

Minutes of Bucklebury Parish Council Planning Committee

Meeting held on Monday 22nd January 2018 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. L. Clarke; Cllr. A. Hillerton; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

Others: Mr. and Mrs. Cooke.

Apologies: Apologies from Cllr. H. Cairns, Cllr. R. Rankin and Cllr. T. Slatford were received and accepted. Apologies from Cllr. Brims were received after the beginning of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

P1. 17/03504/HOUSE 36 Roundfield.

Two storey rear extension.

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

P2. 17/03493/MINMAJ Hartshill Copse, Burdens Heath.

Section 73. Variation of condition 1 (time period of operations) of the appeal decision APP/U0300/A/88/93423 for Extraction of hoggin from Land adjoining Harts Hill Road, to enable a satisfactory restoration scheme to be agreed, implemented and completed.

It was reported that the operators of the site are now Grundon and they wish to extend the time period for extraction. Concern has been raised about the site being toxic; this is believed to have come from notices which were put up warning that the site was toxic. It was suggested that this could be due to blue-green algae, rather than anything more serious which could potentially cause contamination of the river Kennet.

Permission to extract hoggin from the site was originally granted under appeal in 1989, but has only been used occasionally since. Part of already approved permission is that the land should be returned to agricultural use.

It was unanimously agreed to **object** to this application on the following grounds:

- The pollution risk from any potential toxicity.
- There has been permission for extraction of hoggin for nearly 30 years, but during this time it has not been economically viable to carry out the extraction; questions were asked about what has changed to make the extraction viable now?
- Concern was also raised about what material may be used for infill.

If WBC is minded to approve this application, it was requested that conditions be placed on any permission that wheel washing be in place and that vehicle movements be restricted in number and to particular hours in order to minimise the impact on traffic already using Harts Hill Road.

RT1 Common Clearing.

It was unanimously agreed that the spring Common Clearing event will take place on the 14th April rather than the 24th March as previously planned.

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm.

Next BPC Meeting:	Monday 12 th February 2018 – 7.30pm, Memorial Hall.
Next Planning Committee Meeting.	Monday 26 th February 2018 – 8pm, Memorial Hall.

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