

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 14th October 2019 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. Updates to Register of Interests.

There were no updates to the register of interests.

D2 Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items.

There were no declarations of interest in any agenda items.

PUBLIC SESSION

PS1. No items were raised in the public session.

MINUTES

M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Monday 9th September 2019.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting of BPC held on Monday 9th September 2019 were a true reflection of the meeting and they were signed by Cllr. Brims.

M2. Bucklebury Planning Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday 23rd September 2019.

It was resolved that the minutes of the Bucklebury Planning Committee meeting which took place on Monday 23rd September were a true reflection of the meeting and they were signed by Cllr. Clarke.

CLERK'S REPORT

CL1. Common Clearing.

The Common Clearing session on Saturday 5th October 2019 was a good event with between 50 and 60 people, including Woolhampton Scouts, out collecting rubbish. The dates for Common Clearing in 2020 are Saturday 28th March and Saturday 10th October; the equipment and hall have been booked.

CL2. West Berkshire Brewery.

The Clerk has arranged a tour of West Berkshire Brewery to take place on Thursday 28th November as a result of the 2018 Annual Assembly when David Bruce gave a talk. Can those interested in attending please make sure they let the Clerk know as numbers are limited. There was a discussion about who else might be invited to attend the tour.

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CL3. Tree Work in response to Tree Inspections.

Roger Malloy of Absolutely Tree and Hedge Care has been asked to quote for the tree work required in the parish as a result of the inspections. He has looked at all of the work and has offered to do the required work on the trees in the Cemetery free of charge, however he has suggested alternative tree surgeons to carry out the other work as he is reducing the amount of "big" tree work he carries out. It was unanimously agreed to accept his offer to carry out the work in the Cemetery. The Clerk will seek quotes for the remaining work.

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CL4. Buckleburyparish.org Web Site.

The Clerk reported that the website needs some major work in order to be supported and as a result may need some expenditure. This is expected to be a maximum of £100 for templates. This expenditure was approved. It was also suggested that Ian Pratt, who

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developed and maintains the website on a voluntary basis, should receive something in appreciation of what he does.

PLANNING

There were no planning applications to be considered.

Planning decisions made by WBC:

- P1. 19/02247/AGRIC Homerstead House, Hawkridge Hill.
Timber framed bchildkng extension measuring 8.8m wide x 12m long x 2.750m to eaves and 4.050m to ridge. Proposed cladding and timber stock walling to infill open areas on existing building.
BPC had **no objection** to this application which WBC has determined to **not require an application.**
- P2. 19/02004/HOUSE 10 Hatch Close.
Proposed glazed porch, rear glazed link and new lantern roof light in existing garden room.
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P3. 19/01754/HOUSE Paradise Cottage, Paradise Lane.
&
19/01755/LBC2 Paradise Cottage, Paradise Lane.
Single storey extension to existing dwelling (replacing existing lean-to).
BPC had **no objection** to these applications which have been **approved** by WBC.
- P4. 19/01869/HOUSE Meadow House, Paradise Lane.
Extension in lieu of first floor terrace to create dressing room and gym.
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P5. 19/01866/FULD Farm Buildings Opposite River Barn.
Change of use of the barn to form a 4 bedroom dwelling and associated works.
BPC **objected** to this application which has been **refused** by WBC.
- P6. 19/01307/HOUSE River Barn.
Two storey side extension replacing single storey extension. Relocation of greenhouse and partial demolition of outbuilding.
BPC had **no objection** to this application but it has been **withdrawn.**

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

DC1. Policing.

District Cllr. Pask reported that he had attended the very moving funeral of PC Harper in Oxford. Rural crime is being treated as a priority and work is specifically being undertaken to tackle "County Lines". Anything, even vaguely suspicious should be reported to the police.

DC2. Planning.

The timescales for the new Local Plan are very tight. The consultation on Bucklebury Vision is now complete and it will be considered for an "individual decision". District Cllr. Pask thanked BPC for their patience through the duration of the process. Cllr. Southgate commented that it would be better if groups updating documents were aware in advance that changes need to be tracked, rather than trying to identify the changes retrospectively.

TOPICS

T1. Youth Provision in West Berkshire.

A proposal for a Youth Service across Berkshire has been put forward by Berkshire Youth as a result of a meeting which was attended by Cllr. Dickens. The proposal covers an area of 112 parishes, but only 14 were represented at the meeting. The proposal recommends the setting up of two teams, costing £150,000 each. If this cost is split

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across the 14 parishes interested the cost will be £21,500 per parish. This is not viable for BPC. It was considered that the proposal needs to be co-ordinated across the unitary bodies.

It was agreed that a response should be returned, stating that whilst BPC is interested in the proposal but is beyond the means of BPC; the model (particularly the funding) needs to be reconsidered and resold to obtain the engagement of the larger urban areas.

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T2. Recycling in the Parish.

Four boxes, for all plastic bottle lids, have now been placed in locations across the parish (Memorial Hall kitchen, Oak room kitchen, Victory room kitchen and Bucklebury Primary School). It was suggested that a box could also be placed in the phone box at Chapel Row; this will be considered by Cllr. Clarke and Angela Willis who looks after the phone box. It was agreed that a further £5.00 be spent on a collection box for the phone box.

Questions were asked of District Cllr. Pask about what WBC is doing to improve recycling in the area. District Cllr. Pask commented that there is a cost to recycling and that the neighbouring district councils recycle different materials; their waste contracts were negotiated at a different time. Questions were also asked about where recyclable materials collected from the kerb side go for processing.

It was agreed that recycling may be a subject for the 2020 Annual Assembly.

T3. Speeding in the Parish.

A good meeting of the Speeding working group was held on 30th September with 7 members of the group present. District Cllr. Pask will be meeting with the Area Police Commander Nick Johns in the coming weeks to find out what the Police are willing to support. Graham Markham (WBC Road Safety) has been contacted about booking SID to carry out surveys and obtain base speed data which will indicate what options can be considered to reduce speed. Brockhurst and Marlston House Schools, Elstree School and Bucklebury Primary School have been contacted to find out whether they might be able to consider school transport (to reduce the number of vehicles using the roads of the parish) and to educate the children about speed so they can share the messages with their parents. It has been suggested that planting gives a sense of place; a planter for the triangle in Bucklebury Village was suggested. Bucklebury Village suffers from a number of drivers who are driving within the speed limit, but beyond what is considered appropriate for the road and conditions.

There was also the suggestion of a “WhatsApp” group and whether this could have constructive use in the parish. It was suggested that any such mechanism should be for broadcasting information only and there was some question about whether “WhatsApp” supports only broadcast.

T4. Bucklebury Meadows and the Hockett Field.

There were no updates on the Meadows or the Hockett Field.

T5. Cemetery and Chapel.

It was suggested that there should be another working party in the Cemetery. The date for this will be identified when Cllr. Dickens (Chairman of the Burial Board) has returned home.

Cemetery Carols - It was unanimously agreed that donations raised at Cemetery Carols would be split equally between Bucklebury Community Bus and Young People and Children First.

Cllr. Cairns reported that Andrew Aldridge has agreed to make ginger biscuits for Cemetery Carols and Cllrs. Hillerton, Cairns, Clarke, Southgate and Dickens will all make mince pies. Confirmation is needed that the sound system from Brockhurst school is available.

T6. Fred Dawson Playpark and the BMX Track.

Update on weekly inspections – Cllr. Hillerton reported that no new issues had arisen during weekly inspections of the playpark.

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Refurbishment of the igloo climbing frame – The igloo climbing frame has been rubbed down and is ready for painting when there are suitable weather conditions.

T7. Countryside – The Common.

Cllr. Southgate has forwarded photographs to members of BPC which were taken on the 5th October at Ramsbury Corner. They show the damage of the area caused by 4x4s.

Cllr. Cairns has emailed Sallie Jennings at WBC to ascertain if the seasonal TROs will be back in place from the 31st October. It was agreed that the 4x4 issues would be raised at the Commons Advisory meeting in November.

Cllr. Spours commented on the amount of builder's waste which is being dumped locally and the use of the "Clearwaste" app which allows you to photograph and locate flytipping before sending a report to the relevant Local Authority.

FINANCE

F1. Cheques signed since the last meeting:

Simon P. Holmes Ltd £1,992.00 Tree surveys.

F2. Cheques to be signed by Councillors:

Post Office Ltd.	£11.00	Streetlight power 2/8/19 to 1/10/19.
Externiture	£177.72	Repairs to Upper Bucklebury bus shelter.
The Alpha Xperience	£393.00	Printing of October Oaks.
Bucklebury PCC	£16.00	Rent of All Saints Hall for planning training.
Sylvia Cornell	£40.00	Bus shelter cleaning, July, August and September 2019.
Oliver Poole	£3.00	Delivery of Oaks to Berry's Road.
Helen Pratt	£84.00	Hosting of buckleburyparish.org.
Helen Pratt	£523.79	Clerk's September salary.
Berkshire Pension Fund	£155.19	September pension contribution.
Bucklebury Tennis Club	£200.00	Coaching for youths.
Heartstart Thatcham	£350.00	Maintenance of parish defibrillators.
Bucklebury Memorial Hall	£152.06	Half of the cost of cutting the grass around the hall.

(The finance report was compiled excluding this cheque.)

F3. To review current balances and financial position.

Lloyds Current Account balance after all cheques cleared and lodgements received:	£55,572.49	
Lloyds Current Account:	£46,862.77	On 20 th September 2019.
Lloyds Business Instant Account for meadows.	£36,904.98	On 20 th September 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.

F4. Finance Report on the first half of FY19/20.

The Clerk circulated a report of the income and expenditure of the council for the current financial year up until the 30th September 2019. No issues of concern were raised.

REPORTS

RP1. Memorial Hall.

The Memorial Hall Committee has met. No new quotes have been obtained for the refurbishment of the toilets. It was noted that the door to the corridor should be a fire door, but currently isn't.

RP2. Bucklebury Beer Festival.

Whilst the weather was wet for the Beer Festival, a good afternoon was had by all those who attended and there were many positive comments. The takings were up approximately £700 on last year. A number of good bands played in the marquee during the afternoon. T-shirts were given to those who managed to drink ½ a pint of every different cider and beer available!

A number of people have asked whether the event could be held earlier in the year; this

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has been explored, but there are a number of other events locally with which a date clash would not be beneficial, equally the weather is not necessarily more favourable during the summer months.

RP3. Victory Room.

At the AGM of the Victory Room in November, details of a new proposal for an extension and refurbishment of the hall will be discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE

C1. Request for improved mobile phone coverage in Chapel Row.

A resident of Chapel Row has contacted BPC about whether any action has ever been taken to try and improve the local mobile phone coverage. It was noted that generally the coverage is poor, but there are pockets where there is no signal at all.

A question was asked about whether the different providers share masts; this is now more common and most masts are shared by multiple providers.

Cllr. Banks will make some investigations into what the best way forward might be.

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C2. District Parish Conference – Tuesday 22nd October.

Whilst the Clerk attempted to book Cllr. Southgate and Cllr. Dickens to attend the District Parish Conference it had already been fully booked. A waiting list has been started and both are on the waiting list.

C3. CCB AGM – Thursday 7th November 2019.

Cllr. Brims may attend the CCB AGM.

C4. BALC AGM.

The Clerk advised councillors of the upcoming BALC AGM, which is due to take place on Wednesday 13th November.

C4. Upper Bucklebury Phone Box.

BPC has been consulted, by WBC, on whether or not they would like to purchase the telephone box opposite Peaches Garage in Upper Bucklebury. The telephone box in question is a modern telephone box and nobody wished to maintain it.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

RT1. Broad Lane Dog Bin.

Consideration has been given to possible locations for a dog bin along Broad Lane. However, no one wants a dog bin outside their home. A possible location may be somewhere within the site of, or in front of the Memorial Hall.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact WBC and explore the costs of managing an additional dog bin.

RT2. Chapel Row Green.

Cllr. Spours reported that there is a larger number of events being held on the Green. As a result, there is no grass by the gates and the vehicle tracks over the Green are unlikely to recover by next year.

RT3. Community Champion.

Cllr. Cairns and Cllr. Hillerton suggested that Wynne Frankum should be nominated for one of the Community Champion awards. This was agreed and Cllr. Cairns and Cllr. Hillerton will work on the nomination.

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The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Date of next Planning Committee:

7.45pm Monday 28th October 2019.

Date of Next BPC meeting:

7.45pm Monday 11th November 2019.

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