

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 10th July 2017 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr. P. W. Frankum (Chair); Cllr. A. Hillerton; Cllr. H. Cairns; Cllr. T. Banks; Cllr. D. Southgate; Cllr. R. Ranken; Cllr. J. Brims; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

APOLOGIES

Cllr. T. Slatford; Cllr. A. Aldridge; Cllr. B. Dickens; Cllr. L. Clarke.

OTHERS

District Cllr. G. Pask; District Cllr. Q. Webb; Mr. M. Russell.

PUBLIC SESSION

PS1. Planning Applications 17/01758/HOUSE & 17/01759/LBC2 for Woodrow, Bucklebury Alley.

This item is minuted under the Planning section of these minutes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. Declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest in any agenda items.

MINUTES

M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Monday 12th June 2017.

The minutes of a meeting of BPC held on Monday 12th June 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by Cllr. Frankum.

M2. Bucklebury June Planning Committee Meeting.

There was no Planning Committee meeting in June.

CHAIR'S REPORT

CR1. Relaunch of Veteran Tree Leaflet.

On Sunday 30th July there is to be a short talk followed by a walk from the Memorial Hall to the Coronation Oak, a picnic under the Coronation Oak and then a return walk back to the Memorial Hall. If the weather is wet, proceedings will take place in the Oak Room.

CLERK'S REPORT

CL1. Hockett Field.

Bob West will be cutting the Hockett Field.

CL2. Blacklands Copse.

Blacklands Copse is potentially for sale; however the current owner does not want to sale; his financial advisor has recommended he takes this position as a backup position in case the marketing of another much larger asset takes too long.

CL3. Clerk Training.

The first of four days of the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) training took place at Shaw House on 29th June and was very valuable. The next session is on the 20th July. BPC agreed to the learning objectives of the course.

In addition, the Clerk has been attending West Berkshire Clerk forums which have been running for approximately six months. These have been very valuable in terms of networking and finding out how other local parishes are dealing with various issues and concerns. Each meeting is held in a local hall and the hosting parish covers the cost of the facility and refreshments. BPC agreed to cover the hire of the Victory Room and refreshments for a meeting in late September.

COUNCILLORS REPORT

CO1. Assets of Community Value.

Cllr. Cairns has presented Mr. Bush, the landlord of the Cottage Inn with a framed

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certificate to celebrate the inn becoming an 'Asset of Community Value'.

CO2. Superfast Broadband.

Gigaclear is making good progress around Upper Bucklebury. Generally parishioners are really pleased with how work is proceeding. The exception is some residents of Berry's Road where the BT line was broken a number of times and resulted in some people being without connections for several days.

PLANNING

Planning applications to be considered:

- P1. 1701519/HOUSE Wimbles Wood Cottage (formerly Anyho).
Retrospective application for rear log and garden store.
BPC has **no objection** to this application.
Questions were asked about why the chalet/summerhouse behind the new garage was not included in the plans. The Clerk will contact Lee Goodall, Enforcement Officer at WBC who has visited the site for clarification.
- P2. 17/01692/HOUSE Pebbley Croft, Chapel Row.
Single and two storey extensions.
BPC has **no objection** to this application.
- P3. 17/01742/HOUSE Hawthorn House, Windmill Lane.
Conversion and extension of existing garage (with pitched roof) to create studio/hobbies room, bicycle and garden machinery store. Construction of detached replacement garages.
BPC has **no objection** to this application.
- P4. 17/01758/HOUSE Woodrow, Bucklebury Alley (Adjacent Parish).
&
17/01759/LBC2 *Construct a single storey garden room extension, a lean to WC, replacement of existing garage and installation of 3 new skylights.*
No issues were seen with the extensions to the property; however the garage was felt to be overdevelopment of the site. BPC agreed to **object** to this application.

Planning decisions made by WBC:

- P5. 17/01257/HOUSE Edglee House, Broad Lane.
S73A. Variation of condition 2 approved plans, to formalize existing self-contained Annex instead of the approved garage conversion to games and study room. Of approved reference 10/03150/HOUSE. Conversion of attached garage to games room and study together with construction of detached garage.
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P6. 17/01313/HOUSE Terrelee, Turners Green.
Front-side extension at ground floor and loft level. Creation of new loft space and roof extension, new front porch, changes to existing fenestration; erection of new double length garage and demolition of existing garage and lean-to utility; removal of existing chimney.
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P7. 17/01256/HOUSE The Old Police House, Bucklebury.
Demolition of existing single storey extensions and detached outbuildings, new extension and alterations to the old police house.
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

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- P8. 17/01165/CERTE Marlston Farm, Marlston.
Use of land as domestic garden.
 BPC had **no comments** to make on this application which WBC has determined to be **lawful**.
- P9. 17/00078/FUL J Sellwood, Long Grove.
Dismantling of existing derelict bungalow with purpose of recycling bricks on site for new construction. Erection of new single private low-carbon 2-storey family dwelling by way of self-build by owner of the site.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

- DC1. WBC’s Looked after Children department has achieved a “good” inspection result from OFSTED, having previously been “inadequate”.
 Broad Lane is going to be completely resurfaced from the Memorial Hall to the triangle at the junction with The Ridge. This is expected to take place in August.

TOPICS

- T1. Ivinghoe – County Court Claim.
 DAC Beachcroft is acting under instructions from Aviva, BPC’s insurance company. They are aiming to get the claim struck out as there is no cause of action and it has no prospects of succeeding. If this is successful it will conclude the court proceedings.
- T2. Bucklebury Meadows.
 Mr. Dunkerton has had a meeting with Mr. Hartley Russell who has now written and proposed that BPC pay £25 per annum (reviewed against RPI on a 10 yearly basis) for a 99 year access agreement.
 BPC agreed to accept Mr. Hartley Russell’s offer, but suggested an alternative offer of a £1.00 per annum peppercorn rent and a one of payment of £2,000 to Donnington Hospital Trust for the Donnington Close Alms Houses in Chapel Row (S137) for a 99 year access agreement.
 The Clerk will write to Mr. Hartley Russell and appraise him of BPC’s view and suggestion. HP
- T3. Cemetery.
Chapel and Wall: The West Berkshire Heritage Forum has determined that it would like to put the Chapel and the wall surrounding the Victorian Cemetery forward to West Berkshire Council to be added to the Local List of Heritage Assets. It has been suggested that BPC should then consider making an application for it to be nationally listed with Historic England. The Chapel and wall are early examples of concrete structures and the architect who designed it was a leading Newbury architect at the time.
Grave Markers: A proposal for the cast iron grave markers to be locally listed was questioned by a member of the assessment panel. Enquires will be made concerning whether or not it is possible to list such items. Additionally the Heritage Forum suggested that a plan of the Cemetery showing the location of the cast iron markers should accompany any application.
- T3. Fred Dawson Playpark and the BMX Track.
Weekly inspections: Cllr. Hillerton reported that during her inspections litter is sometimes a problem. She also questioned the schedule for the emptying of the bins; on one occasion, the bin backing on to the playpark in the carpark and the bin in the playpark had been emptied, but not the one by the youth shelter.
 After the vandalism issues, Cllr. Dickens and Cllr. Hillerton met Mike Scholl and looked at the CCTV images. The CCTV is now fixed and gives reasonable images.
Repairs to the pole supporting the slide: It was **resolved** to accept the quote from AES Agricultural and Estate Services Limited to repair the pole supporting the slide using a

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mobile fabrication repair for £235.00.

Working party: Cllr. Southgate is in the process of finding the best source for the materials for the roof of the multi-play unit. Once this has been resolved it should be possible to set a date.

Inspection training course – RoSPA Playsafety Ltd run training on playground inspections. The training costs £235 plus an additional £95 for the exam. It was **resolved** that Cllr. Hillerton could attend this training and then share it with fellow councillors.

T4. Countryside.

It was noted that with the dry weather there has been little 4x4 activity.

FINANCE

F1. Cheques signed by Councillors:

SSE Contracting Ltd	£19.32	Streetlight maintenance contract.
Post Office Ltd	£6.15	SSE June streetlight supply.
Fox Fencing	£3,580.00	Fencing around the playpark.
T. Banks	£25.00	Refreshments for the annual assembly.
SLCC Enterprises Ltd	£360.00	CiLCA training course.
SLCC	£139.00	Membership.
Helen Pratt	£554.27	Clerk's June salary.

F2. To review current balances and financial position.

Lloyds Current Account balance after all cheques cleared and lodgements received:	£38,816.67	
Lloyds Current Account:	£4,4712.06	On the 20 th June 2017.
Scottish Widows Reserve Account:	£37,733.89	On the 1 st April 2017.
Scottish Widows Gilroy Account:	£4,577.97	On the 1 st April 2017.

REPORTS

R1. Victory Room.

Greenham Common Trust has agreed to match donations of £100,000.000 to give a potential total of £200,000.00. Some pledges of funding have also been received. Any help for the Beerfest on the 30th September would be most welcome.

R2. Bucklebury Community Bus.

The Community Bus has now been running successfully for one year. The Committee need to raise funds to purchase a newer vehicle. Two trustees have met with the WBC transport department (Jo Naylor had suggested that it would be useful to have their support in any grant application). BPC **resolved** to support the Community Bus scheme. The committee has re-applied for charitable status after the Charity Commission lost the original application.

R3. Commons Advisory Committee.

BBOWT has carried out an Access Audit on Bucklebury Common, using the same template used for Snelsmore and Greenham Commons (which are not privately owned). As a result they would like a lot more signage and parking improvements; however they have no money to implement any of these things. BBOWT are very keen to stop 4x4s further damaging the Common.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

RT1. Bus Shelter Bin.

The Clerk was reminded that the bus shelter bin is still missing.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Future Meetings

Planning Meeting:

7.30pm Monday 24th July 2017 Memorial Hall.

BPC Meeting:

7.45pm Monday 14th August 2017 Memorial Hall.

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