

Minutes of the meeting of Bucklebury Parish Council Planning Committee
held in The Victory Room, Bucklebury on
Tuesday 29th August 2023 at 7.45pm.

- 1 **Present:**
Cllr. Spours (Chairman); Cllr. B. Dickens; Cllr. L. Clarke; Cllr. G. Loader; Cllr. M. Morgan;
Cllr. D. Southgate; Cllr. P. Teal; Cllr. C. Willett; District Cllr. C. Read; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).
One member of the public.
- 2 **Apologies.**
Apologies of absence were received and accepted from Cllr. J. Allum and Cllr. C. Austin.
- 3 **Declarations of Interest.**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 4 **Public Session.**
No issues were raised during the public session.
- 5 **Approval of minutes of Planning Committee meeting held on the Monday 24th July 2023.**
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th July 2023 were agreed as a true record of the
meeting and signed by Cllr. Spours.
- 6 **Planning applications received from WBC:**
- 6.1 **23/01120/HOUSE – River Barn, Marlston.**
*Garage with storage above including demolition of existing outbuilding. Amendment II:
Reduce gable element to look more like an outbuilding.*
This amendment is to build a three bay garage block with a limited head-height area at first
floor level. When viewed from Brocks Lane, this has a greater massing effect than a two bay
garage block particularly when the recent extension to the cottage is also considered.
The meeting was **closed** for the applicant to speak before being **reopened**.
It was resolved that BPC **objects** to the amendment on the basis of the increase in massing
when viewed from Brocks Lane.
- 6.2 **23/01764/HOUSE – 9 Broad Lane.**
*A rear/side ground floor extension with internal alteration works. Creation of Juliet balcony
on the first floor.*
It was resolved that BPC has **no objection** to this application.
- 6.3 **23/01507/FUL – Westrop Farm, The Ridge.**
Proposed solar array to serve various properties at Westrop Farm.
It was resolved that BPC has **no objection** to this application subject to the power being limited
to the properties at Westrop Farm and there being no additional panels installed without
planning permission.
- 6.4 **23/01917/OUT – Land adjacent Pine Lodge, Bucklebury Alley (Adjacent Parish).**
*Outline application for proposed new single dwelling on a site within the settlement boundary.
Matters to be considered: Access.*
It was agreed that BPC would make **no comment** on this application.
- 7 **Review of applications within 200m of the parish boundary.**
No new applications have been submitted to WBC within 200m of the parish boundary
- 8 **Round Table Comments.**
- 8.1 **The Cornerpiece.**
The introduction of double yellow lines at both ends of the link road to allow a limited number
of cars to park was viewed favourably by the majority of councillors.
Bucklebury Estate may explore the possibility of extending the carpark at the top of Briff Lane,
however this may be quite complex.
The Clerk will contact the Church Office to explore whether parking behind All Saints Church
might be an option for the businesses during the day.

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WBC are drawing up initial plans for a roundabout at the junction of Burdens Heath and Harts Hill Road, but this is likely to involve land which is currently not in WBC ownership. Traffic speed on Burdens Heath was also considered to be a related issue. BPC will discuss the options at the meeting on the 11th September and then write a report for Gareth Dowding (WBC).

8.2 Community Speedwatch (CSW) Signs.

In order to comply with CSW regulations, signage has to be in place warning drivers. This will also act as a visual deterrent to drivers. Signs are £13.00 each.

8.3 Cannabis Usage in Upper Bucklebury.

Strong smells of cannabis have been reported in specific areas of Upper Bucklebury. District Cllr. Read is working with the Police to address the issue.

8.4 Speed Indicator Device(SID).

Contact details have been requested for SID operators to allow the easy transfer of the device between different locations/people. A “WhatsAp” group has been proposed.

8.5 Peaches Noticeboard.

There has been no progress with the work on the Peaches Noticeboard.

8.6 Dog Bins in Bucklebury Meadows.

The dog bins will be on the agenda for the BPC meeting on the 11th September.

8.7 White Lines on Harts Hill Road.

The request for double white lines on Harts Hill Road us being followed up by District Cllr. Read.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Future meetings:

BPC Meeting: Monday 11th September 2023 – 7.45pm (Victory Room).

Planning Meeting: Monday 25th September 2023 – 7.45pm (Victory Room).

Common Clearing: Saturday 30th September 2023 – 2pm (Memorial Hall).

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