

Minutes of a meeting of Bucklebury Parish Council Planning Committee at All Saints Church Hall, Upper Bucklebury on Tuesday 24th August 2021 at 7.45pm.

Present: Cllr. B. Dickens (Chairman); Cllr. P. Spours; Cllr. L. Clarke; Cllr. D. Southgate; District Cllr. G. Pask; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

Apologies of Absence.

Apologies of absence were received and accepted from Cllr. J. Brims, Cllr. A. Hillerton, Cllr. H. Cairns, Cllr. F. MacCallum, Cllr. R. Ranken, Cllr. B. Unamba-Oparah 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 26th July 2021 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by Cllr. Dickens.

Planning applications WBC has consulted BPC on:

P1 21/01815/FULMAJ 5-10 Paradise Way.

Demolition of 6 No. dwellings and ancillary structure, and the erection of 10 No. new affordable homes composed of two and three bed houses all with associated access, parking, amenity and landscaping.

The existing housing at 5-10 Paradise Way needs to be replaced and the parish is in need of more affordable housing. However, the additional dwellings will be new dwellings in the countryside, outside of any settlement boundary and are contrary to planning policy. They cannot be considered to be infilling.

It was agreed that BPC **objects** to the application. BPC would be likely to look more favourably on the application if it was a rural exception site, such that the new dwellings were for local people.

In addition, it was noted that there are no details of how the land to the north east of the site will be made into an ecological area; it is currently a dumping ground containing tumbledown garages.

P2. To receive an update from the Opposition to NE Thatcham Development Working Group.

Cllr. Dickens reported that the meeting with Laura Farris MP scheduled for Tuesday 31st August will go ahead, even though the proposals for the Local Plan have been delayed due to changes in the NPPF and the need for a 30-year vision to support new settlements and significant extensions to existing settlements. Arrangements have been made to relay the audio of the meeting to The Oak Room for any attendees who may exceed the capacity of the main hall. The meeting will be widely advertised on social media, the website and the noticeboards. After the meeting, attendees will be encouraged to leave via The Oak Room where members of the Bucklebury Says No working group will have leaflets and be available to talk to attendees.

A list of six or seven questions has been drafted from those submitted; these will be sent to Laura Farris MP on Thursday by Cllr. Dickens. The questions will also be posted on website and Facebook.

District Cllr. Pask commented that WBC is seeking clarity from central Government about what exactly is meant by a 30-year vision.

It was noted that the current delay has given local residents the opportunity to make their comments to WBC on such a significant extension to Thatcham in this location before the proposed development sites are reassessed.

Round Table Comments:

Signature.....

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RT1. Coffee Morning – Thursday 26th August.

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

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Date of forthcoming Meetings:

Bucklebury Parish Council: Monday 13th September 2021 7.45pm (All Saints Hall, Upper Bucklebury)

Bucklebury Planning Committee: Monday 27th September 2021 at 7.45pm (All Saints Hall, Upper Bucklebury)

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Date.....
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