

Minutes of a meeting of Bucklebury Parish Council Planning Committee at All Saints Church Hall, Upper Bucklebury on Monday 25th October 2021 at 7.45pm.

Present: Cllr. J. Brims (Chairman); Cllr. P. Spours; Cllr. L. Clarke; Cllr. D. Southgate; Cllr. A. Hillerton; Cllr. R. Ranken; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

Also Present: Six members of the public (four in connection with planning applications and two interested in being councillors);

Apologies of Absence.

Apologies of absence were received and accepted from Cllr. H. Cairns, Cllr. B. Dickens and Cllr. B. Unamba-Oparah.

Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

Public Session.

1. No matters were raised during the public session.

Minutes of meetings.

2. It was resolved that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 27th September 2021 were a true record of the meeting and they were signed by Cllr. Brims.

Planning applications WBC has consulted BPC on:

3. 21/02448/HOUSE Baydon, Little Lane.
Demolition of part ground floor and erection of new first floor extension and oak porch.

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

4. 21/02408/FUL Chapel Row House.
Provision of a tennis court.

Concern was raised that the land on which the tennis court is to be positioned may not currently be within the domestic curtilage.

It was agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application subject to the land being included in the domestic curtilage (if it is not). Any permission should include a clause that there is no lighting of the tennis court.

5. 21/02474/HOUSE Avenue House, Hatch Lane.
Detached timber frame garage and garden machine store.

The existing entrance onto Hatch Lane is to the north of the property. This application proposes a new second entrance to the south of the property, where existing site lines are poor. The hedge has been removed in the proposed location of the second entrance and a fence/gates installed. No need can be identified for the second entrance.

It was agreed that BPC **objects** to this application on the grounds of the second entrance.

6. 21/02505/HOUSE Smithincott, The Avenue.
Proposed extension to form garden room, extension of front dormer and gable wall and erection of new garage.

It was agreed that BPC **objects** to this application on the grounds of the impact the garage will have on the neighbours and its significant bulk. If the garage were to be removed from the application, BPC would have no

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objection to the application.

7. 21/02522/COMIND Bucklebury Farm Park.
Refurbishment and extension of existing visitor barn and associated structures, new storage building and associated landscaping and amendment of route of public right of way.
It was noted that some residents of Bucklebury are concerned about the parking, but this application does not relate to any parking.
It was agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application.
8. 21/01815/FULMAJ 5-10 Paradise Way.
Demolition of 6 No. dwelling and ancillary structures and the erection of 10 No. new affordable homes composed of two and three bed houses, all with associated access, parking, amenity and landscaping.
Amendment which includes a revised layout with additional parking and a full set of floorplans and elevations.
BPC continues to **object** to this application because it cannot be considered infilling as per policy C1. BPC is strongly of the opinion that it should be a rural exception site.
9. To receive an update from the Opposition to NE Thatcham Development Working Group.
A letter has been sent to Michael Gove MP to make him more aware of the proposed development. Cllr. Spours has met with Julian Dobbins and discussed the environmental issues around the proposed development. As a result of this it is proposed to record the wildlife which currently habits the proposed development area and its immediate surroundings with the assistance of younger people. *Following the meeting, the use of camera traps was suggested. Reading University may also be able to assist.*
Additional representation from BPC on the working group is needed, now that both Fiona MacCallum and Tim Slatford have resigned from BPC and the working group.

Round Table Comments:

10. Blacklands Copse.
During the harvesting of trees from Blacklands Copse, a well-established badger set has been decimated. Cllr. Hillerton will raise the issue with District Cllr. Pask.
11. Blossom into Spring Project.
Cllr. Clarke asked if there was any update on the Blossom into Spring Project. The Clerk has contacted WBC for clarification, but received no response.
12. Victory Room.
The next BPC meeting scheduled for the 8th November will take place in the Committee Room at the Victory Room which should then be complete.
13. Common Clearing.
Councillors were reminded that common clearing and litter picking will take place on Saturday 30th October meeting at the Memorial Hall at 2pm.
14. Coffee Morning – Thursday 28th October.
Those present, were reminded of the Coffee morning to take place in the Oak Room on Thursday at 10.30am.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Date of forthcoming Meetings:

Bucklebury Parish Council: Monday 8th November 2021 7.45pm (The Victory Room, Bucklebury)

Bucklebury Planning Committee: Monday 22nd November 2021 at 7.45pm (The Victory Room, Bucklebury)

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