

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Held at All Saints Church Hall, Upper Bucklebury on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT

Cllr. B. Dickens (Chairman); Cllr. J. Brims; Cllr. A. Hillerton; Cllr. P. Spours; Cllr. D. Southgate; Cllr. H. Cairns; Cllr. L. Clarke; District Cllr. G. Pask.

OTHERS

4 parishioners.

APOLOGIES

Apoloies were received and accepted from Cllr. R. Ranken and Cllr. T. Slatford.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. Register of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to advise the Clerk of any changes needed to their declarations of interest.

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 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

It was resolved that the minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were a true reflection of the meeting and they were signed by Cllr. Brims.

CHAIRS REPORT

CH1. Request from Bucklebury Guides.

Bucklebury Guides have contacted BPC and asked whether BPC can support them in the purchase of hi-vis jackets for everyone in the unit. It was unanimously agreed to make them a contribution for the jackets of up to £200.

CH2. Community Champion Awards.

There are three weeks left for nominations for WBC Community Champions.

CLERKS REPORT.

CL1. Councillor Vacancies.

WBC has confirmed that there have been no requests from parishioners for an election following the resignation of Fiona MacCallum. BPC may therefore co-opt an eligible person to the role. Several parishioners have shown an interest, some being present at the meeting.

The plan is to co-opt a new member at the November BPC meeting.

CL2. The Oaks.

The Oaks was collected from the printers on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October. All copies are out for distribution.

CL3. Venue for the October planning meeting.

The October planning meeting will be held in All Saints Church Hall. It is hoped that meetings from November will take place in the committee room at the Victory Room.

CL4. Working Group for Media and Communications Policy.

Cllr. Dickens commented that the Media and Communications Policy needs to clarify the role of the BPC website, for which remuneration should be considered. Cllr. Spours suggested that BPCs social media presence needed to be included.

Cllr. Hillerton agreed to work with the Clerk to produce a draft policy covering these matters. The possibility of involving a young person was also suggested.

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## PLANNING

Planning applications to be considered.

- P1. 21/02233/HOUSE Folly Cottage, The Avenue.  
*Single storey rear extension.*  
It was unanimously agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application.
- P2. 21/02398/FUL Middle Wood, Hatch Lane.  
*Installation of Glen Farrow GF175 Biomass Boiler and 40ft log drying container.*  
It was agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application. It was agreed that WBC should be asked to ensure that the stack height is appropriate for the surroundings.
- P3. 21/02148/FUL Zin Zan Place.  
*Replacement garage.*  
The replacement garage is situation on common land. It was agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application providing there is no external lighting.

Planning decisions made by WBC:

- P4. 21/02107/HOUSE Hilliers Lodge, The Avenue.  
*Erection of garage and store with first floor home office.*  
This application has been **withdrawn**.
- P5. 21/01768/FUL Marlston Farm House Barn.  
*Erection of an America-style barn.*  
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **refused** by WBC.
- P6. 21/01734/HOUSE Twin Cottage, The Avenue.  
*Proposed extended balcony with balustrading and spiral staircase.*  
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P7. 21/01667/FUL The White House, Byles Green.  
*Proposed erection of an indoor swimming pool in the grounds of The White House.*  
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P8. 21/01045/HOUSE Barfield, Chapel Row.  
*Consists of internal alterations to existing house layout to include minor alterations to doors and window positions. In addition, conversion of existing garage and part car port to games room with shower room. Extension to the existing car port to provide additional car port and log store. Replacement garden machinery store.*  
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P9. 21/00484/COMIND Vanners.  
*Erection of agricultural building to support the agricultural use of a 5-acre paddock for livestock.*  
BPC **objected** to the application as submitted, but with additional information revised this to **no objection**. WBC has **approved** the application.
- P10. Update from the Working Group on the Emerging Local Plan.  
At the Conservative Party Annual Conference, the Prime Minister clearly mentioned building on brownfield sites and not on greenfield sites.  
There is little to update on because of the changes to the planning framework. The very earliest anything might happen would be next summer which gives the working group time to develop the environmental argument.

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## DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

### DC1. WBC Community Champions.

District Cllr. Pask asked councillors to put forwards any nominations they may have.

### DC2. Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) on the Byways.

The TROs came into force on the majority of byways on the Common on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Three of the barriers have already been destroyed but will be reinstated by WBC.

Despite trying to have an all vehicles covered under the TROs, motorbikes are allowed providing they stay on the byways. The compromise was that the Trailriders Fellowship would organise education sessions on the Common.

### DC3. Burnt out Vehicle.

Cllr. Cairns reported that the burnt-out vehicle is still on the common, despite having been reported to the Police over 4 weeks ago.

### DC4. Planting in Little Lane.

A condition of the fence at Ramblers in Little Lane was that there was planting on the road side of the fence; this has not happened.

In addition, conifers and shrubs have been planted around the piece of verge in front of Raemar, Little Lane. District Cllr. Pask will follow up on these issues.

## TOPICS

### T1. Bucklebury Meadows and the Hockett Field.

Two complaints have been received about the location of the benches in the large meadow. These have been responded to.

### T2. Cemetery and Chapel.

There will be a meeting of the Burial Board on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

A Cemetery Working Party is being planned for late November, on either the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>.

Cemetery Carols will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Cllr. Cairns reported that Steve Beeson has agreed to provide the generator and make the mulled wine; BPC agreed to fund 12 bottles of wine for the mulled wine. Cllr. Southgate will provide the sound system for the event. Cllr. Hillerton will ask Lindsay McNish to comper the evening and Christine Evans to play the keyboard.

Cllr. Dickens, Cllr. Southgate, Cllr. Clarke, Cllr. Cairns and Cllr. Hillerton will make mince pies.

### T3. Fred Dawson Playpark.

The seats of the swings are beginning to show signs of wear and may need replacing soon. Cllr. Southgate will advertise the old basket swing on eBay for spares or repair.

The flanges which connect the bottom two sections of the slide have broken. Pete Cane has agreed a plan to fix it.

### T4. Wellbeing.

The coffee morning on the 28<sup>th</sup> October was successful and word is spreading. The next coffee morning will be on 25<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am.

### T5. Common Clearing – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Cllr. Southgate, Cllr. Cairns, Cllr. Clarke and Cllr. Hillerton will make cakes to be served to those returning from litter picking. The refreshments will be served by Cllr. Clarke and Cllr. Hillerton. Cllr. Cairns will help with distribution of kit to those going out.

It was agreed that only one skip is needed and that the primary area to be cleared is the main road.

### T6. Speeding.

The SID Gen Pro is on order.

Cllr. Southgate commented that he may register Bucklebury on the Thames Valley Community Speedwatch scheme.

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T7. Recycling.

Cllr. Cairns reported that 5Kg of bottle tops have been recycled since the update placed in the October edition of The Oaks.

FINANCE

F1. Cheques to be signed by Councillors:

Bucklebury Memorial Hall	£380.00	50% of cost of cutting the grass around the hall.
Traffic Technology Ltd	£2,808.00	SID Gen5 – Pro and batteries etc.
Expenses, salaries and pension contributions	£768.52	For September 2021. This figure includes hosting of the domain name buckleburyparish.org.
The Alpha Xperience	£414.25	900 copies of The Oaks.

The second half of the precept (£13,000) has been received from WBC.

F2. To review current balances and financial position.

Lloyds Current Account balance after all cheques cleared and lodgements received:	£22,201.41	
Lloyds Current Account:	£14,811.96	On 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2021.
Lloyds Business Instant Account for meadows.	£35,448.16	On 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2021.
Scottish Widows Reserve Account:	£37,748.98	On 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2021.
Scottish Widows Gilroy Account:	£4,579.81	On 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2021.

F3. Six monthly spend against budget.

A report of the spending to the 31st September 2021, against the budget, was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting

CORRESPONDENCE.

C1. Newbury Weekly News Over 80's Parcel Fund.

It was agreed to make a contribution to the Newbury Weekly News Over 80's Parcel Fund of £200 via the Good Exchange such that Greenham Common Trust will match the donation.

REPORTS FROM MEETINGS.

RP1. Victory Room.

All of the windows and doors have now been installed. Work is still taking place on the path and the disabled parking space. There was a delay in the flooring due to damp meter readings. This week it is hoped to progress with the painting and decorating.

Willie Hartley Russell is to be approached to formally open the facility within 30 days of completion.

It is hoped to hold a wine tasting evening on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS.

RT1. Thames Valley Police.

It was suggested that the PCSO be invited to attend the next meeting of BPC.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Future Meetings:

Bucklebury Planning Committee: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.45pm All Saints Hall tbc.

Bucklebury Parish Council meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.45pm Victory Room.

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