

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 11th September at 7.45pm.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. T. Slatford.

OTHERS

District Cllr. G. Pask; Mr. Smith.

PUBLIC SESSION

PS1. Planning application 17/02266/FUL for Little Roselands.

For the minutes of this item, please refer to the Planning section of these minutes.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. Declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Meeting Minutes - Monday 14th August 2017.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of BPC held on Monday 14th August 2017 were correct and they were then signed by Cllr. Dickens.

M2. Bucklebury Planning Committee Meeting.

There was no planning committee meeting in August.

CHAIR'S REPORT

CR1. **Anne Ryder** – Very sadly, Anne died on Friday evening. She played a very significant role in organising many events organised by Bucklebury Events Committee.

Andrew Waters – Several weeks ago, Andrew had a serious stroke and remains in hospital. Andrew was the last tenant of Bucklebury Meadows and his family have farmed the land for many years.

Chapel Row Fayre – Once again, this was a very successful event and a significant sum was raised for charity.

Bucklebury Beerfest – This takes place on Saturday 30th September; any offers of help would be appreciated.

CR2. Planning Applications considered by the Planning Committee.

It was agreed that if the Parish Council will be speaking at an Area Planning Committee meeting, the Clerk will notify WBC. If a parishioner wishes to speak, the parishioner must register for themselves. It was agreed that this should be added to the Planning Policy.

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CR3. Spring Common Clearing.

The Chairman asked for the dates of the Six Nations Rugby Tournament next spring, so that the Spring Common Clearing and Litter Picking event can be organised not to clash with the tournament.

CLERK'S REPORT

CL1. Chapel Row Culvert.

After reporting the problem to WBC and having a conversation with them, it became apparent that WBC were looking at different issues with the culvert; that it is often blocked and the amount of water that runs into it with debris from the Common, rather than the water that runs down the road from the byway to Scotland Corner. They will

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investigate what can be done to reduce the water coming from the byway.

CL2. Broad Lane Bus Shelter Bin

The bin on the Broad Lane bus shelter has now been replaced by WBC.

CL3. Wheelie Bin Speed Stickers.

Delivery lists have been written and volunteers have been requested. It was agreed that the following councillors would make deliveries: Cllr. Cairns to Burdens Heath, Cllr. Southgate to Harts Hill Road and Mount Pleasant, Cllr. Slatford and Cllr. Frankum to Broad Lane and Cllr. Brims to Chapel Row.

CL4. Thames Water.

The Clerk contacted Thames Water for an update on the replacement of the Harts Hill water main. The planning and preparation work for the installation of the replacement pump is now 90% in place. There was no update on the replacement of the 12" main up Harts Hill. It was noted that any plans to close Harts Hill need to be passed to the Bucklebury Community Bus Charity so that arrangements can be made for taking and collecting school pupils from Thatcham.

CL5. BALC Training Session.

BALC is running a number of training sessions. It was agreed that the Clerk should attend the session on meeting the new auditors and the two sessions on the General Data Protection Regulation which comes into effect from May 2018.

PLANNING

Planning applications to be considered:

P1. 17/02279/FULD 49 Roundfield.

Proposed new build detached bungalow, including basement level, and additional parking space.

BPC agreed to **object** to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment.

P2. 17/02260/FULD Fifield Farm.

Section 73A Removal of Condition 7 – sustainable drainage, Condition 9 – Landscape, Condition 10 – protection of trees, Condition 11 – Spoil and Condition 12 – external lighting of previously approved application 16/01363/FULD: Demolition of existing outbuildings and barn and replacement by proposed erection of a new dwelling, as already approved by West Berkshire Council reference number 15/02340/FULD, but to include basement.

BPC agreed to **object** to the removal of each of the conditions on this application.

P3. 17/02266/FUL Little Roselands, The Avenue.

Demolition of the existing dwelling, annexe, garage and outbuildings and the erection of a replacement 5 bedroom dwelling with associated parking and access arrangements.

It was agreed that BPC **object** to this application on the grounds of light pollution, overdevelopment of the site and that the design is not in keeping with the AONB.

Planning decisions made by WBC:

P4. 17/00369/FUL Land South of Cherry Orchard Cottage, Hatch Lane.

New stable outbuilding.

BPC **objected** to this application which was **approved** by WBC after an amendment had been received reducing the size.

P5. 17/01012/FUL Land at Hartshill Copse Off Broad Lane (Adjacent Parish).

Gas fuelled capacity mechanism embedded generation plant to support the National Grid.

BPC **objected** to this application which has been **withdrawn**.

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- P6. 17/01742/HOUSE Hawthorn House, Windmill Lane.
Conversion and extension of existing garage (with new pitched roof) to create studio/hobbies room, bicycle and garden machinery store. Construction of detached replacement garages.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P7. 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.*
 This application was amended to remove the garden room extension from the proposal.
 BPC had **objected** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P8. 17/01828/FUL Ivinghoe, Stanford Dingley (Adjacent Parish).
Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement dwelling.
 BPC **objected** to this application which has been **refused** by WBC.
- P9. 17/01837/HOUSE Beenham Hatch, The Avenue.
Removal of existing conservatory to allow for the erection of a timber and double glazed garden room onto the existing house.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P10. 17/01899/HOUSE Marlston Farm, Marlston.
A single storey, gable extension to the front façade.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P11. 17/01787/HOUSE Nuttage House, Bucklebury.
Extension to annexe.
 BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **refused** by WBC.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

DC1. Electoral Review.

WBC proposed that the number of District Councillors be reduced to 42 and that the ward boundaries be changed to reflect this reduction. In the WBC proposal, Bucklebury would have been in a ward with one District Councillor also responsible for the parishes of Stanford Dingley, Woolhampton and Midgham.

The Electoral Boundary Commission has now considered the WBC proposal and recommended that Bucklebury is within a ‘Bucklebury and Aldermaston’ ward with 3 District Councillors and approximately 15 parishes. This proposed ward could be covered by two different MPs after the Parliamentary Constituency Boundary review. BPC agreed to object to the Electoral Boundary Commission’s proposal. Cllr. Dickens will lead a working group to draft a response which needs to be submitted by the 13th November.

DC2. Siege Cross Development.

Following the decision of the Secretary of State to refuse the Siege Cross development because WBC has a five year land supply, a number of appeals have been withdrawn or refused.

TOPICS

T1. Common Clearing – Saturday 14th October, 2.00pm

Cllr. Frankum and Cllr. Cairns will serve the tea after Common Clearing in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 14th October.

Cllr. Clarke, Cllr. Aldridge, Cllr. Cairns and Cllr. Hillerton agreed to make cakes for the event.

T2. Emergency Plan.

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- Cllr. Dickens made some comments on the Emergency Plan and it was resolved to ratify the document once these updates have been made. BD
- T3. Bucklebury Vision.
Cllr. Southgate has taken the proposed changes to Bucklebury Vision and incorporated them into a document which he has circulated for proof reading. It was noted that there were some inconsistencies and that some of the data needed validating. It was agreed that members of the Bucklebury Vision working group would get together to review the changes. DS
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- T4 Projects for the Future.
Cllr. Frankum commented that she had spoken to various users of the Memorial Hall who feel that because the Memorial Hall belongs to the people of Bucklebury, they should have more input into decisions concerning the facilities which are provided. In particular users of the hall have requested 10 small tables, more comfortable chairs in the main hall, saucepans in the main hall kitchen which are compatible with the induction hob, an urn or water heater to replace the kettle in the Oak Room (which is too heavy to lift) and a fast dishwasher in the Memorial Hall kitchen. It was commented that the Memorial Hall already has plans in place to modernise the ladies toilets. Cllr. Dickens agreed to raise these items with the Memorial Hall Committee at their meeting on 20th September, but suggested that they sent a list of items prior to the meeting. BD
Other projects suggested for funding were: the Victory Room, the Fred Dawson Playpark, the Victory Room Playpark and recreation ground, Bucklebury Community Bus Charity, benches in Bucklebury Meadow, more parish noticeboards, fixing of the cast iron grave markers in the cemetery, clearance of another quarter of the woodland area of the Cemetery, more litter bins, signage requesting people take their litter home, a litter warden and someone to clean signage in the parish and cutback vegetation around it.
- T5. Bucklebury Meadows.
The Meadows committee met last Thursday. The committee has agreed to proceed with the transfer of the meadows. DWH were not willing to cover any of the legal costs associated with access onto Byles Green.
DWH have confirmed that they will pay £12,200 for the work which was supposed to have been carried out, but was never completed and also the commuted sum on completion.
The Clerk has instructed Field Seymour Parkes LPP to proceed with the transfer.
An agreement to legalise access from Byles Green will be signed by Willie Hartley Russell and BPC independently.
- T6. Cemetery and Chapel.
The work on the render on the Chapel has been delayed by the inclement weather. Subject to improved weather, it is hoped that the work can be carried out in early October; if this can't go ahead, it will have to be delayed until next Spring.
Roger Malloy has reduced the height and size of the yews on either side of the door to the Chapel. He has also cut back to ground level the rhododendrons and bay immediately to the south-west of the Chapel.
Bench.
There was a bench in the 1970's Cemetery which had to be removed as it was no longer safe. It is proposed to position a new bench underneath the Oak tree between the 1970's graves and the newer graves. A quote for approximately £600 was received for a bench mounted in concrete similar to the bench behind the Chapel. It was resolved that BPC make expenditure of up to £600 for a new bench, the exact location of which will be determined by the Burial Board.
Working Party.
Cllr. Frankum will organise a working party during the Winter. WF
- T7. Fred Dawson Playpark and the BMX Track.
Playpark Inspections: Cllr. Hillerton reported that one of the flaps on the youth shelter

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has come out. It was reported that following all the rain, the surface of BMX track is being washed away and revealing large stones again. The Clerk will investigate which would be the most satisfactory sustainable and durable replacement surface.

Working Party: Cllr. Southgate reported that he now has most of the materials required for the work needed. Cllr. Banks offered to help with any work required. Litter around the area was noted as still being a problem. HP
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T8. Countryside.

Rights of Way: A list of the byways which are to have seasonal TROs placed on them (meaning that they cannot legally be used by 4x4s from the 1st October to the 31st March each year) has been circulated to the Commons Advisory Committee. This includes the majority of byways on the Common and some others in the parish.

FINANCE

F1. Cheques signed by Councillors since the last Meeting:

C. R. Landscapes £300.00 Cemetery maintenance: March to August 2017.

F2. Cheques signed by Councillors:

R.F. West £90.00 Cutting of the Hockett Field.
Post Office Ltd £12.06 Streetlights – electricity, July and August 2017.
Sylvia Cornell £40.00 Bus shelter cleaning; July, August and September 2017.
P. W. Frankum £3.99 Chairman’s expenses.
Helen Pratt £554.27 Clerk’s August salary.

F3. To review current balances and financial position.

Lloyds Current Account balance after all cheques cleared and lodgements received: £35,685.44 (£25,489.95 ring-fenced for the Victory Room including 2017/18 grant).
Lloyds Current Account: £38,224.47 On the 18th August 2017.
Scottish Widows Reserve Account: £37,734.83 On the 1st July 2017.
Scottish Widows Gilroy Account: £4,578.08 On the 1st July 2017.

F4. External Audit.

The Clerk reported that the external audit has now been completed. The External Auditor has commented that recommendations from the 2015/16 audit about levels of reserves have not been fully implemented and therefore BPC has not taken appropriate action in respect of audit reports.

REPORTS

R1. Victory Room.

Bucklebury Community Bus Charity will run the minibus from Upper Bucklebury to Chapel Row and then to the Victory Room and back for the duration of the Beerfest. The Victory Room Committee continue to raise funds for the new hall.

R2. Bucklebury Community Bus Charity.

The AGM of the group will be held on Friday 22nd September. It was agreed that Cllr. Hillerton should give a vote of thanks to Steve Manson on behalf of the Parish Council for organising the group.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

RT1. Hungerford Virtual Museum.

Cllr. Southgate asked whether BPC consider developing a similar site to the Hungerford site, showing the history of Bucklebury. Currently the historical information which could be available on such a site is with Bucklebury History Society. Cllr. Southgate will talk to Helen Relf. DS

RT2. Thames Water.

Cllr. Banks asked whether timescales for replacement of the Little Lane water main were known. The Clerk has a list she will circulate. HP

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The meeting closed at 10.05pm.

Future Meetings

Planning Meeting:

8.00pm Monday 25th September 2017.

BPC Meeting:

7.45pm Monday 9th October 2017.

Common Clearing:

2.00pm Saturday 14th October 2017.

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