

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
held at Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.45pm.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies of absence were received and approved from Cllr. R. Ranken and Cllr. B. Unamba-  
Oparah.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

D1. Updates to Register of Interests.

There were no updates to the register of interests.

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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

It was resolved that the minutes of the BPC meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
were a true reflection of the meeting and they were signed by Cllr. Dickens.

M2. Bucklebury Planning Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

It was resolved that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>  
February 2020 were a true reflection of the meeting and they were signed by Cllr. Brims.

CHAIR'S REPORT

CH1. Police "Have your say" session.

The Police will be in Chapel Row, holding a "Have your say" session for half an hour,  
this Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

CH2. Flood Relief.

Cllr. Dickens reported that he has spoken to Piers Allison (who was instrumental in the  
building of the Bucklebury Swale). During the recent storms, the swale has worked well  
and no homes in Bucklebury village have been flooded. He has now turned his attention  
to the flooding of the roads; many blocked drains have been reported to WBC. BPC  
appreciates all of the continued work which Piers has done and continues to do to prevent  
flooding in the parish. It was agreed that Piers should be nominated for one of the WB  
community awards in October.

CH3. Condition of the Roads.

After communications with District Cllr. Pask and WBC, the road surface within the  
30mph zone in Chapel Row is schedule to be resurfaced in the next financial year  
(20/21).

CLERK'S REPORT

CL1. Defibrillators.

Hash Shingadia has agreed to be a guardian for the Peaches defibrillator. Now that there  
are two guardians for each of the defibrillators, the Clerk will now contact Nick Young  
from Heartstart Thatcham to organise a training session. HP

CL2. Commons Clearing and Litter Pick – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

WBC has allocated a litter picking kit (consisting of 10 litter pickers and associated  
equipment) to BPC because of the frequent litter picking sessions held. This is in  
association with WBC's support of the Great British Spring Clean, which this year is  
between 20<sup>th</sup> March and the 13<sup>th</sup> April.

CL3. Bank Mandate.

The Clerk advised that a complaint has now been registered with Lloyds bank about the

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handling of the mandate to add Cllr. Ranken, Cllr. Unamba-Oparah and Cllr. Spours as signatories. A new mandate is in the process of being completed.

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CL4. Barn Own Box.

It was agreed that BPC would support the installation of a barn owl box in the Hockett field. It was agreed that a reconditioned box would be welcome, particularly in light of the donation made to West Berkshire Countryside Society.

HP

## PLANNING

Planning applications to be considered.

P1. 20/00485/LBC2 Cob Hatch, Bucklebury Alley (Adjacent Parish).  
*Close up existing doorway in original wall between Cob Hatch and Westwood and close up existing doorway in between the same properties in C20th extension wall.*

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

Planning decisions made by WBC:

- P2. 20/00181/AGRIC Broadview Farm, The Ridge.  
*Application for prior notification for a storage barn.*  
BPC **objected** to this application, but WBC has determined that a full planning application is **not required**.
- P3. 20/00018/HOUSE Oak Lodge, Upper Woolhampton.  
*New first floor to existing bungalow, single storey rear extension and new detached garage.*  
BPC **objected** to this application which has been **refused** by WBC.
- P4. 19/03182/FUL Bucklebury Chase/Little Roselands, The Avenue.  
*Section 73: Variation/Removal of Condition (2) Approved Drawings of previously approved application (17/02266/FUL): Demolition of the existing dwelling, annexe, garage and outbuildings and the erection of a replacement 5 bedroom dwelling with associated parking and access arrangements.*  
BPC **objected** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P5. 19/02942/HOUSE 42 Mortons Lane.  
*Upper storey extension to form new bedroom and conversion of existing garage into new family room.*  
BPC **objected** to this application which has been **approved** by WBC.
- P6. 19/02517/HOUSE River Barn.  
*Retrospective in part – Distributary channel with foot bridge; Two storey extension replacing single storey extension; Restoration of Mill Barn; Oak framestore; Partial demolition of outbuilding.*  
BPC had **no objection** to this application which has been **approved** by the Eastern Area Planning Committee.
- P7. 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 is to be considered by the Western Area Planning Committee on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr. MacCallum will speak on behalf of BPC.

## DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

### DC1. Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA).

West Berkshire Council is a planning led authority. In order for this to remain the case, a new Local Plan needs to be produced. The HELAA is a technical document, which considers the area and each of the 268 sites which have been submitted for possible

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development. In order to assess these sites, local knowledge is key and is used to inform the process.

Two sites have been submitted in Bucklebury: 1. Land between All Saint's Church and Highlands and 2. Land at Orchard Gate, Little Lane. The Land at Orchard Gate has been determined to not be developable within the next 15 years. The land between All Saint's Church and Highlands is considered developable.

Sites have been submitted on either side of Harts Hill Road, approaching Upper Bucklebury; these are not considered to be developable within the next 15 years.

The land within West Berkshire has been split into one of the following categories: urban; service centre; service village (eg. Bradfield); smaller villages with a settlement boundary (eg. Upper Bucklebury) and open countryside. The designations were determined by the services available. Essentially, the higher up the list an area is, the more development it can accommodate.

There is no longer a policy on strategic gaps which were used to reflect the unique setting of villages within the landscape.

There was a brief discussion about the meadows in Upper Bucklebury and the field behind the Cottage Inn. The feeling was that these should be outside the settlement boundary.

Comments will be discussed further at the planning meeting to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, in order that they can be returned to WBC by the 27<sup>th</sup> March.

#### DC2. Members Bids.

Applications for members bids for capital projects with a value of up to £10,000 can now be submitted to WBC.

#### TOPICS

##### T1. Recycling in the Parish.

Cllr. Cairns reported that 14Kg of bottle tops have now been delivered to RPCS Ltd.

##### T2. Speeding in the Parish.

The five winning posters from the anti-speed competition in Bucklebury Primary School have been printed on to Correx and put up in various locations around the parish; the Head has given a very positive response.

The SID equipment is booked for two weeks from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. There was some question about why the badges issued to people attending the SID training are only valid for a year; District Cllr. Pask will take this up with WBC. To make full use of the SID, more people need to be trained. The ideal time to use SID is first thing in the morning and in the early evening.

GP

District Cllr. Pask agreed to follow up on the Community Speedwatch programme.

To date, it is not believed that Graham Malkham has been out with the Sentinel cameras for Burdens Heath and Chapel Row, where the data collected by SID warranted action from WBC.

##### T3. Combating Loneliness.

The first coffee morning took place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February; 24 parishioners attended and the event received very positive feedback. Hash Shingadia was thanked for providing tea and coffee for the event.

The next coffee morning will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

The Clerk will register the coffee morning on the WBC directory.

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##### T4. Bucklebury Meadows and the Hockett Field.

Hedges are often not cut every year, but left for two or even three years; this allows more growth for laying in subsequent years.

##### T5. Cemetery and Chapel.

There is to be a cemetery working party on 21<sup>st</sup> March between 10am and 11.30am.

Anyone attending was asked to bring secateurs and gloves.

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T6. Fred Dawson Playpark and the BMX Track.

**Update on weekly inspections** – No new issues have been identified.

The issues with the bin have been identified as being with the fixings rather than the bin itself. Cllr. Southgate is working on a solution to the problem.

DS

The RoSPA inspection is scheduled to be carried out this month.

T7. Countryside

Motor bikes have been causing problems on the byways, although the damage has been minimal. Parishioners have reported this problem to the Police.

Photos have been found of a vehicle in the ford, which is currently very deep.

FINANCE

F1. Cheques to be signed by Councillors:

Sylvia Cornell	£40.00	Bus shelter cleaning, January, February & March 2020.
L. Clarke	£50.00	5 x £10 WH Smith tokens for the Bucklebury School anti-speed poster competition.
Lucy Unamba-Oparah	£150.31	10 x Correx anti-speed signs.
Helen Pratt	£690.85	Clerk's February salary and costs for FY19/20.
Berkshire Pension Fund	£155.19	February 2020 pension contribution.

F2. To review current balances and financial position.

Lloyds Current Account balance after all cheques cleared and lodgements received:	£49,786.94	
Lloyds Current Account:	£51,869.08	On 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2020.
Lloyds Business Instant Account for meadows.	£36,912.78	On 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2020.
Scottish Widows Reserve Account:	£37,741.43	On 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019.
Scottish Widows Gilroy Account:	£4,578.89	On 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019.

REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

RT1. Bucklebury Events Committee.

A picnic is being organised on the Recreation Ground and a display in the Victory Room for Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> May to commemorate 75 years since VE day.

RT2. Memorial Hall.

It was reported that no quotes have yet been obtained for the refurbishment work on the toilets.

RT3. Recreation Ground Committee.

WBC have scheduled to resurface the carpark at a cost of £8,500. Five oak trees have been planted on the northern side of the recreation ground.

ROUND TABLE COMMENTS

RT1. Parish Map.

It has been suggested that a parish map showing all of the individual house names in the parish would be useful. A map of this nature exists for Bradfield Southend. It was suggested that such a map would probably have to be split into at least two separate maps given the size of the parish and the number of houses.

It was agreed that this item would go on the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

<b>Date of next Planning meeting:</b>	<b>7.45pm Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 (Cancelled).</b>
<b>Date of next BPC meeting:</b>	<b>7.45pm Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020 (Cancelled).</b>
<b>Common Clearing:</b>	<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (Cancelled).</b>
<b>Annual Parish Assembly:</b>	<b>7.45pm Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (Unlikely to go ahead).</b>

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