

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at the Victory Room, Bucklebury on Monday 11th July 2016 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

OTHERS

James Sopp (69 Roundfield).

APOLOGIES

Mrs. P. W. Frankum; Mr. T. Slatford; Mr. A. Gilbert.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. Declarations of Interest on any Agenda Items.

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

MINUTES

M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Monday 13th June 2016.

The minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 13th June 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mr. Dickens.

M2. Bucklebury Planning Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday 27th June 2016.

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 27th June 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mr. Dickens.

PUBLIC SESSION

PS1. Planning application 16/01548/FULD for 69 Roundfield.

The minutes of the discussion on this planning application are minuted under the Planning section of these minutes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

CR1. Internal Audit.

Mrs. Frankum has purchased a £25 garden token for Mrs. Tipton, the internal auditor to thank her for carrying out the internal audit of the Parish Council.

CR2. Chapel Row Bus Stop.

Whilst putting up a notice to inform residents of the change in venue for this meeting, it was observed that the noticeboard at Chapel Row had become very overgrown. Mrs. Frankum cut back some of the growth, but suggested that the noticeboard and bus shelter at Chapel be evaluated in October for any remedial work which may be necessary.

CLERK'S REPORT

CL1. Wheelie Bin Stickers.

An initial trial pack of 50 x 30mph stickers for wheelie bins primarily in Bucklebury village is on order.

CL2. Playpark & BMX track.

Investigation into the ongoing costs of the playpark and the BMX track is in progress. Research is going on into whether some of money originally received for the Play park improvements remains and should have been ring fenced as a maintenance grant. At the next BPC meeting a decision needs to be taken on whether BPC is willing to take on future responsibility (including management, maintenance, inspections and insurance) for the Play park and the BMX track. Mr. Dickens needs to be in a position to update the Memorial Hall Committee with the decision of BPC on the 14th

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September at their meeting.

CL2. Bucklebury Meadows.

DWH has now received the deed of surrender from Andrew Waters.

The Clerk has received queries about some of the items on the list of outstanding work which it had previously been agreed DWH. The Clerk is working to resolve this issue.

CL3. Cemetery Wall.

Chris Willet (an architect specialising in listed buildings) has carried out a survey on the wall around the newer Cemetery and made some recommendations for the work to be carried out to repair the rendering on the top of the wall.

It is anticipated that the cracks in the Chapel below the windows on each side, which have previously been filled, and cracked again will be repaired at the same time as the Cemetery Wall.

COUNCILLORS REPORT

CO1. Community Assets.

Mrs. Cairns reported that she had contacted WBC about Peach's Store becoming a Community Asset, but that there was no update.

Mrs. Cairns and Mrs. Clarke will start work on the application for The Cottage Inn.

CO2. Superfast Broadband.

Mr. Banks reported that the Gigaclear solution uses a completely separate network to the existing BT infrastructure. The distance of properties from BT "cabinets" will make no difference to the Gigaclear solution.

It is understood that Gigaclear is on target to provide the service to all of Bucklebury Parish, covered under Phase 2, by the end of 2017. Colin Batchelor (WBC) has assured Mr. Banks that the website (showing when the Gigaclear solution will be available in what areas) will be updated in the near future.

Mr. Webb advised those present of a meeting, organised by Gigaclear to take place in Yattendon Village Hall on Tuesday 19th July; more details are available on the Gigaclear website.

Mr. Brims reported that he had been told he should receive a Gigaclear solution at Hillfoot between June and December 2016 with September being the most likely month.

CO3. Kissing Gate on the Path adjacent to 32 Broad Lane.

Mr. Banks reported that he had spoken to Mr. Dobbins about the kissing gate closest to Broad Lane on footpath BUCK 148/1 (Broad Lane to Byles Green) where the gatepost is broken. Mr. Dobbins doesn't plan to replace the post or reinstate the kissing gate and is happy for BPC to remove the gate and store it such that it is available to replace another gate in the future.

PLANNING

Planning applications to be considered:

P1. 16/01526/FULD Marlston Farm, Marlston.

Conversion of an existing barn into ancillary residential accommodation. A dining room extension and remodeling of front porch to the main dwelling.

Mrs. Cairns introduced this application which she had looked at with Mrs. Frankum. Whilst Marlston Farm has previously been extended, there were no objections to the dining room extension and changes to the front porch.

However, significant concern was raised about the barn, which is already being used as ancillary accommodation. This application proposes an

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increase in size of the barn to allow for independent ancillary use of the ground floor and accommodation for a carer, or similar on the first floor; the ridge height of the barn will remain as is.

It was agreed that BPC **object** to this application.

P2. 16/01548/FULD

69 Roundfield.

Proposed new dwelling and new front dormer to existing dwelling. New front vehicular access for shared off road parking.

The meeting was **closed** for Mr. Sopp to speak.

Mr. Sopp explained the access to the garden and clarified the ownership and rights of way over the adjacent track which is under the same ownership as 70 Roundfield.

The meeting was **reopened**.

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

Planning decisions made by WBC:

P10. 16/01219/FUL

Greenwood, Hatch Lane.

Section 73: Variation of Conditions 2: Approved plans, of planning permission reference 16/00336/FUL (Section 73: Variation of conditions 2: Approved plans, 3: Materials, of permission 15/02274/FUL: Section 73: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) and Condition 7 (Ecological mitigation scheme) of approved application 13/02860/FUL). To enlarge plantroom required to accommodate low energy heating and heat recovery system equipment.

BPC had **no objection** to this application; however it has been **refused** by WBC.

P11. 16/00789/HOUSE

39 Hillfoot.

Single storey extension to bungalow plus adding ½ storey.

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

Planning decisions made by WBC taken to appeal:

P14. 16/00123/FULD

Manor View, Hopgoods Green.

Use of first floor annex as a separate dwelling.

BPC **objected** to this application which was **refused** by WBC. The applicant has taken this decision to appeal.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

DC1 It was reported that cables and similar products are being burnt, causing smoke over properties. Parish Councillors were encouraged to report this to the Environment Agency if they are experiencing this problem.

The Planning Inspector will imminently be inspecting the proposed DPD and testing the evidence. He will then deliberate before making his recommendations.

Mr. Banks asked whether District Councillors could assist with applications for grants for the minibus for Bucklebury Community Bus Charity (BCBC). Different options included: Village Plan money of up to £5,000, Vibrant Villages with match funding and a Member's bid which must be for capital projects. A Member's bid was suggested in May and it was questioned whether an earlier application would have speeded up obtaining any grant; mid to late September being too late for the purchase of a minibus; Member's bids are only allocated twice a year so the money would still only be available in mid to late September. District Councillors suggested that one route might be to lease the minibus in the first instance. Mrs. Hillerton agreed to take this information back to a BCBC meeting on Wednesday. It was recommended that the best route for funding was probably through Vibrant Villages.

Mr. Banks asked for a definitive statement on the Parish Plan.

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Mr. Pask commented that emphasis is currently being placed on Neighbourhood Plans which are for specifically in favour of development and give the area's views on where they would like development. Bucklebury Vision (a design statement) is supplementary Planning Guidance. Bucklebury has Bucklebury Vision and a Parish Plan. There are 3 levels of planning guidance: the NPPF (across the country), the DPD (which is currently before the planning inspector and specific to West Berkshire) and parish design statements such as Bucklebury Vision.

TOPICS

T2. Bucklebury Vision.

The architectural elements of Bucklebury Vision are generally considered to still be relevant and up to date, but information in the appendices probably needs updating. It was agreed that a small team should review Bucklebury Vision with a view to making the relevant updates.

There was a discussion about the possibility of updating the Parish Plan; it was agreed that this should be on the agenda for the next meeting. It was noted that the Action Plan of the Parish Plan could be updated rather than carrying out a full refresh.

T3. Countryside: 4x4 misuse on the Common.

Mrs. Cairns reported that there didn't appear to have been a lot of recent 4x4 misuse of the Common. PCSO Sarah Preston contacted Mrs. Cairns to say that the Police had cameras available; this information was sent to Sallie Jennings, but Mrs. Cairns has heard nothing more. It was agreed that Mrs. Cairns should contact Sallie Jennings to get the cameras in use on the Common.

Mr. Aldridge reported that he had seen tyre tracks into the river Pang about 2 weeks ago. Mr. Banks reported a number of incidents of flytipping on the byway to Briff Farm. It was suggested that cameras could also be used in places where flytipping is a known problem.

Countryside: Rights of Ways.

The footpath from Hillfoot Cottage to Hillfoot Farm has now completely disappeared. Mrs. Cairns agreed to report this to Sallie Jennings.

Mr. Aldridge commented that the beech hedge around Nine Elms Farm was overgrown. He agreed to check whether the hedge had been cut before getting the Clerk to write to the owner of Nine Elms Farm.

T4. Defibrillators.

Thatcham Heartstart is working on plans for the defibrillator in The Slade.

FINANCE

F1. Cheques signed by Councillors since the last meeting:

SSE Contracting Ltd	£18.96	Streetlight maintenance contract.
Mrs. J. Hale	£25.00	Cleaning of the Cemetery Chapel.
Helen Pratt	£554.27	Clerk's May 2016 salary.

F2. To review current balances and financial position.

Lloyds Current Account balance after all cheques cleared and lodgements received: £30,240.10

Lloyds Current Account:	£32,915.38	On 20/6/2016.
Scottish Widows Reserve Account:	£37,623.65	On 1/4/2016.
Scottish Widows Gilroy Account:	£5,562.84	On 1/4/2016.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence has been received:

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C1. Minerals and Waste Site Consultation.

Councillors had been circulated with this consultation from WBC.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

RT1. Kilcreggan.

Mr. Banks asked if there was any update on the extension on Kilcreggan which WBC Planning department were going to investigate.

RT2. SID Training.

Mr. Banks completed the training 2 years ago. Mr. Dunkerton commented that the authorisation expires if SID is not used. Mrs. Clarke was interested in attending the session. Mr. Dunkerton (WBC) commented that he has to identify the exact sites where SID can be used to ensure safety. It was noted that BPC has sufficient public liability insurance.

RT3. Bucklebury Community Bus Charity.

Mr. Dickens commented that if BCBC were to come back to BPC with a request for further support, it would be considered.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Next BPC Meeting:

7.45pm Monday 8th August 2016 Memorial Hall.

Planning Committee Meeting:

8.00pm Monday 22nd August 2016 Victory Room.

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