning applications to be considered:

P1. 15/01915/HOUSE Indala, Burdens Heath.

Demolish existing 14 square meters (internally) sunroom. Erect (in its place) 20 square meters (internally) sunroom.

BPC has **no objection** to this application.

P2. 15/02274/FUL

Greenwood, Hatch Lane.

Section 73: Removal/Variation of Condition 2 – approved plans of approved application 13/02860/FUL.

The meeting was **closed** for the applicant to speak.

The applicant explained the changes from the approved application: the garage to the rear is moved slightly, the internal layout has been changed to make the most of the light, a glass canopy has been added above the doors, an extra window has been added in the south elevation, the rear gable has been increased by 12m², a pump room has been incorporated for a ground source heat pump, the chimney has been moved to the north side, the rear roof has been changed to provide additional space.

The meeting was **reopened**.

It was agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application; there was one abstention.

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- P3. 15/02288/HOUSE Oak Acre House.
Revised application for proposed garden and pool room following refusal of previous application 15/00597/HOUSE.
 The decision on the original application for a pool room has been taken to appeal. This application differs in that the pool house is reduced by 4m² and the orientation has been altered slightly.
 It was agreed that BPC **objects** to this application.
- Planning decisions made by WBC:
- P4. 15/01566/LBC2 Brockhurst School, Marlston House.
Two new classrooms (to remove teaching from the school library) with new staff accommodation above (to replace existing accommodation condemned by the fire authority.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application; this listed building application is **not required**.
- P5. 15/01673/HOUSE 48, Broad Lane.
Proposed two storey rear extension, new side gable and with additional roof, alterations to existing dormers, including internal alterations and modernisation to existing structure.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P6. 15/01861/HOUSE Nine Elms Cottage, The Avenue.
Section 73a Variation of condition 2 – approved plans 1002 32 and 1002 33 of approved application 12/01439/HOUSE – Relocation of main entrance, new link to garden room and removal of outbuilding (REF 11/01230/HOUSE consent 4.10.11; partially implemented.
 BPC **objected** to this application; however it has been **approved** by WBC.
- P7. 15/01561/FUL Brockhurst School Playing Field, Marlston House.
Provision of new all-weather playing area with associated low level net enclosure, new emergency vehicle access with associated parking. No alterations to the listed structures – LBC application only by virtue of proximity to curtilage.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application; however it has been **withdrawn**.
- P8. 15/01479/HOUSE Heath End House, Burdens Heath.
Detached single-storey garage.
 BPC **objected** to this application which has now been **approved** by WBC.
- P9. 15/01678/HOUSE The Paddock, Midgham Green.
Single storey side extension and new roof construction to provide additional first floor accommodation.
 BPC has **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P10. 15/01548/HOUSE & 15/01549/LBC2 Brockhurst School, Marlston House.
Replacement of existing cricket nets with reinstatement of original tennis court.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application. Application 15/01548/HOUSE has been **approved** by WBC and application 15/01549/LBC2 was **not required**.

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- P11. 15/00620/FUL Bucklebury Farm Park.
Section 73A - Variation of condition (1). The Leisure use for public access hereby authorized is to be limited to the months of March to October inclusive of planning permission 149980. To remove restriction on months of operation.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC Eastern area Planning Committee. Thanks were expressed to Mrs. Hillerton and Mrs. Clarke for attending the Planning Committee meeting.
- P12. Mazelands Solar Farm, Stanford Dingley
 A public meeting has been organised for Wednesday 7th October at 7.30pm in the Clubroom at Frilsham. Anesco, the applicant will be present at this meeting. It was suggested that this should be advertised in the Newbury Weekly News.
- P13. 15/00296/OUTMAJ – Land at Siege Cross Farm, Bath Road.
 Amended plans have been received for this application. It was agreed that BPC continues to **object** to this application.

REPORTS

- R1. Memorial Hall.
 It was noted that there is a deep pothole as you drive into the Memorial Hall. The picnic bench in the play park needs to be replaced, it was suggested that it could be of recycled material.
- R2. Victory Room Meeting.
 The AGM of the Victory Room committee will be held on 5th November at 8pm.
- R3. Recreation Ground Committee.
 Bucklebury Cricket Club is struggling for members and it now looks unlikely that it will return to Bucklebury in the near future.

FINANCE

- F1. Cheques signed by Councillors:
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| Mazars LPP | £240.00 | External Audit |
| Helen Pratt | £554.27 | August salary. |
- F2. To review current balances and financial position.
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| Lloyds Current Account balance after all cheques cleared and lodgements received: | £20,562.82 | |
| Lloyds Current Account: | £21,967.36 | On 20/8/2015. |
| Scottish Widows Reserve Account: | £37,510.13 | On 1/7/2015. |
| Scottish Widows Gilroy Account: | £5,546.14 | On 1/7/2015. |
- F3. External Audit.
 The Clerk reported that Mazars LPP, the external auditors had now completed their audit and had raised no issues.

CORRESPONDENCE

- The following correspondence has been received:
- C1. District Parish Conference – Tuesday 13th October.
 Mr. Banks agreed to attend the District Parish Conference.
- C2. Request for donation and invite to afternoon Tea – Sue Ryder.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

- RT1. The Bladebone Inn.

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It was noted that the outside of the Bladebone is looking very sad. It was suggested that there be a working party to remove the weeds etc. It was agreed this could potentially be incorporated with Commons Clearing.

RT2. Post Office deliveries to the stables in Tylers Lane.

It was noted that the Post Office are making deliveries to the new stables in Tylers Lane; it was felt that this should be reported to WBC Enforcement.

RT3. Action behind Thatchers at Chapel Row.

It was noted that there appears to be action on this site, with vehicles entering and leaving.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

NEXT PLANNING MEETING:	8.00pm Monday 28th September 2015 Victory Room.
NEXT BPC MEETING:	7.45pm Monday 12th October 2015 Memorial Hall.
COMMON CLEARING:	2pm Saturday 24th October 2015 Memorial Hall.

Signature

Date