

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
held via Zoom on Thursday 6th May at 6.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr. B. Dickens; Cllr. J. Brims; Cllr. A. Hillerton; Cllr. D. Southgate; Cllr. F. MacCallum; Cllr. P. Spours; Cllr. H. Cairns; Cllr. T. Slatford; Cllr. R. Ranken; Cllr. Unamba-Oparah; District Cllr. G. Pask; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

Four members of the public were present

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. L. Clarke.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

E1. To Elect a Chairman for the coming year.

Cllr. Spours proposed that Cllr. Dickens be Chairman of BPC for the coming year; this was seconded by Cllr. Brims and unanimously agreed.

Cllr. Dickens will sign the Declaration of Office as soon as convenient.

E2. To Elect a Vice Chairman for the coming year.

Cllr. MacCallum proposed that Cllr. Brims be Vice Chairman of BPC for the coming year; this was seconded by Cllr. Slatford and unanimously agreed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. Register of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to advise the Clerk of any changes needed to their declarations of interest.

D2. Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items.

There were no declarations of interest in any agenda items.

PUBLIC SESSION

PS1. Planning applications 21/00693/HOUSE and 21/00994/HOUSE.

The details of the discussion of these planning applications are noted under the Planning section of these minutes.

MINUTES

M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Monday 12th April 2021.

It was resolved that the minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 12th April 2021 were a true reflection of the meeting and they will be signed by Cllr. Dickens.

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The following appointments were made, to represent BPC on other bodies:

Memorial Hall Committee	Cllr. Brims; Cllr. Spours.
Victory Room Committee	Cllr. Brims; Cllr. Clarke; Cllr. Ranken.
Commons Advisory Committee	Cllr. Slatford; Cllr. Cairns.
Recreation Ground Committee	Cllr. Clarke; Cllr. Unamba-Oparah.
Chapel Row Patient Participation Group	Cllr. Dickens.

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COMMITTEES AND POSTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

The following committee membership and posts of responsibility were agreed:

Burial Board	Cllr. Dickens (Chairman); Cllr. Brims; Cllr. Southgate; Cllr. Cairns.
Planning	Cllr. Brims (Chairman); All members of BPC.
Hockett Field and Bucklebury Meadow	Cllr. Slatford (Chairman); Cllr. Dickens; Cllr. Hillerton; Cllr. Clarke.
Playpark and BMX track	Cllr. Hillerton; Cllr. Cairns; Cllr. Southgate.
The Oaks	Cllr. Clarke; Cllr. Hillerton; Cllr. Ranken.
Opposition to NE Thatcham	Cllr. Slatford; Cllr. Spours; Cllr. MacCallum
Heritage / Conservation	Cllr. Southgate; Cllr. Cairns; Cllr. Clarke Cllr. MacCallum.
Flood Liaison	Piers Allison
Footpaths	Cllr. Cairns; Cllr. Clarke.
Website	Ian Pratt
Grit bins	Cllr. Southgate.
Speeding	Cllr. Southgate; Cllr. Clarke.
Wellbeing	Cllr. MacCallum; Cllr. Spours.

It was agreed that nobody would have responsibility for Police and the Community, the Parish Plan, or the Emergency Plan because there is no activity in these areas at the current time. The Clerk will be responsible for monitoring these areas and councillors will be allocated responsibility when required and as appropriate.

CORPORATE DOCUMENTS

CD1. Councillors were advised that corporate documents are on the website. It was agreed that these would be reviewed and updated as necessary as part of the Clerk's work towards the CiLCA qualification.

CHAIR'S REPORT

CH1. North East Thatcham Development.

Cllr. David Lister (Thatcham) has drafted a letter, on behalf of the BPC, Cold Ash PC, Midgham PC and Thatcham Town Council informing the readership that there is a consensus of opinion amongst the parishes on the proposed development and that they are working together to object to the existing proposal.

Cllr. Dickens thanked John de Lara for organising a TV interview about the recent issue with the water supply in Upper Bucklebury resulting from a burst main on the A4 in Thatcham.

CLERKS REPORT.

CL1. Meetings during May and June.

After 6th May, virtual meetings are no longer legal. The challenge by the Local Government Association (LGA) which took place on the 21st April was dismissed. As a result, all future meetings will need to be face-to-face.

The Planning meeting on the 24th May and the BPC meeting on the 14th June will be in All Saint's church hall, Upper Bucklebury.

It was agreed that contact should be kept to a minimum.

PLANNING

Planning applications to be considered.

P1. 21/00693/HOUSE 31 Mortons Lane.

Single story rear and side extension.

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It was noted that this application includes enclosing the porch to the front. Cllr. Slatford commented that there are no permitted development rights on properties in Mortons Lane.

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

The applicant commented that the aim is to move the front door 1m forwards to give more space.

The meeting was **reopened**.

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

P2. 21/00994/HOUSE

Edglee House, Broad Lane.

Rear orangery extension and alterations.

Cllr. Cairns commented that the rear garden of Edglee House is surrounded by a high hedge or fence, such that neighbours will not be aware of the extension.

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

The applicant commented that they were aware of the property being in the AONB and the potential issues with light pollution. As a result, they will be installing blinds. They have consulted with the neighbours who have no objection.

The meeting was **reopened**.

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

Planning decisions made by WBC:

P4. 21/00760/AGRIC

Middlewood, Hatch Land.

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Wood store for drying wood.

BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been determined as **not requiring planning permission**.

P5. 21/00548/HOUSE

Redwoods, The Avenue.

Conversion of existing, detached, double garage (with room over) into ancillary annexe accommodation with the addition of a lean-to cycle/storage shed.

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

P6. 21/00522/HOUSE

Thatched Cottage, Scotland Corner.

New detached Orangery.

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

P7. 21/00417/HOUSE

The Well House, Upper Woolhampton.

Rebuild existing conservatory to rear elevation. Extend existing window W1 to rear elevation. New window to side elevation W2, replace existing cladding to dormer on front elevation.

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

P8. 20/02849/FUL

Land adjacent to Thatchers, Chapel Row.

Proposed replacement storage shed for use to store tools and equipment for maintaining land.

BPC had **no objection** to this application which was **approved** by the Eastern Area Planning Committee.

P9. 20/02877/HOUSE

Rose Bank, Marlston.

Erection of detached garage with ancillary utility/laundry room and home office.

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

TOPICS

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- T1. Bucklebury Meadows and the Hockett Field.
 It was resolved to purchase four benches (two for the Hockett Field and an additional two for the meadows). A members bid application will be submitted for the four benches and two picnic benches for the small meadow.
 A further members bid will be submitted for the wildflower meadow in the Hockett Field. HP
- T2. WBC Climate Forum – Wednesday 19th May at 1pm.
 Cllr. Cairns will attend this forum.

FINANCE

- F1. Cheques to be signed by Councillors:
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| Came and Company | £976.30 | Insurance |
| Triangle Management Company Ltd | £86.40 | Bin emptying – April, May and June 2021 |
| Anne Hillerton | £53.35 | Small meadow signage. |
| Hampshire Association of Local Councils | £408.00 | CiLCA training. |
| Fiona MacCallum | £252.00 | Banners for opposition to NE Thatcham. |
| Hampshire Association of Local Councils | £503.46 | BALC membership. |
| Peter Cane | £100.00 | Repairs to the Cemetery gate. |
| Helen Pratt | £523.79 | Clerk’s April ’21 salary. |
| Berkshire Pension Fund | £160.73 | Pension contribution for April ’21. |
- F5. To review current balances and financial position.
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| Lloyds Current Account balance after all cheques cleared and lodgements received: | £49,997.68 | |
| Lloyds Current Account: | £54,964.88 | On 20 th April 2021. |
| Lloyds Business Instant Account for meadows. | £35,446.68 | On 20 th April 2021. |
| Scottish Widows Reserve Account: | £37,748.98 | On 4 th April 2021. |
| Scottish Widows Gilroy Account: | £4,579.81 | On 4 th April 2021. |

REPORTS FROM MEETINGS.

- RP1. Climate Evening.
 The evening didn’t give clear guidance on what parishes should do but focused on the fact that something has to be done.
- RP2. Memorial Hall.
 Cllr. Brims reported that he will be bringing up the possibility of a Clothes bank at the Memorial Hall at the Committee meeting on the 18th May. JB

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS.

- RT1. Slade Grit Bin.
 Cllr. Cairns reported that Durran Heslop had expressed his thanks for the new green grit bin in The Slade.
- RT2. Traffic Sensors in Thatcham.
 Cllr. Southgate commented that he has noticed pollution sensors near Thatcham station and on Floral Way.
- RT3. Governance and Ethnic Committee.
 Cllr. Southgate has put himself forwards for the WBC Governance and Ethics Committee.
 Cllr. Dickens has stood down from this committee.
- RT4. Bucklebury Meadows.
 Cllr. Slatford thanked Cllr. Southgate for inspecting the entrance to the Meadows off Mortons Lane and putting forwards a proposal to improve the surface.
- RT5. North East Thatcham Development.
 Cllr. Slatford reported that the working group are trying to organise a meeting with Mike Robinson, the planning consultant about consultant costs. Cllr. MacCallum reported that six banners are being displayed around the parish about the housing proposal.

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RT6. Paradise Way Meeting.

The virtual meeting with Sovereign Housing, Paradise Way residents and BPC will take place on Monday 24th May at 6pm and will be limited to 75 minutes.

RT7. Fred Dawson Playpark.

Cllr. Hillerton reported that the main sign for the playpark had blown down in the wind. Before it is replaced, it was agreed to check the wording required by the funding bodies who supported the refurbishment of the playpark.

HP

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Future Meetings:

Bucklebury Planning Committee: Monday 24th May 2021 at 7.45pm All Saints Hall.

Bucklebury Parish Council meeting: Monday 14th June 2021 at 7.45pm All Saints Hall.

Signature

Date