

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 8th February 2016 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mr. G. Pask (District Councillor).

OTHERS

Mr. David Rendall.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. Declarations of Interest on any Agenda Items.

There were no declarations of interest on any agenda items.

MINUTES

M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Monday 11th January 2016.

The minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 11th January 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs. Frankum.

M2. Bucklebury Planning Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday 25th January 2016.

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 25th January 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs. Frankum.

PUBLIC SESSION

PS1. 16/00123/FULD Manor View, Hopgoods Green.

The discussion on this application is minuted in the Planning section of these minutes.

CLERK'S REPORT

CL1. Tree in the Ditch Opposite the Swilly Hole.

Mrs. Cairns agreed to take some photographs of the trees in the ditch opposite the swilly hole to illustrate the problem to WBC the problem. The Clerk will then raise the problem with WBC.

HC
HP

CL2. Annual Assembly – Friday 20th May 2016.

Alex Cruickshank from BBOWT has agreed to speak at the Annual Assembly on the history of the commons in West Berkshire, how BBOWT manages them and what their responsibilities are towards Bucklebury Common in particular.

It was agreed that local groups will be invited to have a display, including Heartstart Thatcham.

HP

CL3. Cemetery.

Chris Willet has kindly inspected the wall around the 1970's Cemetery where the render has started cracking and coming off the wall. He has identified several possible solutions for the wall for which we can now get quotes.

Roger Taylor of Hedley's Solicitors has been instructed to make the application to register the Old Cemetery with the Land Registry.

CL4. Emergency Plan.

After attending a training session on Resilient Communities and using community buildings as emergency accommodation, Mrs. Clarke has agreed to write up the revised Emergency Plan.

LC

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CL5. Chapel Row Culvert.

During the recent heavy rain, it was noted that water pools on both sides of the road adjacent to the culvert, whilst the recently dug out gully remains empty. It was therefore suggested that drains into the culvert from both sides of the road might be beneficial.

HP

The Clerk will contact WBC.

COUNCILLORS REPORT

CO1. Kissing Gate adjacent to 32 Broad Lane.

Mr. Banks has spoken to the owner (Julian Dobbins) of 32 Broad Lane, who will communicate with Sallie Jennings (WBC) about whether or not a gate is required to replace the existing damaged one and what steps need to be taken.

CO2. Footpath BUCK 122/1 Hillfoot to Hillfoot Farm.

Mrs. Clarke has walked the path and found a passable route; no clearance work is required.

CO3. Community Asset – The Cottage Inn.

Mrs. Clarke will complete the application form for The Cottage Inn, once the application for Peach's Store has been made.

LC

CO4. Community Asset – Peach's Store.

Mrs. Cairns has now completed the application for Peach's Store to become a Community Asset and will be submitting it to WBC in the near future.

HC

CO5. 4x4 abuse of the Common.

Mrs. Cairns has been trying to find out who the landowner is of the land to the west of Holly Lane. Suggestions have included a British Rail Pension Company and the Forestry Commission. It was felt that if this was the case they would not be interested in 4x4s using the land and therefore it was not felt beneficial to make further enquiries. The TRO's at Ramsbury Corner have been extended until June 2016 and the notices now include maps which clearly show to which byways they relate.

HC

CO6. Swilly Hole.

Whilst the swilly hole was empty in mid-December 2015, it was full in mid-January. The level has now substantially dropped, so it must be draining.

HC

PLANNING

Planning applications to be considered:

P1. 16/00071/HOUSE 26 Chapel Row.

Construct new single and 2 storey rear extension. New first floor window to side elevation.

It was unanimously agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application.

P2. 16/00076/HOUSE Paxton House, Sadgrove Lane.

Alterations and extensions to dwelling including conversion of garage to habitable accommodation. Resubmission of application reference 15/02838/HOUSE.

There was a discussion about this application and the windows facing west in the loft space giving bedroom space on a third floor level but not changing the east facing roof.

It was agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application.

P3. 16/00092/FUL Stable View, Briff Lane.

Retrospective permission for the enlargement and surfacing of an all-weather ménage.

It was unanimously agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application.

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P4. 16/00123/FULD

Manor View, Hopgoods Green.

Use of first floor annex as a separate dwelling.

Ancillary use of the annex building was granted in 2012. Some confusion has been caused by reference to a barn flat and a garage flat.

The meeting was **closed** for Mr. Rendall (owner and resident of Hilltop Cottage) to speak.

Mr. Rendall commented that he had always been on good terms with Mr. House and wished things to remain that way. He clarified that there is a second flat above the garage, attached to Manor View but the use of this may or may not be ancillary to Manor View. This application relates to the flat in the first floor of the barn which is an independent building to Manor View. A window is understood to have been installed in the north end of the roof of the barn in about 2006. After the planning permission for ancillary use had been approved 3 further windows were added to the roof which are understood to overlook the garden and house of Hilltop Cottage. A new doorway was also added. After the flat was renovated Mr. House is believed to have looked for tenants. One tenant who was in the flat during the summer is understood to have had parties and had a loud television which could be heard inside Hilltop Cottage. The lane between Hilltop Cottage and Manor View is used as the access to the barn and is frequently blocked; this is understood to provide alternative access to Hilltop Cottage.

The meeting was **reopened**.

There was a discussion about when a building becomes a new dwelling in the countryside and what the impact might be of an ancillary annexe becoming independent. No conclusions were reached and it was agreed that Mr. Slatford would talk to the Planning Officer before the Planning meeting on the 22nd February when this application would be further considered.

Planning decisions made by WBC:

P5. 15/03350/HOUSE

Marywell, Chapel Row.

Comprehensive renovations including part single, part two-storey extensions, alterations to existing roofs and fenestration, internal alterations and associated works.

BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

P6. 15/03292/HOUSE

The Paddock, Midgham Green.

Demolition of concrete pre-fab garage and construction of new oak frame garage.

BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

P7. 15/03289/HOUSE

Marywell, Chapel Row.

Section 73: Variation of Condition 7 – License, of approved application 15/02112/HOUSE – Alterations and extensions to dwelling.

BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

P8. 15/03056/HOUSE

Solina (also know as Dingle Dale), Bucklebury Alley (Adjacent Parish).

Extensions to front and rear of property with a new detached garage with loft space over.

BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

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- P9. 15/02979/HOUSE Meadow View, Bucklebury Alley (Adjacent Parish).
1st storey oak framed rear extension.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P10. 15/02313/FUL Brockhurst School Playing Field.
Provision of new all-weather playing area with associated low level net enclosure, new emergency vehicle access with associated parking.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P11. 15/01308/FULD Bucklebury Farm Park.
Erection of a log cabin to provide on-site staff accommodation and associated works (resubmission).
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P12. Dormer windows.
 A dormer window is being changed from a flat roof to a gable on one of the houses on the west side of Little Lane. A question was asked about whether or not this requires planning permission. The Clerk will contact Richard Beech for clarification. HP

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

DC1. Mr. Webb reported that the budget cuts would have serious implications and would have an impact on front line services. A cut of 44% is currently expected, but this is yet to be confirmed. District Councillors have approached the three MPs representing West Berkshire to try and reduce the budget cut.

TOPICS

- T1. Bucklebury Meadows.
 There has been no progress since the last meeting. The Clerk will contact DWH and Field Seymour Parks LPP for an update. HP
- T2. Defibrillators.
 The defibrillator at Peach's store is now installed; a sign will go up once the security code is registered with the ambulance service. There will be an official opening on a Saturday in a few of weeks' time when it is hoped that a Newbury Weekly News reporter and Dorothy Dugdale will be available.
 The defibrillator for the Victory Room has arrived with Heartstart Thatcham; the posts and work on the electricity supply needs to be completed before it can be installed.
 The defibrillators for the Bladebone at Chapel Row and The Slade are being planned. Heartstart Thatcham should be making an application to Greenham Common Trust for the remaining defibrillators, signage and training on behalf of the parish.
- T3. Common Clearing – Saturday 12th March 2016.
 Mrs. Hillerton, Mrs. Cairns, Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Frankum agreed to make cakes for Common Clearing.

FINANCE

- F1. Cheques signed by Councillors:
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| Mrs. J. Hale | £25.00 | Cleaning Cemetery Chapel for Carols. |
| Bucklebury Memorial Hall | £49.05 | Rent for Memorial Hall: 1/1/2016 to 30/4/2016. |
| Helen Pratt | £554.27 | Clerk's January salary. |
- F4. To review current balances and financial position.
 Lloyds Current Account balance after all cheques cleared and lodgements received: £23,869.82
 Lloyds Current Account: £26,216.56 On 20/1/2016.

Signature

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Scottish Widows Reserve Account: £37,585.89 On 1/1/2016.
Scottish Widows Gilroy Account: £5,557.31 On 1/1/2016.

REPORTS

R1. Victory Room.

The planning application will be submitted to WBC imminently.
It is hoped to have a permanent exhibition in the Victory Room showing how the plans have evolved.

R2. Resilient Communities.

Mrs. Clarke attended this training session and commented that it would help her to complete the Emergency Plan.

R3. Chapel Row Patient Participation Group (PPG).

Dr. Westcar has taken over as the senior partner since Dr. Markham left. Dr. Barnett has been taken on as a partner and Dr. Almond is a salaried member of staff.
Development on an app for obtaining results, sick notes and referrals is going ahead.
It was agreed that Paul Gomm the Practice Manager should be encouraged to write an article for the next edition of The Oaks.

R4. HM the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations.

At a recent Victory Room meeting a member of the committee announced that an event was to be held on the 11th June which would incorporate a church service/concert, a flower festival and a BBQ, making use of both the Victory Room and the Recreation Ground.

Bucklebury Events Committee offered assistance with a view to the event being for the whole parish, but their help was turned down since it will only be for the people attending the concert in the church.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence has been received:

- C1. 1st Bucklebury Brownies – A letter of appreciation was received for the grant of £60.00.
- C2. Newbury News Over 80's Parcel Fund – A letter of appreciation has been received for the donation of £100.00
- C3. West Berkshire Countryside Society (WBCS) - A letter thanking BPC for the donation and membership of the society has been received.
- C4. Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue - The Integrated Risk Management Plan is currently out for Public Consultation. Mr. Slatford agreed to consider the plan.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

RT1. Memorial Hall

There was a discussion about the grant to be made to the Memorial Hall by BPC to cover assistance with insurance, inspections and maintenance of the Play Park and BMX track as well as the halls themselves. It was agreed that this item needed further discussion and should be on the agenda for the March meeting.

RT2. New Gate Posts on The Avenue.

One of the new gate posts on The Avenue is obscured by signage. It was agreed to report it to WBC to see if the sign can be moved.

HP

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

NEXT BPC MEETING:

Common Clearing

NEXT PLANNING MEETING:

7.45pm Monday 14th March 2016 Memorial Hall.

2pm Saturday 12th March 2016 Memorial Hall.

No Planning meeting in March.

Signature

Date