Minutes of a meeting of Bucklebury Parish Council Planning Committee held at the Victory Room, Bucklebury on Monday 25th April 2022 at 7.45pm.

1. Present:

Cllr. J. Brims (Chairman); Cllr. L. Clarke; Cllr. P. Teal; Cllr. H. Cairns; Cllr. B. Dickens; Cllr. P. Spours; Cllr. D Southgate; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

Two members of the public.

1.1 Apologies.

Apologies of absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Ranken, Cllr. Hillerton and Cllr. Allum.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of minutes of Planning Committee meeting held on the 28th March 2022.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th March 2022 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were signed by Cllr. Brims.

4. Planning applications received from WBC:

4.1. 22/00911/HOUSE – Oak Lodge, Upper Woolhampton.

New detached outbuilding.

Concern was raised about the carport which has been constructed between the existing garage and the front boundary of the property, since application 20/01380/HOUSE was approved. Application 20/01380/HOUSE included the demolition of the garages to the front of the property and a condition restricting any permitted development.

The proposed new outbuilding replaces a garden shed, at the rear of the property, with a structure which is approximately 3 times larger and incorporates a workshop/office and shower/WC. The applicant has commented that during the work on the house, they may move into the new outbuilding.

The building will be timber clad with a composite roof.

The meeting was **closed** for objectors to speak.

A substantial building will be replacing a garden shed in the corner of a plot. This is a quiet, tranquil spot and concern was raised about the noise which may result from the introduction of a workshop, particularly if it has any form of commercial use.

The meeting was reopened.

It was unanimously agreed to **object** to this application on the basis of the harm it may do to the surrounding area. It was further agreed to request a condition, restricting the use of the building to ancillary use which cannot be rented or let, should WBC decide to approve the application.

4.2. 22/00918/FULD – Ivinghoe (Adjacent Parish).

Replacement dwelling and landscape enhancements.

This application is essentially the same as application 21/03162/FULD which was invalid, with the exception that the Landscape Visualisation document is not included and there is a red dotted line showing the land registry title boundary.

It was unanimously agreed to **object** to this application for the same reasons as 21/03162/FULD, but adding that the Landscape Visualisation is missing.

5. Review of applications within 200m of the parish boundary.

5.1 22/00903/HOUSE – 10 Midgham Green.

Section 73a: Removal of Condition 4 (Overdevelopment Restriction) of previously approved application 15/00581/HOUSE: Demolition of existing office and store and replacement with two storey extension and single storey link to original house.

This application is challenging a condition which restricts permitted development rights.

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5.2 22/00374/LBC2 – Dumbledore, Stanford Dingley.

Removal of 1980s brick fireplace surround to expose the inglenook behind.

6. **Update from the NE Thatcham Working Group.**

Members of the Working Group have met with Iceni, who have been contracted by WBC to produce the long-term vision for Thatcham. A base line report has been published, but this does not reflect Thatcham as it is today, or potentially after THA20. Comments on the base line report will be sent to Iceni.

Cllr. Dickens and Cllr. Spours have met with Viv Evans (the WBC head of planning). He was very open to discussion and appeared interested in the concerns and keen to promote cooperation. WBC still appear convinced of the merits of THA20 and any change to this position is expected to need a public enquiry. The lack of consultancy over THA20 was raised. Mr. Evans agreed to meet all parishes involved on a quarterly basis about planning issues. Cllr. Spours will arrange a public meeting with Iceni in the Memorial Hall over the next few weeks.

The Colthrop Consortium are publishing a number of papers. Overall, this option has lower transport volumes than THA20. Numbers of children and young people have been studied and it has been concluded that the number of places in secondary education in Thatcham is mainly an issue for the next five years.

Laura Farris MP is understood to still be working with Michael Gove in an effort to reduce the required WB housing numbers.

7. Round Table Comments.

7.1. CCTV at the Memorial Hall.

Cllr. Southgate will look at suggestions made for CCTV cameras at the Memorial Hall.

7.2 Coffee Morning – Thursday 28th April.

Cllr. Cairns will organise the refreshments for the coffee morning.

7.3 WBC Climate Forum.

The next WBC Climate Forum is via Zoom on Wednesday 27th April.

7.4 Governance and Ethics Committee.

Cllr. Southgate apologised for missing the first part of the meeting; he had been at a Governance and Ethics Committee meeting where the asset value of WBC's roads was being discussed.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Annual Parish Assembly:	Thursday 5 th May 2022 – 7.45pm (Victory Room).
Next BPC Meeting:	Monday 9 th May 2022 – 7.45pm (Victory Room).
Next Planning Committee Meeting:	Monday 23 rd May 2022 – 7.45pm (Victory Room).

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