

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 8th July 2019 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT

Cllr. B. Dickens (Chairman); Cllr. H. Cairns; Cllr. L. Clarke; Cllr. A. Hillerton; Cllr. P. Spours;
Cllr. J. Brims; Cllr. D. Southgate; Cllr. T. Banks; District Cllr. G. Pask; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

OTHERS

Mr. Dominic Murphy, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Martin Fisher, Mr. Rupert Hartley Russell.

APOLOGIES

Apologies of absence were received and approved from Cllr. T. Slatford, Cllr. B. Unamba-
Oparah and Cllr. R. Ranken.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. Updates to Register of Interests.

Councillors were reminded that their declarations of interest should be returned to the
Clerk as soon as possible.

D2. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items.

Cllr. Spours declared an interest in the planning for Bucklebury Farm Park.

PUBLIC SESSION

PS1. 19/01668/FULD – 82-83 Roundfield.

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

PS2. 19/01584/FUL – Bucklebury Farm Park.

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

MINUTES

M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Monday 10th June 2019.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of BPC held on Monday 10th June 2019
were a true reflection of the meeting and they were signed by Cllr. Dickens.

M2. Bucklebury Planning Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday 24th June 2019.

It was resolved that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 24th June
2019 were a true reflection of the meeting and they were signed by Cllr. Brims.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CH1. Best of Bucklebury Weekend.

Cllr. Dickens reported that he has written to Wynne Frankum, as Chair of Bucklebury
Events Committee, to thank the committee for organising a really good weekend for the
community. The event included open gardens, flower festival, art exhibition, talk on St.
Mary's Church, opening of the church tower with ringing demonstrations, a photography
exhibition and culminated in a community BBQ at the Cottage Inn.

CH2. Planning Training.

The Clerk is organising some planning training for Bucklebury and surrounding parishes
to take place on a Monday in late September or October.

CLERK'S REPORT

CL1. Litter at Angel's Corner.

The Clerk reported that the cause of the litter problem at Angel's Corner has been
identified but not resolved. The refuse from two properties on the Common is collected
via black sacks and not wheelie bins. The black sacks have to be taken to the end of the
byway adjacent to the road from where they should be collected by Veolia. It would
appear that the sacks are put out prematurely and are then attacked by animals. When the

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black sacks are collected, the litter spread around the area doesn't appear to be being collected.

WBC has investigated the option of supplying the properties concerned with wheelie bins but has said it is not an option. Currently WBC will be sending the concerned properties letters telling them when to put their refuse out.

PLANNING

Planning applications to be considered:

- P1. 19/01584/FUL Bucklebury Farm Park.
Section 73: Variation of condition (3) hours of operation, of approved application 15/00620/FUL: Section 73A – Variation of condition (1) The Leisure use for public access hereby authorized is to be limited to the months of March to October inclusive of planning permission 149980. To remove restriction on months of operation.
The Farm Park is understood to already have permission for 21 people to camp for up to 30 days/nights a year. This application increases this up to 38 people for the whole year. The accommodation will be provided in the form of yurts, five of which have already been erected and two which will be erected in the near future. The siting of the yurts is well screened and separate to the rest of the Farm Park facilities.
The meeting was **closed** for Mr. Hartley Russell to speak.
Mr. Hartley Russell commented that this proposal is for glamping in a safari setting. Each yurt will have its own toilet facilities. There will be no electricity; light will be provided by paraffin lamps and cooking will be carried out via log stoves. The yurts will not be visible from the footpaths surrounding the Farm Park.
There was some question about why permission was required for 12 months of the year rather than 6 or 9 months which would preclude any form of permanent residence.
The meeting was **reopened**.
It was noted that vehicles will park in the Farm Park car park and not adjacent to the yurts.
It was agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application, subject to there being no electricity supply to the yurts.
- P2. 19/01657/HOUSE Briff Well.
New detached 3 bay car port and store.
It was agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application subject to the shipping container being removed.
- P3. 19/01668/FUL 82-83 Roundfield.
Proposed demolition of existing pair of semi-detached houses, and development of two houses, a bungalow, and a detached garage.
This application is for two detached, four-bedroom houses and one 2-bedroom detached bungalow, to replace the “Airey” house (all the other “Airey” houses in Roundfield having been refurbished).
The meeting was **closed** for the applicant to speak.
The applicant commented that he would have liked to develop the whole site including the gardens. The space between the detached properties is greater than on the opposite side of the road, which the applicant has already developed. The applicant supplied a drawing of the street scene which was not included in the application.
The meeting was **reopened**.
It was felt the properties would look acceptable in the street scene and that sufficient parking provision had been made for the properties. It was

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unanimously agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application. Comment was made that both WBC and the inspector had missed an opportunity to develop “entry level” homes within the community at the site.

Planning decisions made by WBC:

- P4. 19/01102/FULD Westrop Farm (Adjacent Parish).
Change of use of two agricultural buildings to form two residential units; alterations and extensions.
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P5. 19/00964/HOUSE Amber, Bucklebury.
Section 73A: Removal of condition 3 – materials of approved application 15/00859/HOUSE: Alterations to existing house to include rear and side extensions. Conversion of garage roof space, changes to windows, part re-cladding of external walls.
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P6. 19/00907/HOUSE River Barn.
Oak frame and brick store to replace similar building burnt down many years ago. Restoration of partially collapsed mill barn. Gates and fencing.
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P7. 19/01054/HOUSE 69 Roundfield.
Proposed part single storey, part two storey rear extension.
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P8. 19/00242/FULD 69 Roundfield.
Proposed new dwelling and new front dormer to existing dwelling. New front vehicular access for shared off road parking.
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

Planning decisions made on appeal:

- P9. 18/01948/FULD Site of Former Abbey View, Paradise Lane.
Proposed new 4 bedroom detached dwelling with associated parking and amenity.
BPC had **objected** to this application which was **refused** by WBC. However, the applicant took the decision to appeal which has subsequently been **dismissed**.

P10. Planning Policy.

An updated version of the Planning Policy was circulated which clarified that the applicant would have up to 5 minutes to speak, and any objectors or supports would have a total of 5 minutes to speak. It was suggested and agreed that the objectors and supporters should each have a separate 5 minutes. In reviewing the policy, it was identified that it actually describes the planning process, some of which is beyond the control of BPC. It was felt that this should be reflected more clearly.

The Clerk will update the document to reflect these comments.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

DC1 Music from the Cottage Inn.

District Cllr. Pask commented that he had received an email during the afternoon of Saturday 29th June about the “thumping” music which had been coming from the Cottage Inn since 12 noon. The Cottage Inn was hosting a private event and closed to the

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community. A report was made to the Police. The community is in support of a vibrant village pub, however deep base music from 12 noon until 11pm was considered too much. As a result of the noise, a number of complaints were made to WBC Environmental Health, however, no one knows whether the sound exceeded acceptable levels. The event took place under a Temporary Events Notice.

DC2. Highway Maintenance.

Two residents of Berry's Road have reported the surface of Berry's Road and the drainage issues to District Cllr. Pask. These have been passed to WBC Highways to consider.

DC3. Byway Damage.

District Cllr. Pask had been asked to clarify what constitutes damage to byways. However, the answer is not clear, because it is dependent upon many factors.

DC4. Thames Water.

A letter has recently been received by residents from Thames Water which indicates that final testing of the new pumping station will be taking place prior to the change over from the old pumping station. It is hoped that the transition will take place overnight to cause minimal disruption.

TOPICS

T1. Speeding in the Parish.

Cllr. Clarke reported that she is still trying to identify a date for the meeting about speeding vehicles in the parish. There are several parishioners who have come forwards who are interested in being involved in this working group.

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T2. Bucklebury Meadows and the Hockett Field.

The Hockett field has been cut and the hay baled and removed. Wild flowers are flowering in the ruts where the old bike track was removed. The Clerk will work with Cllr. Unamba on the proposals for the information board at the Hockett.

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The hay in the Meadows is due to be cut next week (subject to the weather). Today, the trees in the hedges between the meadows have had their health and safety inspections.

T3. Cemetery and Chapel.

The Burial Board met on the 21st June and inspected headstones, sunken graves and general maintenance. The Clerk will obtain another quote for repairs to the headstones. CR Landscapes will be contacted about filling in a number of sunken graves.

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There was a discussion about whether the areas of wild flowers should be left or cut with the rest of the grass; if they are left there was a suggestion that it looks untidy.

The aim will be to strim the cleared area in the 1970s Cemetery twice a year, but in the meantime, the chippings should be spread over the area to level it out a little.

It was agreed that a detailed list of maintenance jobs to be carried out needs to be created, against which work can be monitored.

T4. Fred Dawson Playpark and the BMX Track.

Concern was raised about the trees which are growing between the BMX track and the Playpark in the fencing. Over time they are going to damage the fencing; they have already been cut back twice this year. It was agreed they would be removed.

T5. **Update on weekly inspections** – No issues have been identified during the weekly inspections.

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Refurbishment of the igloo climbing frame – Cllr. Banks, Cllr. Cairns, Cllr. Hillerton and Cllr. Southgate have agreed to form a working party to clean off the flaking paint from the igloo climbing frame and repaint it when the weather is suitable.

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T6. Countryside.

Rights of Way – Cllr. Cairns reported that she had attempted to walk bridleway BUCK 54A/1 through Broad View Farm with the Clerk; however there are cattlegrids across the right of way and permitted footpath signs up. The Clerk has reported this to WBC with photographs and understands that this right of way is an ongoing problem with WBC.

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The current owners of the site inherited the situation. It was agreed that BPC should email WBC and copy Cold Ash PC in order to try and reach a resolution.
Cllr. Cairns also reported that the path between Roundfield and Briff Lane had been reported to her because it is becoming overgrown with brambles and long grass. Cllr. Cairns will speak to Sovereign Housing Association who own the footpath.
The Common – Japanese Knotweed has been identified growing opposite Rumbles Cottage off Byles Green. It is understood that BBOWT are going to deal with it.

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FINANCE

F1. Cheques to be signed by Councillors:

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| Post Office Ltd | £5.68 | Streetlights 2/5/2019 to 3/6/2019). |
| Sylvia Cornell | £40.00 | Bus shelter cleaning. |
| Anne Hillerton | £94.58 | Aluminium signs for playpark. |
| The Society of Local Council Clerks | £156.00 | Membership. |
| Helen Pratt | £523.79 | Clerk's June salary. |
| Berkshire Pension Fund | £155.19 | June pension contribution. |

F2. To review current balances and financial position.

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| Lloyds Current Account balance after all cheques cleared and lodgements received: | £52,087.88 | |
| Lloyds Current Account: | £53,227.12 | On 20 th June 2019. |
| Lloyds Business Instant Account for meadows. | £36,900.37 | On 20 th June 2019. |
| Scottish Widows Reserve Account: | £37,741.43 | On 1 st April 2019. |
| Scottish Widows Gilroy Account: | £4,578.89 | On 1 st April 2019. |

REPORTS

RP1. Memorial Hall Committee AGM.

At the Memorial Hall AGM, held on 12th June, it was reported that the hall is currently running at a deficit. Hire rates will increase from the 1st September. The end of year balance is forecast to be in the region of £8,000. The toilet upgrade is now expected to cost in the region of £20,000. BPC has £5,000 allocated for this project, but it has been suggested that the Memorial Hall Committee should be more active in finding funding, including match funding. The wifi installation will remain in the hall until 2020.

RT2. CPRE Planning Training – 2nd July 2019.

The Clerk reported that the Zero Carbon Target set for 2050 will mean that planning applications using solar and wind power will be looked upon more favourably by planners. There will be more of an emphasis on public transport links for new developments.

There is now a standard method, across the country of calculating the housing need. If the number of houses in the local plan are not being developed, inspectors will be more likely to allow appeals.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

RT1. Panel on the Bus Shelter.

It was reported that the Perspex panel on the bus shelter has been broken.

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RT2. Noticeboard at Peaches.

Cllr. Banks commented that he hasn't forgotten the work on the Peaches noticeboard, but has been busy of late.

RT3. Recycling.

It has been suggested that recycling bins should be considered at the Memorial Hall. This is after a paper cups were collected for recycling after an event and taken to the New Town Road tip only for the people to be told they wouldn't take the cups for recycling. It was agreed that recycling would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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Date of next Planning Committee:
Date of Next BPC meeting:

7.45pm Monday 22nd July 2019.
7.45pm Monday 12th August 2019.

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