

Minutes of a meeting of Bucklebury Parish Council

held at the Victory Room, Bucklebury on

Monday 10th October 2022 at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr. B. Dickens (Chairman); Cllr. J. Allum; Cllr. J. Munro-Ashman; Cllr. A. Hillerton; Cllr. P. Spours; Cllr. M. Morgan; Cllr. P. Teal, Cllr. D. Southgate, Cllr. L. Clarke; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

One member of the public.

1 **Apologies.**

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr. J. Brims, Cllr. R. Ranken and District Cllr. G. Pask.

2 **Declarations of Interest.**

2.1 **Register of Interests.**

Councillors were reminded to advise the Clerk of any changes needed to their declarations of interest. Cllr. Morgan submitted his Declaration of Interest form to the Clerk.

2.2 **Declarations of Interest in Agenda Items.**

There were no declarations of interest in any agenda items.

3 **Public Session.**

No matters were raised during the public session.

4 **Minutes of the meeting of Bucklebury Parish Council held on Monday 26th September 2022.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th September 2022 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by Cllr. Dickens.

5 **Chair's Report.**

5.1 **Grass cutting on The Avenue.**

The grass on The Avenue was cut by WBC contractors at the beginning of September and left in piles which were then left.

It is understood that WBC has had issues with the contractor. The piles of grass have been progressively removed this afternoon.

5.2 **Failure to collect recycling.**

Recycling was not all collected last Friday; this is being followed up District Cllr. Pask.

5.3 **Traffic Regulations Order (TPOs).**

The seasonal TROs are due to be implemented on most of the byways in the parish on the 24th October.

6 **Clerk's Report**

6.1 **Broad Lane Bus Shelter.**

The quote to repair the two panels of the Broad Lane bus shelter for £385.34 was approved.

6.2 **Common Clearing.**

A very successful Common Clearing event was held on the 1st October with approximately 60 parishioners, young and old out collecting litter from around the parish.

Road warning signs were provided by WBC. Warning signs have been ordered by WBC specifically for Bucklebury, there is some question about who will be paying for them and where they are to be kept which the Clerk is exploring.

6.3 **Removal of Streetlights.**

The Clerk has chased up Enerveo about the removal of the Streetlights. It is understood that the work to remove the lights is scheduled to take place on the 26th October.

6.4 **Newbury Weekly News Over 80s Parcel Fund.**

It was resolved to make a donation to the West Berkshire Foodbank of £200 rather than the Newbury Weekly News Over 80s parcel fund.

7 **Planning.**

7.1 **Planning applications which BPC has been consulted on by WBC.**

7.1.1 **22/02237/HOUSE – Marywell.**

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Formation of replacement swimming pool following removal of existing.

It was agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application but that a condition should be included that there is no external lighting.

7.1.2 **22/02340/HOUSE – Kennel Barn, The Slade.**

Single storey rear extension. Insertion of rooflights to front and rear elevations. Insulation and render to existing brick elevation.

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

7.2 To receive planning decisions made by WBC:

7.2.1 **22/01348/FULMAJ – Hartshill Copse, Burdens Heath.**

Section 73a: Variation of Condition 1 (Temporary Permission) of previously approved application 21/01451/MINMAJ: Section 73 – Variation of condition 1 (Temporary Permission) of planning 19/03158/MINMAJ – Section 73A: Variation of condition 1 – temporary permission 3 – approved plans and 28 – final levels of approved application 17/03493/MOINMAJ: Section 73. Variation of condition 1 (time period of operations) of the appeal decision APP/U0300/A/88/93423 for Extraction of hoggin from Land adjoining Harts Hill Road, to enable a satisfactory restoration scheme to be agreed, implemented and completed.

BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

7.2.2 **22/01579/FUL – Clover House, Westrop Farm (Adjacent Parish)**

Construct an all-weather arena, stable block and permanent field shelter, and a manure clamp. Change of use to equestrian.

BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.

7.3 Adjacent Parish Applications.

The following planning applications have been registered in adjacent parishes within 200m of the parish boundary:

- 22/02015/FUL – Meadowside, Stanford Dingley. Agricultural storage building.
- 22/02265/FULD – Land adjacent to Pine Lodge, Bucklebury Alley. Proposed new house.
- 22/02125/HOUSE – Rose Cottage, Bucklebury Alley. Proposed detached carport and fitness room.
- 22/02169/COMIND – Land off Lawrence’s Lane. Proposed change of use from agriculture to paddock land.

It was agreed that BPC will consider 22/02265/FULD in more detail at the Planning meeting on 24th October.

7.4 North East Thatcham (THA20) Working Group.

Regulation 19 of the Local Plan continues to be expected in mid-December.

The THA20 working group is in need of more members to carry out various pieces of work. The planning consultant who carried out the work on Regulation 18 on behalf of BPC is unable to respond to the Regulation 19 consultation. Cllr. Dickens and Cllr. Spours have spoken to several other planning consultants, one of whom is very interested.

8 **District Council Business.**

District Cllr. Pask sent his apologies that he could not attend the meeting.

9 **Parish Council Website.**

It is anticipated that the new website will be live by the end of December 2022, but preferably earlier.

10 **Bucklebury Meadows and Hockett Field.**

There is to be a Meadows meeting tomorrow evening at 7.45pm in the Committee Room at the Memorial Hall.

11 **Cemetery and Chapel.**

Progress is being made with the arrangements for Cemetery Carols which will take place on Monday 19th December at 6pm.

The charity (or charities) to be supported by the proceeds will be discussed at the November BPC meeting.

- 12 **Fred Dawson Playpark and the BMX Track.**
Cllr. Hillerton reported that there were no problems with the playpark or BMX track.
- 12.1 **CCTV at the Memorial Hall.**
The new CCTV system at the Memorial Hall has been installed and needs to be added to the BPC asset register. Cllr. Dickens will be shown how to use the system by Skips Electrical, and will then give information to Cllr. Hillerton and Cllr. Southgate.
- 13 **Wellbeing.**
- 13.1 **Defibrillators.**
It was agreed that WBC Members bid will be submitted for a defibrillator in The Slade. It will be positioned on the wall next to the post box and powered from Ferndale.
- 13.1.1 **Training.**
The Clerk will organise a defibrillator training session to be run in the Memorial Hall, the Victory Room and in the Slade. Interest will determine whether additional sessions need to be organised.
- 13.2 **Coffee mornings.**
The next coffee morning will be on the 27th October at 10.30am.
- 14 **Environment.**
- 14.1 **Conservation Area Appraisal.**
The Conservation area appraisal has been with WBC since April and is being reviewed.
- 14.2 **Speeding in the Parish.**
Cllr. Southgate reported that the risk assessments have all been completed and all of the forms are complete in draft format. A training package has been prepared, but Cllr. Southgate has been disappointed by the lack of response from councillors about training. Five members of the original speeding group are interested in attending.
- 14.3 **Recycling in the Parish.**
The moving of the clothes bank onto Common land is to be considered by the Commons Advisory committee at their next meeting on Thursday 20th October.
Plastic bottle tops can now be recycled in green bags at the kerbside.
- 14.4 **Bucklebury Nature Watch.**
Restoration of three ponds on the Common is scheduled to take place this week; one in The Slade, Chapel Row Pond and one in St. Saviours Wood to the north east of The Avenue. Residents of The Slade have been invited to a meeting about restoration of the ponds on Saturday 21st October in The Slade.
Discussions are scheduled to take place with a parishioner about putting information on butterflies, moths and lichens onto the iNature app.
Conversations are taking place with the Lord of the Manor about the planting of an avenue of oak trees from Chapel Row to the Manor.
Cllr. Allum will be talking to the Rebecca Davies, the principal landscape and planning officer at the NWD AONB about THA20.
- 15 **Finances.**
- 15.1 **Cheques to be signed by Councillors:**
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| The Victory Room – Bucklebury | £107.50 | Rent for meetings – April to August 2022. |
| Post Office Ltd | £61.04 | SSE 2/9/2022 – 3/10/2022. |
| Salaries and pension contributions | £1,406.55 | September 2022 salaries (including back pay) and pension contributions. |
- 15.2 **Funds received since 26th September 2022:**
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| Precept 2 | £13,500.00 | |
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- 15.3 **To review current balances and financial position on the 10th October 2022.**
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| Lloyds Current Account balance after all cheques cleared and lodgements received: | £25,548.47 | |
| Lloyds Current Account: | £17,152.22 | On 20 th September 2022. |
| Lloyds Business Instant Account for meadows: | £35,453.80 | On 20 th September 2022. |

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Scottish Widows Reserve Account: £32,752.35 On 7th April 2022.

Scottish Widows Gilroy Account: £4,580.27 On 7th April 2022.

15.4 Spending against budget to 30th September 2022.

The Clerk circulated a summary of expenditure against budget for the first half of the financial year prior to the meeting. Expenditure has totalled £15,266.34 (including VAT) which has included unbudgeted expenditure on the CCTV system at the Memorial Hall which was partially funded by a Members Bid grant. Expenditure on the defibrillators has already exceeded the budget due to replacement batteries being required. It is planned to purchase a fifth defibrillator for The Slade, which it is anticipated will partially be funded by a grant.

It was agreed to make a donation of £500 to the West Berkshire Countryside Society who carry out work in the Hockett Field and in the Meadows.

16 **Round Table Comments.**

16.1 Flytipping in Fanny's Lane carpark.

Cllr. Allum will check whether the flytipping in the Fanny's Lane carpark has been removed, and if not will report it to WBC again.

16.2 Quiet Lane end sign.

A sign marking the end of a "Quiet Lane" has been retrieved from the Common and needs to be returned to its correct place. It is unclear where it should go as there are a number of end signs (and posts) which are missing or overgrown.

16.3 Entrance to Bucklebury Meadows from Morton's Lane.

CR Landscapes have started work on the improvements to the surface around the kissing gate.

16.4 No right turn at Hobson's Corner.

It was asked that this be on the agenda for the next meeting.

16.5 Container at Land adjacent to Thatchers.

Questions were asked about how long the container on the site can remain. It was noted that there is a CCTV camera pointing out through the gate and powerful lighting is on late into the evening.

16.6 Peaches Carpark.

The potholes are scheduled to be filled imminently.

16.7 TPOs on THA 3/5 (THA20).

No response has been received from WBC on the request for a TPO on trees on the proposed THA 20 site. The Clerk will request an update from the tree officer.

16.8 Ukrainian Families.

The number of Ukrainian families in the parish has reduced from six to three (some have returned to Ukraine and some have been rehoused). The result of this is that the community bus is no longer in use (for the Ukrainians) and there is a group of private car drivers taxiing guests round when needed.

17 **The meeting concluded at 9.10pm.**

Date of next meetings:

Next Planning meeting: Monday 24th October 2022 at 7.45pm - Victory Room.

Next BPC meeting: Monday 14th November 2022 at 7.45pm - Victory Room.