

Minutes of a meeting of Bucklebury Parish Council Planning Committee
held via Zoom on Monday 24th August 2020 at 7.45pm.

Present: Cllr. J. Brims (Chairman); Cllr. B. Dickens; Cllr. P. Spours; Cllr. A. Hillerton; Cllr. D. Southgate; Cllr. F. MacCallum; Cllr. B. Unamba; Cllr. L. Clarke; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. H. Cairns.

Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest in agenda items.

P1. 20/01703/FULMAJ Shooters Lodge, Midgham (Adjacent Parish).

Single storey rear extension to existing garage and conversion to Annexe. New single storey pool building with glazed links to Annexe and existing house.

Concern was raised about light pollution from the glazing of the pool building and about the annexe becoming an independent dwelling, rather than remaining ancillary to the main dwelling.

BPC had **no objection** to this application.

P2. 20/01815/HOUSE Greenwood, Hatch Lane.

Single storey side extension to provide ground floor shower room. Retrospective approval for the garage as built with a flat roof, rather than pitched.

The current dwelling Greenwood replaced a much smaller bungalow.

It was agreed that there were no concerns about the roof of the garage. However, concern was raised about the single storey side extension, which is identical in footprint to application 16/01219/HOUSE which was refused on the grounds of the increase in size over the original bungalow. It was also noted that the new dwelling has a spiral staircase to the attic and 3 rooflights.

It was agreed that BPC **objects** to this application.

P3. Conservation Areas.

The working group looking at Conservation Area Appraisals is primarily looking at the Conservation Area in Bucklebury around St. Mary's Church. However, it had also been understood that other areas could be considered, Turners Green was one such suggestion. It was reported that if properties fall into a conservation area, there are significant implications for residents. WBC asked groups to consider appraisals for existing Conservation Areas. It was also understood that any other areas potentially worthy of Conservation Area status could be discussed. The working group suggested that these might include the old part of Chapel Row and The Slade as well as Turners Green. Such a status would add a level of protection to these areas.

It was further suggested that if residents are against an area being designated a Conservation Area, it should not be pursued. BPC and the working group needs to understand the implications such a designation would place on home owners and residents.

Cllr. Clarke had contacted Debra Inston (WBC) about areas like Turners Green; she commented that Turners Green had potentially changed too much to qualify.

It was noted that the Bucklebury Conservation area is not on the list for review until July 2024/July 2025. It was agreed that clarification should be obtained from WBC on what is understood by a Conservation area and what the implications are.

It was agreed that Conservation Areas should be on the agenda for the meeting on Monday 14th September.

Round Table Comments.

RT1. Fly tipping.

Cllr. Southgate reported that there are a lot of cases of fly tipping around the parish at the moment.

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RT2. Oak Trees.

Cllr. Spours reported that he had been out on a bridleway near Stanford Dingley and a large part of an oak tree fell across the bridleway (whilst he was on the bridleway). WBC does not appear to be grasping the seriousness of the situation as quickly as it might.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Next BPC Meeting:	Monday 14 th September 2020 – 7.45pm.
Next Planning Committee Meeting:	Monday 28 th September 2020 – 7.45pm.
Common Clearing:	Saturday 10 th October 2020 – 2.00pm at the Memorial Hall.

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