

Minutes of a meeting of Bucklebury Parish Council Planning Committee at All Saints Church Hall, Upper Bucklebury on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.45pm.

Present: Cllr. P. Spours; Cllr. A. Hillerton; Cllr. D. Southgate; Cllr. L. Clarke; Cllr. H. Cairns; Cllr. F. MacCallum; Cllr. B. Unamba-Oparah; District Cllr. G. Pask; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

One parishioner.

Appointment of a Chairman for this meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Spours would chair this meeting.

Apologies of Absence.

Apologies of absence were received and accepted from Cllr. J. Brims, Cllr. B. Dickens, Cllr. R. Ranken and Cllr. T. Slatford.

Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest

Minutes of meetings.

M1. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by Cllr. Spours.

Planning applications WBC has consulted BPC on:

P1 21/01348/HOUSE Patchways, Harts Hill Road.

*Proposed single storey rear extension.*

The proposed rear extension replaces a previous extension. The property is not within the AONB and it is possible that the proposal falls within permitted development.

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

P2. 21/01387/HOUSE 76 Roundfield.

*Rear flat roof extension with render.*

The proposed extension replaces a previous extension with little increase in footprint.

BPC unanimously agreed to **no objection** to this application

P3. 21/01409/HOUSE Willow Lodge, Chapel Row.

*Proposed Gazebo/Log cabin outbuilding in rear garden.*

The property cannot be seen from the road and shares an entrance with Fir Trees.

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

P4, To receive an update from the Opposition to NE Thatcham Development Working Group.

District Cllr. Pask reported that the next draft of the Local Plan is likely to be considered by the WBC full council at their meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>. If it is approved by the full council at that meeting, the public consultation would take place from the last week in October until the end of the first week in December. This would be followed by the Planning Inspector considering the plan in Spring 2022 and the plan being published in the early Autumn of 2022. Currently, WBC is primarily working through environmental updates. District Cllr. Pask has asked that other options be considered.

Cllr. MacCallum reported that Laura Farris MP has responded quite extensively to parishioners and the working group. She will be speaking to WBC before holding a public meeting about the development.

Up until the 18<sup>th</sup> June, a total of £4,070 had been received by BPC in donations from 33 parties to

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fight the development.

The Working Group is publishing weekly updates on twitter, Instagram, Facebook and the BPC website. Posters and fliers will be collected this week and delivered to each house in the parish. Separate fliers have been ordered for Cold Ash, Midgham and Thatcham parishes asking for contributions

Other similar proposals across the country are being examined. A proposed development near Peterborough, on historic countryside, outside of any AONB was successfully fought by a local group without the support of the Parish Council, but with full support of the MP. The group was financially supported by the local land owners.

There is a meeting with Thatcham Town Council on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Thatcham Town Council are meeting this evening (28<sup>th</sup> June) and will be confirming their position with regards to the funding and completing the traffic work required. Mike Robinson (the planning consultant) has recommended a traffic consultant.

Julian Dobbins is continuing with good work on the environment, however, there are a lot of different avenues to be explored and a specialist who understand the law around the environment and the potential impact is needed. Two different specialists have been recommended to carry out the environment work. CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) has been consulted and they objected to the proposal; Cllr. MacCallum has requested a copy of their objection.

Cllr. Spours has met with Willie Hartley-Russell who wrote to WBC and objected to the proposal during the consultation. His land agent has been tasked with drawing up a 10 year plan for the Common.

The overriding feeling is that development should be carried out on brownfield sites wherever possible and that greenbelt sites should not be used. Countrywide, there is a demand for single occupancy dwellings.

Round Table Comments:

RT1. Entry Chicane at the BMX Track.

The chicane on the entrance to the BMX track has finally broken completed. Cllr. Southgate is looking at the situation and suggested that materials, for a repair, should cost less than £50.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

**Date of forthcoming Meetings:**

**Bucklebury Parish Council: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 7.45pm (All Saints Hall, Upper Bucklebury)**

**Bucklebury Planning Committee: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.45pm (All Saints Hall, Upper Bucklebury)**

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