

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 14th August 2017 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr. B. Dickens (Chair); Cllr. A. Hillerton; Cllr. H. Cairns; Cllr. T. Banks; Cllr. D. Southgate;
Cllr. J. Brims; Cllr. L. Clarke Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

APOLOGIES

Cllr. T. Slatford; Cllr. A. Aldridge; Cllr. P. W. Frankum; Cllr. R. Ranken.

OTHERS

District Cllr. G. Pask; District Cllr. Q. Webb; James Bywater; David Warden, Peter Wardell;
Phil Waind; Derek Lister; Tim Hindle.

PUBLIC SESSION

PS1. Planning Application 17/02002/HOUSE for 4 Broad Lane.

The minutes for this item are minuted under the Planning section of these minutes.

PS2. Planning Application 17/01905/FUL for St. Crispins, Chapel Row.

The minutes for this item are minuted under the Planning section of these minutes.

PS3. Planning Application 17/01787/HOUSE for Nuttage House.

The minutes for this item are minuted under the Planning section of these minutes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. Declarations of interest.

Cllr. Banks declared an interest in planning application 17/02002/HOUSE for 4 Broad Lane as he is a neighbour.

Cllr. Hillerton declared an interest in planning application 17/02162/HOUSE for Firlands, Burdens Heath as she is friends with the applicant.

MINUTES

M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Monday 10th July 2017.

The minutes of a meeting of BPC held on Monday 10th July 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by Cllr. Cairns.

M2. Bucklebury Planning Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday 24th July 2017.

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting which took place on Monday 24th July 2017 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by Cllr. Dickens.

CHAIR'S REPORT

CR1. Bucklebury Vision.

Cllr. Dickens commented on the lack of progress with the updated copy of Bucklebury Vision. It was agreed that the suggested updates and the electronic copies of Bucklebury Vision would be sent to Cllr. Southgate and Cllr. Banks who would look at making the necessary changes.

CR2. Veteran Tree Leaflet Launch.

Approximately 12 people attended the Veteran Tree Leaflet Launch tea party where there were representatives from BBOWT, BPC and Bucklebury History Society. Due to the weather, the planned walk had to be cancelled and proceedings were held in the Oak Room. Dick Greenaway gave a short talk and people enjoyed tea and cake.

CR3. Gigaclear.

Gigaclear has contacted BPC requesting comments on the work which has been carried out and offering to organise a community meeting. Councillors had a number of comments which need to be forwarded to the Clerk by 18th August after which comments will be submitted. It is understood that Gigaclear will be attending Bucklebury Beerfest and possibly Chapel Row Fayre.

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CLERK'S REPORT

CL1. Chapel Row Culvert.

The clerk has seen the issue with the culvert in Chapel Row and reported it to WBC with a description of the problem and possible solutions. WBC will investigate further.

CL2. Emergency Plan.

A draft of the Emergency Plan has been circulated to Cllr. Frankum and Cllr. Clarke. Once comments have been incorporated into the document it will be circulated for ratification at the next meeting.

COUNCILLORS REPORT

CO1. Gigaclear.

It was noted that Cllr. Banks has received correspondence from Piers Allison and Colin Batchelor (WBC) about the Gigaclear installation. Cllr. Banks will circulate this to members.

PLANNING

Planning applications to be considered:

P1. 17/01787/HOUSE Nuttage House.

Extension to annexe.

It was noted that the annexe was originally constructed in 2007 as a pool house and/or a tennis pavilion. Both the pool and tennis court have now gone. The proposal is to use the annexe for ancillary use to the main house and a S106 agreement has been signed in support of this.

The meeting was **closed** for the applicant to speak and then **reopened**.

BPC agreed **no objection** to this application subject to it never becoming a separate dwelling.

P2. 17/01884/HOUSE Vanners.

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Upgrading and remodelling of historic cottage and replacement of C20th north range with new kitchen and family room range.

The proposal was viewed as being proportional to the existing and it was agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application. It was noted that there was no mention of new garaging or additional parking, external lighting or how materials were to be taken to the site along the restricted byway.

P3. 17/01905/FUL

St. Crispins Farm, Chapel Row.

Demolition of the existing house and replacement with a simplified form with double pitched roof. Accommodation will be split over 2 no. floors with the footprint remaining at 244m² to match that of the existing property.

It was noted that this site already has permission for a new block to join the two existing single storey blocks. The proposed house takes the floor area to 335m², but maintains a footprint equal to the two single storey blocks which are to be demolished.

The meeting was **closed** for the applicant's agents to speak. The meeting was **reopened**.

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

P4. 17/02002/HOUSE 4 Broad Lane.

Retrospective new detached garden store.

Two neighbours are understood to object to this application and one is in support of it. It was suggested that a condition that the permission for the double garage to the front of the property be withdrawn given that there is now a 'garage' structure to the rear.

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

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

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- P5. 17/02249/AGRIC Land at hatch Pightle Gully, Hatch Lane.
Toolshed, open fronted log store.
 A similar application was submitted in 2007 for two buildings. This application extends one of the two buildings to 20m x 5m, however it is not immediately clear from the plans, which of the existing buildings is to be extended.
 BPC agreed to **object** to this application mainly on the grounds of insufficient information.
- P6. 17/02162/HOUSE Firlands, Burdens Heath.
Demolish existing garage and construct new single storey rear/side extension.
 BPC agreed to **object** to this application primarily on the grounds that the proposal is not subservient to the existing dwelling (particularly when viewed from the adjacent property).
- Planning decisions made by WBC:
- P7. 17/01888/AGRIC Land at Bluebell Wood Barns, Hawkridge Hill (Adjacent Parish).
Proposed agricultural timber framed building.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been determined as **full application not required.**
- P8. 17/01692/HOUSE Pebbley Croft, Chapel Row.
Single and two storey extensions.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P9. 17/01519/HOUSE Wimbles Wood Cottage (formerly Anyho), Long Grove.
Retrospective application for rear log and garden store.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P10. 17/01276/HOUSE 4 Mortons Lane.
Loft conversion with roof alterations with velux windows.
 BPC **objected** to this application which is to be considered by the Eastern Area Planning Committee. Whilst Cllr. Cairns attended the site meeting, nobody was available to attend the Committee meeting.
- P11. 17/01015/HOUSE Elm Wood.
Alterations and extension to front, side and rear.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

- DC1. Siege Cross Planning Application.
 Cllr. Pask reported that the Siege Cross planning application had been refused by the Secretary of State.
- DC2. SHLAA site.
 Sites at Orchard Gate, Little Lane and between Highland and All Saints Church, Upper Bucklebury have been submitted to WBC as possible sites for strategic housing.
- DC3. Community Bids and Grants.
 Cllr. Webb reported that a Community bid for the Victory Room had been submitted. The Bucklebury Community Bus has submitted an application to the Community Solutions Fund for capital expenditure which is being looked upon favourably, but more information is required.

TOPICS

- T1. Traffic Speed in the Parish.
WBC Speed Awareness Campaign: Cheryl Evans (Senior Road Safety Officer at WBC)

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attended the meeting to distribute wheelie bin stickers and give an update on the WBC speed awareness campaign which BPC signed up to for the residential areas of Broad Lane and Burdens Heath through Upper Bucklebury and the main road through Chapel Row. The stickers give notice that the area is a Community Speedwatch area. In Community Speedwatch areas speed intervention devices, SID or temporary cameras may be in place. Prior to the wheelie bin stickers being distributed, WBC has carried out speed surveys which will be repeated at intervals after the stickers have been distributed to evaluate their effectiveness. It was agreed that the speed survey results gathered would be shared with BPC. An article will be placed in next edition of The Oaks explaining the stickers. Cllr. Clarke asked whether Bucklebury village could be included in the campaign; it could be, but all of the existing wheelie bin stickers which are in use in the village would have to be removed.

Extension of the 30mph Speed Limit Along Burdens Heath: It was resolved that BPC would request that an extension to the 30mph speed limit along Burdens Heath, to include the access and verge adjacent to Heath End, be considered by the WBC Speed Limit committee at their next meeting.

Speed along Broad Lane, Upper Bucklebury: An email has been received about the speed of traffic along Broad Lane and the risk this poses to families with young children when walking to and from school and pre-school.

T2. Ivinghoe – County Court Claim.

Mr. Alderton has confirmed to DAC Beachcroft that he is discontinuing his claim against BPC. DAC Beachcroft has sought confirmation that he has filed the necessary notice at court to discontinue the claim against BPC and this should conclude the matter.

T3. Bucklebury Meadows.

Cllr. Frankum and the Clerk had a meeting with Mr. W. Hartley Russell about access to the meadows from Byles Green. He would prefer to grant BPC access to the meadows from Byles Green for a period of 99 years for an annual sum of £25. BPC would be responsible for the legal costs of both parties in drafting the agreement.

Mr. Hartley Russell suggested that he would make an annual donation to BPC for the biannual Common Clearing of £100.

DWH arranged for the meadows to be cut; this took place at the end of last week, using the Broad Lane access. However, there is doubt as to whether the hay will be turned and baled.

It was resolved that the transfer of the meadows should take place as soon as possible, and that the access agreement with Mr. W. Hartley Russell would be progressed separately with BPC paying the legal fees for the agreement.

T4 Fred Dawson Playpark and the BMX Track.

Weekly inspections: Cllr. Southgate reported that litter is a problem some of the time, particularly on the BMX track. A number of the laminated signs have been torn down. On his visits he has been aware that 16 to 22 year olds tend to be using the area rather than under 14 year olds.

Repairs to the pole supporting the slide: AES has been instructed to carry out the repairs.

Working party: The working party will take place in September after the children have returned to school.

T4. Countryside.

A burnt out vehicle at Ramsbury Corner has been removed. Barriers at the top of Holly Lane and on the periphery of the area above Osgoods Holding have been knocked down and driven over. Recent footage of a 4x4 driving down the Pang is understood to be being passed to the Police.

FINANCE

F1. Cheques signed by Councillors since the last Meeting:

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	Fox Fencing	£300.00	Emergency fencing prior to new fence installation.
	Bucklebury Memorial Hall	£180.00	Grass cutting in the playpark and BMX track.
	Bucklebury Memorial Hall	£112.20	Rent for meetings (10/4/17 – 30/7/17).
F2.	<u>Cheques signed by Councillors:</u>		
	The Victory Room	£14.00	Rent for West Berkshire Clerk's forum meeting.
	Helen Pratt	£554.27	Clerk's July salary.
F2.	<u>To review current balances and financial position.</u>		
	Lloyds Current Account balance after all cheques cleared and lodgements received:	£37,656.20	(£20,489.95 ring-fenced for the Victory Room).
	Lloyds Current Account:	£39,569.94	On the 20 th July 2017.
	Scottish Widows Reserve Account:	£37,734.83	On the 1 st July 2017.
	Scottish Widows Gilroy Account:	£4,578.08	On the 1 st July 2017.

REPORTS

- R1. Victory Room.
A request was made for anyone who can help with the Bucklebury Beerfest to make themselves known.
- R2. Bucklebury Community Bus.
An application for a grant of £10,000 to fund a replacement bus has been made. The group has now received Charity status which should assist with fund raising.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

- RT1. Hungerford Virtual Museum: Cllr. Southgate commented that he is visiting Hugh Pihlens who manages the Hungerford Virtual Museum website to find out about how it is organised in terms of technology.
- RT2. Gigaclear: Cllr. Banks commented that he understood that Gigaclear had taken on responsibility for organising wayleaves with Bucklebury Estate for their cables.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.

Future Meetings

Planning Meeting:

No Planning meeting in August.

BPC Meeting:

7.45pm Monday 11th September 2017 Memorial Hall.

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