

MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
held via Zoom on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT

Cllr. B. Dickens (Chairman); Cllr. J. Brims; Cllr. L. Clarke; Cllr. A. Hillerton; Cllr. D. Southgate; Cllr. F. MacCallum; Cllr. B. Unamba-Oparah; Cllr. P. Spours; Cllr. H. Cairns; Cllr. T. Slatford; District Cllr. G. Pask; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

OTHERS

Five parishioners.

APOLOGIES

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr. R. Ranken.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. Register of Interests.

Cllr. Dickens reminded councillors to check their members interests, which the Clerk has sent out, in order that the copies on the website can be updated.

D2 Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items.

There were no declarations of interest in any agenda items.

MINUTES

M1. Bucklebury Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

It was resolved that the minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were a true reflection of the meeting and they will be signed by Cllr. Dickens.

There was no planning meeting in December.

CHAIR'S REPORT

CH1. Covid-19 Vaccination programme.

Cllr. Dickens has written to Chapel Row Doctor's Surgery and complimented them on the very efficient vaccination programme being carried out in Pangbourne.

CH2. Local Plan Review Working Group.

The Working Group (Cllr. Dickens, Cllr. Brims, Cllr. Cairns, Cllr. Southgate and Cllr. Unamba) met last week to determine how to proceed, and to begin considering how to respond.

It is hoped to involve as many parishioners as possible; the Planning Committee meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January will be dedicated to the Local Plan. Cllr. Southgate has volunteered to give Zoom presentations (lasting approximately 25 minutes followed by questions and answers) on the proposals in the Local Plan. It is planned to give two identical presentations and review the interest on whether more are required. These presentations will be aimed at Bucklebury parishioners and will be advertised on Facebook, the BPC website, noticeboards and via word of mouth. Pre-registration with the Clerk will be required in order to obtain the Zoom link.

Every parishioner is entitled to write to WBC. Parishioners have requested wording for objections.

It was noted that the newspaper headlines are very emotive and require explanation.

FY21/22 FINANCES

F1. Budget for FY21/22

The Clerk circulated a draft budget prior to the meeting.

It was noted that the estimated management costs of the Cemetery are higher than the income. Payments made in the current year to the Memorial Hall were commented upon; this is a facility for the whole parish.

It was resolved to accept the draft budget.

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F2. Precept for FY21/22.

It was resolved to make a precept request of £26,000, this being the same as FY20/21.

## PLANNING

Planning applications to be considered.

- P1. 20/02887/HOUSE Rose Bank, Marlston.  
*Erection of detached garage with ancillary utility/laundry room and home office.*  
This application is to all intensive purposes identical to 20/02486/HOUSE which was invalid.  
It was agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application.
- P2. 20/02967/HOUSE Greenwood, Hatch Lane.  
*Retrospective planning for the garage as built with a flat roof rather than pitched with the same floor area and location as approved under 15/02274/FUL.*  
It was unanimously agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application.
- P3. 20/02913/FUL Heatherdene.  
*Construction of an all weather riding arena and change of use from agricultural to equestrian.*  
It was agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application subject to there being no lighting and restricted to private use only.
- P4. 20/02849/FUL Land adjacent to Thatchers, Chapel Row.  
*Proposed replacement storage shed for use to store tools and equipment for maintaining land.*  
BPC has **no objection** to this application on the grounds that the replacement shed is the same size as the existing shed.

Planning decisions made by WBC:

- P5. 20/02600/CERTE The Annexe at Manor View, Hopgoods Green.  
*Self-contained first floor flat with associated amenity and parking areas.*  
BPC **objected** to this Certificate of Lawfulness which has been **refused** by WBC.
- P6. 20/02534/HOUSE Homerstead House, Hawkridge Hill.  
*Replacement dwelling.*  
BPC **objected** to this application, which had an amendment and has been **approved** by WBC.
- P7. 20/01823/HOUSE Dogwood Cottage, Bucklebury.  
*Single and two storey rear/side extension to form additional habitable space. Alteration to ground floor front windows.*  
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P8. 19/00832/REM Land Adjacent to Summerfield, The Ridge (Adjacent Parish).  
*Approval of reserved matters following outline permission 16/02529/OUTD – Change of use of part of existing agricultural; field to residential and the erection of 5 no. detached dwelling houses with ancillary garages, access. Parking, landscaping and associated works. Matters seeking consent – Access, landscaping and scale.*  
BPC **objected** to this application which was **refused** by the Eastern Area Planning committee. The refusal decision was taken to appeal and the application has been **allowed**.

## DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

### DC1. Local Plan Review.

District Cllr. Pask explained why it is essential for WBC to have a Local Plan.

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DC2. Minerals and Waste plan.

There is nothing in the Minerals and Waste plan which affects Bucklebury.

DC3. Budget.

For the current year, WBC has essentially broken even; this has been the result of grants from central Government covering the additional costs resulting from COVID.

DC4. COVID-19.

There are currently 380 cases in every 100,000 population in West Berkshire. A significant number of people are choosing to exercise in the parish and as a result there are lots of cars parked at the Memorial Hall and around the Common.

TOPICS

T1. Bucklebury Meadows.

Cllr. Hillerton commented that the small meadow is being well used but is very wet.

Cllr. Slatford will have a look at the trees adjacent to 11 Mortons Lane.

T2. Hockett Field.

The Clerk is working on this with Andrew Inwood.

HP

T3. Cemetery and Chapel.

The Clerk suggested that members of the burial board make individual site visits and consider a defined list of items which can then be considered at a Zoom meeting. The Clerk will circulate a list of items.

HP

T4. Fred Dawson Playpark and the BMX Track.

**Update on inspections** – Cllr. Hillerton reported that no issues had been found with the Playpark.

Concern was raised about the edge of the BMX track which is being damaged, possibly by younger children with scooters/push along bikes with no pedals. Consideration was given to limiting the BMX track to standard bikes, but it was appreciated that this would exclude a lot of users. It was suggested that the issue is raised with the contractor about possible solutions.

Cllr. Hillerton will remind Fox Fencing about the need for some spare fence clips.

AH

T5. Memorial Hall Litter Situation.

Mike Scholl has accepted the litter situation and Mike Bodsworth is invoicing BPC for the agreed amount. An invoice has been received to cover the period up until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

T6. Wellbeing.

Cllr. MacCallum reported that she has not received any new requests for assistance. There are occasional requests to collect prescriptions.

Cllr. Spours reported that there was a request in Chapel Row for a resident to be provided with a Christmas Lunch.

Dan Musker has taken over the Berry's Road support group from Sue Morgan.

Cllr. MacCallum said that people had been very generous in making donations for Christmas hampers and that she still had supplies should anybody be in need.

T7. Conservation Areas.

There was no update from the Working Group.

T8. SID in Bucklebury.

Cllr. Southgate reported that he had contacted Finchampstead PC about their 'speed bot' which was using publicly available Google data from mobile phones. Unfortunately, the data is only available for 'A' roads.

It was noted that the WBC smart SID has been up at Chapel Row.

The issue of speeding vehicles in the parish has not gone away. Once the weather has improved, the anti-speed signs designed by Bucklebury pupils will be put back up.

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T9. Recycling.

Cllr. Cairns reported that she is continuing to collect bottle tops from the collection points around the parish before cleaning, sorting and delivering them to the various recycling centres or larger collection points.

FINANCE

F1. Cheques signed by Councillors since the last meeting:

West Berkshire District Council	£231.00	Planning application for the Memorial Hall.
D. M. Dawson	£2,000.00	Memorial repairs.
Triangle Management Co Ltd	£36.00	Dog bin emptying at the Memorial Hall – December.
Bucklebury Memorial Hall	£520.00	Litter management to 31/12/2020.
Helen Pratt	£523.79	Clerk's December salary.
Berkshire Pension Fund	£155.19	December pension fund contributions.

F2. To review current balances and financial position.

Lloyds Current Account balance after all cheques cleared and lodgements received:	£57,324.06	
Lloyds Current Account:	£63,535.33	On 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2020.
Lloyds Business Instant Account for meadows.	£36,922.88	On 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2020.
Scottish Widows Reserve Account:	£37,745.21	On 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020.
Scottish Widows Gilroy Account:	£4,579.35	On 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020.

REPORTS FROM MEETINGS.

RP1. Victory Room.

The Victory Room trustees have met and have agreed to proceed with the quotes for the electrics and the air source heat pump.

The AGM of the Victory Room will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January via Zoom.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

RT1. Process for the Local Plan Presentations.

There was a discussion about how the presentations on the Local Plan will be advertised to parishioners.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Future Meetings:

Bucklebury Planning Committee: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.45pm (Zoom).

Bucklebury Parish Council: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.45pm (Zoom).

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