

Minutes of Bucklebury Parish Council Planning Committee

Meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 at 8.00pm in The Victory Room, Bucklebury.

Present: Mr. B. Dickens (Chairman); Mrs. H. Cairns; Mr. A. Dunkerton; Mr. T. Banks; Mrs. A. Hillerton; Mr. J. Brims; Mrs. L. Clarke; Mrs H. Pratt (Clerk).

Apologies: Mrs. P. W. Frankum; Mr. A. Aldridge; Mr. T. Slatford.

Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

P1. 15/01415/HOUSE Yarkhill, Broad Lane.

*Installation of white UPVC conservatory on south elevation and to install vertical tile hanging on remaining brickwork to south elevation.*

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

P2. 15/01541/FUL & Brockhurst School.

15/01542/LBC2 *Replacement of existing, building mounted floodlights to games court with new low energy pole mounted floodlights.*

There was a discussion about this application and it was concluded that it was likely that there would be less light pollution from the proposed replacement lights than from the existing lights.

BPC unanimously agreed **no objection** to this application.

P3. Any Other Business.

Mr. Dickens said that he had had a conversation with Richard Beech (Enforcement Officer at WBC) about agricultural verses domestic curtilages which are being close mown. If agricultural land is “close mown” for a period of 10 years, an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness can be submitted to covert the agricultural land into domestic curtilage. In the past it has been suggested that land which is being close mown should be reported to the Enforcement Team; however with increasing pressure on resources a number of cases do not appear to have been followed up. Mr. Beech said that a famer might mow land 3 or 4 times a year to a height of 3 or 4 inches. Close mowing land in itself is not a material matter; however if it is being carried on for a number of years and there is domestic equipment (BBQs, play equipment etc.) on the land in question, it should be reported to Enforcement.

After a discussion about various pieces of land in the parish, it was agreed to ask Mr. Beech to investigate Chestnut Cottage, 8 Broad Lane, Autumn House (Byles Green) and Oak Acre, each of which have agricultural land associated with them which has been close mown for a substantial period of time and have various domestic items on them, or obvious domestic uses. HP

A question was raised about the letters which the WBC enforcement team are understood to send out to properties about misuse of land and what impact these have on the 10 years of use required for a Certificate of Lawfulness. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Mr. Beech this question. HP

The meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

Next BPC Meeting:	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2015 – 8pm, Victory Room.
Next Planning Committee Meeting:	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2015 – 7.45pm, Memorial Hall.

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