

Minutes of a meeting of Bucklebury Parish Council Planning Committee held on Monday 25th November 2019 at 7.45pm in Bucklebury Memorial Hall, Upper Bucklebury.

Present: Cllr. J. Brims (Chairman); Cllr. B. Dickens; Cllr. B. Unamba-Oparah; Cllr. P. Spours; Cllr. H. Cairns; Cllr. T. Banks; Cllr. A. Hillerton; Cllr. L. Clarke and Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

Others: Simon and Becky Vanstone

Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. R. Ranken, Cllr. Slatford and Cllr. D. Southgate.

Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

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Land Adjacent to Summerfield, The Ridge (Adjacent Parish).

Approval of reserved matters following outline permission 16/02529/OUTD - Change of use of part of existing agricultural field to residential and the erection of 5 no. detached dwelling houses with ancillary garages, access, parking, landscaping and associated works. Matters seeking consent - Access, landscaping and scale. (Amendment).

The amendment adds a new hedgerow behind the existing hedgerow, which is reduced to 0.6m in height; three access points through the hedge are maintained. On the east and west boundaries of the site there is increased planting to improve the privacy of adjacent properties.

The meeting was **closed** for Mr. Vanstone, a neighbour to speak.

Mr. Vanstone commented that in the first application, which was refused, the ridge height of the dwellings was between 9m and 10m. In the current application the ridge height has been reduced to a maximum of 8m, although the site is very exposed and visible from the south. Bungalows or 1.5 storey houses would be preferable. The houses are all in excess of 300m²; those surrounding the site have an average size of only 240m². Given that all the homes are of the same size and style, they will give the gateway to the village a very monolithic style.

A hedge of 0.6m, whilst it will allow for the necessary visibility splays will be stumps.

There is no serious reduction in the scale of the houses; they have all remained at 300m²; the balconies have been removed and replaced by flat roofs. More variation in size and style would be appreciated.

The meeting was **reopened**.

It was agreed that BPC maintains its **objection** to this application as no material change has been made to the application.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Next BPC Meeting:	Monday 9 th December 2019 – 7.30pm in the Committee Room.
Cemetery Carols:	Monday 16 th December 2019 – 6pm in the Cemetery.
Next Planning Committee Meeting:	No Planning meeting in December.

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