

Minutes of Bucklebury Parish Council Planning Committee

Meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 at 8.00pm in Bucklebury Memorial Hall, Upper Bucklebury.

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

Other Attendees: Mr. and Mrs. J. Plank (Bushnells Green Farm); Mr. M. Booker and Mrs. M. Booker (33  
Chapel Row).

Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. T. Slatford, Cllr. R. Ranken, Cllr. L. Clarke,  
Cllr. P. W. Frankum and Cllr. T. Banks.

Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

P1. 18/01531/HOUSE 33 Chapel Row.

*Proposed two storey side and rear extension.*

This application is for an extension to be used as an annexe to the existing house. It was reported that this would be the first of the five pairs of semi-detached houses in this line to be extended to the side. In principal there was no objection to a side extension; however there was objection to the design which is not subservient to the existing house and would block the view between houses to the woodland beyond (contrary to Bucklebury Vision).

It was unanimously agreed to **object** to this application.

P2. 18/01470/FULD

Bushnells Green Farmhouse.

*Retention of existing timber lodge as farm worker accommodation. Supported by new and additional evidence. Non compliance with condition 12 of approved 13/03014/FUL.*

A summary of the planning history of the site was given by Cllr. Brims including the last application which was refused by WBC on three grounds: inappropriate for a second new dwelling in the AoNB, lack of evidence that a second person/dwelling was required on the site 24x7 and for 365 days per year and lack of proof that alternative accommodation was available in the area. This decision was taken to appeal and dismissed with only two of WBC's reasons for refusal being upheld: lack of evidence that a second person was not required 24x7 for 365 days a year, and the lack of proof that alternative accommodation was not available in the local area.

This new application is accompanied by additional evidence showing both a significant increase in the acreage farmed and in the numbers of animals, thus showing the need for a second person.

Jobs for shepherds/shepherdesses normally come with accommodation; rental accommodation normally refuses to allow dogs and the antisocial hours of work would not be looked upon favourably by landlords. It was also felt that it was unreasonable today to expect a shepherd to move every 5 to 7 months.

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

Mr. Plank commented that he agreed with everything said and added that his shepherdess would not be able to do her job without her working dogs.

The meeting was **reopened**.

BPC unanimously agreed to **support** this application subject to the agricultural need.

P4. 18/01555/HOUSE

Bracken Close, Burdens Heath.

*Single storey side extension.*

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

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P4. 18/01787/HOUSE The Old Police House, Bucklebury.

*Demolition of single storey extension and outbuildings. New extension and alterations to The Old Police House. Revised proposals.*

On the grounds that this application is a previous approved application, but reduced in size it was unanimously agreed that BPC had **no objection** to it.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Next BPC Meeting:	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 – 7.45pm, in the Committee Room.
Next Planning Committee Meeting:	No scheduled Planning Committee in August.

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Date.....  
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