

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 12th August 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; Cllr. R. Ranken; District Cllr. G. Pask.

OTHERS

Mr. Geoff Ford.

APOLOGIES

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

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 application 19/01869/HOUSE for Meadow House, Paradise Lane.

PUBLIC SESSION

PS1. Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) on Trees around the Meadows.

Mr. Ford commented that a TPO had been placed on a number of the trees on his neighbour's property, Orchard Gate, Little Lane. Mr. Ford has very recently had work carried out on his trees by Mike Harvey, a tree surgeon from Arborcare; one tree needed substantial work and this has been carried out. The trees belonging to Orchard Gate have not recently had work carried out on them.

District Cllr. Pask explained that it had been a long term intention to put TPOs on the trees surrounding the meadows in order to protect them.

MINUTES

M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Monday 8th July 2019.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of BPC held on Monday 8th July 2019 were a true reflection of the meeting and they were signed by Cllr. Dickens.

M2. Bucklebury Planning Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday 8th July 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. Vegetation Growth in Briff Lane.

Vegetation growth is obstructing sight lines and road signs in Briff Lane and at the junction of Little Lane and Byles Green. WBC will send a letter to private individuals about their hedges.

CH2. Recycling.

Cllr. Cairns has made some initial enquiries about recycling in the parish. TerraCycle is a US business specialising in recycling materials which aren't recyclable at the curb side. It was questioned whether Bucklebury is committed as a parish?

It was suggested that any recycling campaign should start small; bottle tops were suggested. These must be clean. Cllr. Cairns will investigate the different options for recycling plastic.

There was a discussion about how poor WBC is at recycling and District Cllr. Pask

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agreed to do some research. This topic will be on the September BPC meeting agenda.

CLERK'S REPORT

CL1. Litter at Angel's Corner.

Rubbish continues to be a problem at Angel's Corner. WBC have twice written to the two dwellings concerned and advised them to put their litter out late on a Tuesday evening or before 7am on Wednesday mornings. Over the weekend of 27th/28th July there was a lot of rubbish spread round the area, after recycling. WBC are monitoring the situation and will make a site visit on 31st July.

CL2. Upper Bucklebury Bus Shelter.

Contractors (Externiture) based in Thatcham have been asked to quote to replace the broken sheet of Perspex in the bus shelter.

PLANNING

Planning applications to be considered:

P1. 19/01669/HOUSE Littlebourne, Bucklebury.

Installation of dormer window in lieu of roof light on North elevation and lean-to store on North elevation in lieu of garage.

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

P2. 19/01866/FULD Farm Buildings opposite River Barn

Change of use of the barn to form a 4 bedroom dwelling and associated works.

This application is believed to be identical to the earlier application for this site which was withdrawn on a technicality. There was a discussion on the value of converting an "ugly" barn. Demolition and subsequent rebuilding would not be allowed. The internal steel structure is sound.

It was agreed (with one abstention) that BPC **objects** to this application on the grounds that the barn is not worthy of conversion.

P3. 19/01869/HOUSE Meadow House, Paradise Lane.

Extension in lieu of first floor terrace to create dressing room and gym.

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

P4. 19/01754/HOUSE Paradise Cottage, Paradise Lane.

& 19/01755/LBC2 *Single storey extension to existing dwelling (replacing existing lean-to).*

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

Planning decisions made by WBC:

P5. 19/01051/HOUSE 31 Broad Lane.

Single storey dining room extension and convert the garage to a habitable room.

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

P6. 19/01107/HOUSE Manor View, Hopgoods Green.

Replacement of timber framed garage and store.

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

P7. 19/01365/FUL Land Adjoining Village Hall, Broad Lane.

Small tennis clubhouse alongside the tennis courts and adjacent to the Memorial Hall.

BPC **supported** this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

P8. 19/01373/HOUSE 78 Roundfield.

Single storey rear extension.

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

P9. 19/01185/FUL Vanners.

Temporary change of use of land to accommodate contractor's site

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compound in connection with building works.

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

P10. 19/01275/HOUSE The White House, Byles Green.

Replace existing driveway and pedestrian gates with new gates.

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

P11. 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 authorised is to be limited to the months of March to October inclusive of planning permission 149980. To remove restriction on months of operation.

Whilst BPC had **no objection** to this application, it has been **withdrawn**.

P12. Bucklebury Vision.

The consultation on Bucklebury Vision has now been completed. It has been suggested that some additional maps be included about the heritage of the parish. This will be considered by the working group.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

DC1 Local Plan.

A total of 243 sites were submitted for possible development. Officers have now categorised and rejected some of the sites (eg flood plain or blast zone). There are two sites in Bucklebury: Orchard Gate, Little Lane and the land between All Saint's Church and Highlands. Both of these sites have been submitted previously and been rejected. This Local Plan is for adoption in 2022. Currently WBC has a seven-year land supply.

TOPICS

T1. Speeding in the Parish.

The "Speeding" working group will meet on Monday 19th August at Cllr. Banks' home. Cllr. Ranken, Cllr. Southgate and Cllr. Clarke attended the recent SID training course run by WBC. The speed intervention programme run by WBC follows very set procedures of which SID collection of data is the first step.

T2. Bucklebury Meadows and the Hockett Field.

The tree inspections have taken place and the reports are pending.

The hay has been cut from the Hockett Field and the Meadows. Pete Cane will role the deep tractor ruts, caused when the hedge was cut, when the ground is a bit softer. He's also driven over the bracken in meadow 1 (the south meadow) to weaken it.

T3. Cemetery and Chapel.

It was agreed that Cllr. Southgate will create task forms for the various works required at the Cemetery.

T4. Fred Dawson Playpark and the BMX Track.

Update on weekly inspections – No new issues have been raised.

Refurbishment of the igloo climbing frame – A date for a working party to meet to paint the igloo is being worked on.

T5. Countryside.

Rights of Way – Information has been received about a possible diversion of the path through Broad View Farm. There is a suggestion that it will be a permitted bridleway but there was some confusion about whether it will join a footpath or a bridleway.

The Common – Three 4x4s at Ramsbury Corner were reported to the Police on Saturday 27th July. Whilst one was stuck in, they had all moved from the area by the time the Police arrived. Index numbers of all three vehicles were recorded. The Police were looking into what action could be taken (Section 59s). This area of the common is becoming dangerous to the public; there is deep mud and ruts which are filled with water.

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FINANCE

F1. Cheques to be signed by Councillors since the last meeting:

West Berkshire District Council	£1,850.00	Contribution to WBC libraries.
SSE Contracting Ltd.	£82.62	Street light maintenance (annual).
Bucklebury Memorial Hall	£83.00	Rent 1/4/2019 to 31/7/19.
Helen Pratt	£523.79	Clerk's July salary.
Berkshire Pension Fund	£155.19	July pension contribution.

F2. To review current balances and financial position.

Lloyds Current Account balance after all cheques cleared and lodgements received:	£49,393.28	
Lloyds Current Account:	£52,862.25	On 19 th July 2019.
Lloyds Business Instant Account for meadows.	£36,901.84	On 19 th July 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. Chapel Row Patient Participation Group.

There are new policies from NHS England which support the Primary Care Network (PCN). Chapel Row surgery will be joining with Pangbourne, Theale and Mortimer surgeries who are all of a similar size. This will enable the employment of extra care professionals including pharmacists, social prescribers and physios. The Chapel Row Surgery Dispensary currently has a dispenser and not a pharmacist.

It was suggested that Dr. Lennox and Mr. Gomm be asked to give an update at the next Annual Assembly; this was agreed as a good idea.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

RT1. Path between Briff Lane and Roundfield.

Cllr. Cairns reported that this path belongs to Sovereign Housing and still has not been cleared or cut. Cllr. Cairns is pursuing the case. HC

RT2. Bucklebury Beerfest – Saturday 12th October.

Help is required setting up on the day beforehand, actually on the day and tidying up following the event.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Date of next Planning Committee:

No planning meeting in August.

Date of Next BPC meeting:

7.45pm Monday 9th September 2019.

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