

Minutes of a meeting of Bucklebury Parish Council Planning Committee at All Saints Church Hall, Upper Bucklebury on Monday 26th July 2021 at 7.45pm.

Present: Cllr. J. Brims (Chairman); Cllr. B. Dickens; Cllr. A. Hillerton; Cllr. H. Cairns; Cllr. F. MacCallum; Cllr. R. Ranken; Cllr. B. Unamba-Oparah; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

One parishioner.

Apologies of Absence.

Apologies of absence were received and accepted from Cllr. P. Spours, Cllr. L. Clarke, and Cllr. T. Slatford. Cllr. Southgate had sent apologies that he was likely to be late.

Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest

Minutes of meetings.

M1. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 28th June 2021 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by Cllr. Brims.

Planning applications WBC has consulted BPC on:

P1 21/01615/HOUSE Brambles, Little Lane.

Proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and internal alterations.

Cllr. Cairns explained the application to councillors.

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

The applicant confirmed that a small extension had previously been built to the rear of the dwelling for a utility room.

The meeting was **reopened**.

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

P2. 21/01667/HOUSE The White House, Byles Green.

Proposed erection of an indoor swimming pool in the grounds of The White House.

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

P3. 21/01734/HOUSE Twin Cottage, The Avenue.

Proposed extended balcony with balustrading and spiral staircase.

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

Cllr. Southgate joined the meeting.

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

Cllr. MacCallum reported that she had met with Paul Goriup, an ecologist, on a pro bono basis. He was of the opinion that BPC may want to employ a Landscape Architect to cover the setting of the NE Thatcham site in relation to the AONB. He suggested that BPC engage with the developers.

The North Wessex Downs AONB raised concerns about the setting of the site with relation to the AONB, but didn't actually object. Rachel Davies (NWD AONB Planning advisor) has been invited to attend a site meeting with Alistair Jones-Perrott (Bucklebury Estate). It is hoped that Henry Oliver (Directory of the NWD AONB) may also attend the meeting. If the AONB don't object to the proposal, it will be difficult to use the AONB and its setting as a reason for objection. Paul Goriup commented that ultimately the aim would be to minimise the impact on the Common and reduce the number of homes developed. CPRE are understood to have a similar view. There are no easy ecological arguments. Cllr. MacCallum is trying to contact the

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WBC ecologist, who is believed to be Jeremy Davy.

Attempts are being made to engage with local residents by asking them to record the wildlife they see.

Dave Parsons has distilled all of the comments, which were copied to the Opposition Group, on the proposed development to ensure that no points have been missed. It was noted that a number of the comments express very passionate arguments.

The FaceBook group now has a membership of over 1700. Stage 2 of the Local Plan is known to have been delayed until at least October 2021.

Round Table Comments:

RT1. Clearance of Subpostmasters following Post Office Horizon Scandal.

The Court of Appeal has cleared Hash Shingadia, who was wrongly convicted of offences during the Post Office Horizon scandal. It was agreed that Cllr. Dickens, on behalf of BPC, would write and congratulate Hash and Chan on this outcome.

RT2. Coffee Morning – Thursday 29th July.

Those present, were reminded of the Coffee morning to take place in the Oak Room on Thursday at 10.30am.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Date of forthcoming Meetings:

Bucklebury Parish Council: Monday 9th August 2021 7.45pm (All Saints Hall, Upper Bucklebury)

Bucklebury Planning Committee: Monday 23rd August 2021 at 7.45pm (All Saints Hall, Upper Bucklebury)

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