

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 14th March 2016 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Mr. T. Slatford; Mr. A. Gilbert; Mr. A. Aldridge.

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 8th February 2016.
The minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 8th February 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs. Frankum.
- M2. Bucklebury Planning Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday 22nd February 2016.
The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 22nd February 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mr. Dickens.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- CR1. Police Operation.
The PCSOs and members of BPC who helped in a Police Operation recently to catch and deter 4x4 and motorcycle users from illegally using Bucklebury Common and the ford were thanked for their efforts.
- CR2. Downpipes at the Chapel.
One of the downpipes at the Chapel was blocked and resulted in water running down the wall, damaging the render. Mr. Dunkerton was thanked for clearing the blocked downpipe and identifying and rectifying issues with the second downpipe.
- CR3. Common Clearing.
All members of BPC who supported the event were thanked for their efforts. The event was supported by a good number of local people.
- CR4. Defibrillator Opening at Peach's Store.
The defibrillator opening on Saturday 12th March was well attended by locals and the press. This must have been very gratifying for the organisers Hash and Chan Shingadia and Chris Baxter's widow.
- CR5. Bucklebury Heathland Group.
The last meeting of the Bucklebury Heathland Group this winter was held yesterday (Sunday 13th March). All the trees and gorse cut down earlier in the winter were burned. Tim Culley generously organised refreshments for the work party of 8.

CLERK'S REPORT

- CL1. Gate Posts on The Avenue.
The signage on The Avenue which obstructs the gate posts has been reported to WBC; photographs have been sent to show the issue.
- CL2. Dormer Windows.
The Enforcement team at WBC has confirmed that planning permission is required for the conversion of a flat roof dormer to a pitched roof dormer. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the new residents of the property concerned in Little Lane and advise them that planning permission is understood to be required.

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- CL3. Debris in the Ditch Opposite the Swilly Hole, Tylers Lane.
Mrs. Cairns has taken photographs of the trees which obstruct the ditch. After discussion it has been decided that the debris would slow the progress of water which is thought to be advantageous; no further action will therefore be taken.
- CL4. Cemetery Registration.
Roger Taylor, the solicitor dealing with the registration of the old Cemetery requested hard copies of the minutes of the Burial Board meetings when the Cemetery was laid out and the Chapel built and the Mortgage listing. These have been sent.

COUNCILLORS REPORT

- CO1. Broken Kissing Gate, adjacent to 32 Broad Lane.
Mr. Banks has emailed the owner of 32 Broad Lane about the possibility of removing the gate with the broken post if it is not to be replaced.
- CO2. Community Assets.
The application to make Peach's store a community asset has been submitted to WBC. There is a meeting on the 18th March 2016 when applications for community assets are to be considered. Once it is determined, the application form for The Cottage Inn will be completed and submitted. HC
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- CO3. Rights of Way at Ramsbury Corner.
Mrs. Cairns commented that bikes are still using the byways which have got TROs on them even though there are obstructions in place to prevent their use.
- CO4. Highspeed Broadband.
Mr. Banks reported that there had been an update from the WBC Broadband team which he would circulate to members. TB

PLANNING

- Planning applications to be considered:
- P1. 16/00150/HOUSE Copperstones, Little Lane.
Single and two storey rear extension.
BPC has **no objection** to this application.
- P2. 16/00359/HOUSE Dalnuston, Carbinswood Lane.
Single storey front extension.
BPC agreed it has **no objection** to this application.
- P3. 16/00172/FULD Kings Copse Bungalow, Southend.
Replacement bungalow.
BPC has considered the increase in footprint of the replacement bungalow over the existing, but considers that it is acceptable due to the design. It was also felt that the bungalow should be tied to Kings Copse. With these conditions, BPC has **no objection** to this application.
- P4. 16/00432/FULD Acres Farm, Hungerford Lane (Adjacent Parish).
Conversion of workshop element of barn (54 sq.m) to residential use and creation of new office. Extension of storage/packing and dispatch building to provide relocated workshop with display/demonstration suite above.
The business which occupies the workshop creates fenders and similar items which are exported; however for insurance reasons they cannot weld under the thatched roof and are therefore seeking to convert the workshop into part of the existing residence and develop new facilities. BPC had **no objection** to this application.

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- P5. 15/03261/LBC2 Cherry Orchard Cottage, Hatch Lane.
Carefully strip and set aside plain tile roof covering, remove battens and dispose, inspect roof structure for timber decay and undertake rafter repair/replacement as agreed in similar material. Fit breather underlay and new pre treated tile battens. Reinststate roof covering set aside with matching reclaimed tiles as necessary to replace any breakages.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application subject to reclaimed tiles being used to replace any breakages.
- P6. 16/00523/FULD Marywell, Chapel Row.
Demolition of existing house and construction of a replacement dwelling and associated works.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application.
- Planning decisions made by WBC:
- P7. 16/00123/FULD Manor View, Hopgoods Green.
Use of first floor annex as a separate dwelling.
 BPC **objected** to this application which has been **refused** by WBC.
- P8. 16/00092/FUL Stable View, Briff Lane.
Retrospective permission for the enlargement and surfacing of an all-weather ménage.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P9. 16/00076/HOUSE Paxton House, Sadgrove Land.
Alterations and extensions to dwelling including conversion of garage to habitable accommodation. Re-submission of application reference 15/02838/HOUSE.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P8. 16/00071/HOUSE 26 Chapel Row.
Construct new single and 2 storey rear extension. New first floor window to side elevation.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P9. 16/00049/HOUSE 39 Roundfield.
Proposed two-storey rear extension creating larger ground floor living space and 2 new bedrooms and bathrooms at first floor level. New front access and parking. Remove brick built garden store and reposition oil tank.
 WBC has determined that this application was **invalid**.
- P10. 15/03432/HOUSE Denbar, Turner's Green.
Erect detached garage/store to front of house.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P11. 15/03418/HOUSE 16 Berry's Road.
First floor extension.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P12. 15/03382/HOUSE 37 Mortons Lane.
Conversion of existing loft space to additional habitable accommodation.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

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- P13. 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.
- P14. 15/03328/HOUSE & 15/03329/LBC2 Pear Tree Cottage, Byles Green.
Single storey extension with open deck in the roof space.
 BPC had **no objection** to these applications which have been **approved** by WBC.
- P15. 15/02939/FULD Fifield Farm, Marlston.
Conversion of barn into single dwelling house and demolition of existing redundant ancillary buildings.
 BPC **objected** to this application which has been **refused** by WBC.
- P16. Application 15/00646/FUL Greenwood, Hatch Lane.
S73: Variation of condition 2: Approved plans, of planning permission 13/02860/FUL: Proposed replacement dwelling with detached garage – revised proposals.
 BPC **objected** to this application which was **refused** by WBC. The decision of WBC was taken to appeal and the appeal inspector has **dismissed** the appeal.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

DC1. MPs have obtained transitional funding of £1.4 million for 2 years. This is to enable some services to continue whilst alternative ways of providing them are considered and potentially put in place. This should assist with the provision of some front line services.

Mr. Pask has been liaising with Suzie Poole about the school bus. This is a discretionary service because Upper Bucklebury is within 3 miles of Kennet School. It was questioned why significantly more heavy goods vehicles are using Carbinswood Lane; this was questioned by a parishioner during a planning visit. One possible cause maybe the roadworks on the A4. It was suggested that if the parishioner could keep a record of whose lorries they are and the times, a resolution may be possible. Mrs. Clarke agreed to drop a note to the parishioner asking them to keep a record.

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TOPICS

- T1. Bucklebury Meadows.
 The Clerk has chased both David Wilson Homes and Field Seymour Parkes. It is understood that David Wilson Homes are waiting for the Deed of Release to be signed. HP
- T2. Defibrillators.
 The opening at Peach’s Store on Saturday 12th March went well. There is a meeting planned between Heartstart Thatcham, John Clarke and the electrician at the Victory Room to determine the electrical work required. It has been suggested that the concrete post on which the defibrillator should be positioned is closer to the road than previously planned. A question has been asked whether it would be possible to have a green box for the defibrillator rather than a yellow one so that it is more aesthetically pleasing; this will cost more.
- T3. Parking between Burdens Heath and Harts Hill Road.
 A number of complaints have been received about the increase in parking between Harts Hill Road and Burdens Heath. The Clerk has contacted Thames Valley Police who are investigating the situation. It was noted that parking outside the Peach’s garage has become more of an issue again.
- T4. Memorial Hall Grant.
 It was noted that the BMX track needs to be resurfaced. It was agreed that BPC would ask the Memorial Hall to expedite repairs after it is understood that a child was injured

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due to the surface. Once the work has been carried out BPC will be happy to make a donation. If more money is required than currently budgeted for the repairs, the Memorial Hall Committee should apply to BPC.

The next meeting of the Memorial Hall Committee is on 30th March; however Mr. Brims is unable to attend.

T5. Annual Assembly – Friday 20th May 2016.

Mr. Banks will purchase drinks for the evening; Mrs. Frankum will purchase nibbles; Mrs. Clarke and Mr. Brims agreed that the glasses from the Victory Room can be used. Georgina Cardy has agreed to send some leaflets about the Chapel Row Volunteers. It was suggested that the Village Agent leaflets would also be useful.

FINANCE

F1. Cheques signed by Councillors:

Gary Dunkerton	£50.00	Installation of new noticeboards.
The Alpha Xperience	£373.83	January Oaks and copying of papers for registration of the Cemetery.
Helen Pratt	£554.27	Clerk's February salary.
Helen Pratt	£59.97	Reimbursement to the Clerk for Oct'15 to Feb'16.

F4. To review current balances and financial position.

Lloyds Current Account balance after all cheques cleared and lodgements received:	£23,001.75	
Lloyds Current Account:	£24,484.09	On 19/2/2016.
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.

A meeting has recently been held. The planning application for the replacement hall is due to be submitted to WBC imminently.

R2. Meeting with WBC about the 101 and 104 Bus Services.

Mrs. Hillerton and Mrs. Frankum attended a meeting about the future of the public bus services to Upper Bucklebury.

There is insufficient money to continue the existing bus service. The budget allows for the provision of a mini-bus to run from Calcot to and from Thatcham Broadway (via Chapel Row and Upper Bucklebury) 3 times a day (Monday to Friday). There is insufficient time between the first and last services to catch the Jet Black bus into Newbury from Thatcham Broadway and back.

An additional £25,000 would enable the mini-bus service to be run from Calcot to Newbury (this would require a second driver). It was suggested that it may be possible to fund this from sponsorship and the 6 parishes concerned each contributing between £1,500 and £1,750 from their precept.

Concern was raised about the impact the reduction in the service would have on the parish, particularly the elderly.

There was some discussion about whether BPC should make any financial contribution to the additional provision of a mini-bus service to Newbury; no decision was reached.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence has been received:

C1. Bucklebury to Kennet School Bus meeting.

A meeting is to be held about the proposed cutting of the Kennet School bus tomorrow (Tuesday 15th March) at Bucklebury School, starting at 6.45pm.

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- C2. Insurance Renewal Quote.
The insurance renewal for next year is £582.77 including 5% no claims discount. This is a slight reduction on last year and the second year of a three year agreement.
- C3. District Parish Conference – Tuesday 22nd March.
Mrs. Cairns, Mrs. Clarke and Mr. Dickens will be attending the District Parish Conference where the discussion is focused around what services the Parishes may be able to take responsibility for.
- C4. Unplanned clearance off Carbinswood Lane.
The Clerk has received an email expressing concern about clearance of Common land to the east side of Carbinswood Lane, opposite the properties to the rear of Bucklebury Place. It was agreed that this should be referred to Bucklebury Estate.
- C5. CCB Village SOS Event – Wednesday 23rd March in Hermitage.
This meeting was advertised; however no one was able to attend.
- C6. Litter etc on the Briff Farm track.
Litter containing personal details of an individual, including bank details, address and vehicle were found with other incriminating evidence on the Briff Farm track. This was reported to the Police who were coming out to collect it from a parishioner.
- C7. Thatcham Town Council.
A copy of a letter to Gary Lugg at WBC has been received expressing concern at the impact future development around the fringes of Thatcham may have on the drainage system and therefore the potential for the flooding of homes. It is felt that any development will put existing residents of Thatcham at a greater risk of flooding. A meeting has been requested with WBC where the matter can be addressed.

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ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

- RT1. Neighbourhood Watch Meeting.
Mrs. Cairns reported that she had been to the most recent Neighbourhood Watch Meeting. Crimes are now considered violent by the Police if the victim refers to it as such. The PCSOs are now involved in following up after crimes are reported. The threat of a terrorist attack is on a severe level. There is a team of 3 members at WBC who are responsible for safeguarding vulnerable adults.
- RT2. Bucklebury Primary School – Head Teacher.
Mr. Andy Higgs has been appointed as the substantive head teacher of the school from September 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

NEXT BPC MEETING: 7.45pm Monday 11th April 2016 Memorial Hall.
NEXT PLANNING MEETING: No Planning meeting in March.

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