

Minutes of Bucklebury Parish Council Planning Committee

Meeting held on Monday 23rd October 2017 at 8.00pm in Bucklebury Memorial Hall, Upper Bucklebury.

Present: Cllr. B. Dickens(Chairman); Cllr. T. Banks; Cllr. D. Southgate; Cllr. P. W. Frankum; Cllr. A. Aldridge; Cllr. H. Cairns; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

Others: Mr. and Mrs. Kingham (Copse Close).

Apologies: Cllr. L. Clarke; Cllr. R. Rankin; Cllr. J. Brims; Cllr. T. Slatford; Cllr. A. Hillerton.

Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

P1. 17/02822/FULMAJ Copse Close, Hopgoods Green.

Demolition of existing dilapidated dwelling and construction of new dwelling built to modern standards.

Cllr. Cairns gave a summary of this application and explained that the existing garage is to be maintained, the ridge height of the roof will be maintained and the dwelling will be further from the boundary with Hopgood's Farm Cottage than the existing dwelling. The proposed new dwelling is calculated to be approximately 70% larger than the existing.

The meeting was **closed** for Mr. Kingham to speak.

Mr. Kingham explained that moving the location of the dwelling down the site enables the proposed development to maintain the ridge height of the existing dwelling. Mr. and Mrs. Kingham had originally hoped to extend and modernise the existing dwelling, but this is not practical due to deterioration of the structure. The proposal is a Georgian style dwelling of brick and flint construction with a slate roof incorporating photovoltaic tiles.

The meeting was **reopened**.

It was agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application, but that a comment be added that there is some question over whether all of the plot with the dwelling on it should be within the domestic curtilage.

P2. 17/02794/HOUSE Eliezer Cottage, Zin Zan.

Part demolish low grade two storey extension and construct new 2 storey extension incorporating garage.

Cllr. Frankum introduced this application in Turners Green.

It was agreed that BPC **objects** to this application on the grounds that the proposal will result in a significant increase in the massing when viewed from the front; the proposal is not subservient to the existing cottage and that the result would give a very urban feel to a rural area. Additionally, concern was raised about light pollution from the full length windows/doors to the rear.

RT1 Boundary Commission Proposals for Parliamentary Constituencies.

Richard Benyon MP has contacted Cllr. Frankum about the Boundary Commission's latest proposal for Parliamentary Constituencies which puts the existing Bucklebury Ward into the Reading West Constituency, rather than the Newbury Constituency.

It was agreed that the people of Bucklebury turn to Newbury for shops and services and not Reading.

It was agreed that Cllr. Dickens will co-ordinate a response from BPC which will be discussed at the BPC meeting on the 13th November. Individual councillors were asked to email Cllr. Dickens with their thoughts.

Cllr. Frankum will respond to Richard Benyon and ask whether there may be support from his office to

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distribute information to parishioners.

RT2 Community Noticeboard at Chapel Row.

It has been suggested that there be a noticeboard at Chapel Row to advertise items for sale. Cllr. Banks suggested that this was something that could potentially be added to the website.

The Clerk will add this to the agenda for the next meeting of BPC.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm.

Next BPC Meeting:	Monday 13 th November 2017 – 7.45pm, Memorial Hall.
Next Planning Committee Meeting.	Monday 27 th November 2017 – 8pm, Memorial Hall.

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