

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at The Victory Room, Bucklebury on Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT

Cllr. B. Dickens (Chairman); Cllr. J. Brims; Cllr. A. Hillerton; Cllr. D. Southgate; Cllr. H. Cairns; Cllr. J. Allum; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

APOLOGIES

There were apologies of absence from Cllr. Spours and Cllr. Clarke.

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.

MINUTES

M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Monday 13th December 2021.

It was resolved that the minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 13th December 2021 were a true reflection of the meeting and they were signed by Cllr. Dickens.

TOPICS

T1. Virtual Meetings.

BPC resolved that in response to the Covid-19 pandemic in the UK and in the event that it is not possible to convene a meeting of the council in a reasonable time, the Clerk shall have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the council where such a decision cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline. This will be carried with members via virtual meetings. This delegation does not extend to matters expressly reserved to the council in legislation or in its Standing Orders or Financial Regulations. Any decisions made under this delegation must be recorded in writing and must be published in accordance with the relevant regulations. This delegated authority ceases upon the first face to face meeting of the council, after the council meeting at which the delegation was put in place.

FINANCE

F1. To approve the budget for FY22/23.

The budget for FY22/23 showing a proposed expenditure from the precept of £35,721.43 was approved. This is supported by an expected carry forwards figure on 31st March 2022 of £26,700.22 excluding ring-fenced funds. The budget shows additional expenditure of £4,300 on the Meadows (from the meadows account), £5,000 on the wall around the Cemetery (from ring fenced funds) and £9,170.67 to oppose the NE Thatcham development (from ring fenced funds).

It was agreed that BPC will look to create a five-year plan on which the budget can be based in future years.

F2. To set the Precept.

It was unanimously agreed to set the precept for FY22/23 at £27,000 to support the agreed budget. This is an increase of £1,000 on FY21/22.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Future Meetings:

Bucklebury Parish Council meeting: Monday 10th January 2022 at 8.00pm via Zoom.

Bucklebury Planning Committee: Monday 24th January 2022 at 7.45pm via Zoom.

Bucklebury Parish Council meeting: Monday 14th February 2022 at 7.45pm in the Victory Room.

Signature

Date