

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at the Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 12th January 2009

PRESENT

Mrs. W. Frankum (Chairman); Mr. S. Beeson (Vice-Chairman); Mr. H. Hind; Mr. D. Heslop;
Mr. P. Brook; Mr. J. de Lara; Mr. J. Brims; Mr. Q. Webb; Mr. G. Pask; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

APOLOGIES

Mr. T. Slatford; Mr. B. Dickens; Mr. A. Gilbert; Mrs. L. Clarke.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th December 2008 were agreed as a true record
and signed by Mrs. Frankum.

MATTERS ARISING

All matters arising are covered else where in the minutes.

TOPICS

There were no topics.

PLANNING

P1. Pre-Planning Draft Consultation.

Prior to the meeting Mr. de Lara circulated a copy of a letter to be taken given to any
parishioner seeking pre-planning advice, outlining the position of the councillors
concerned. Subject to a minor change this was proposed by Mr. Beeson, seconded by
Mr. Heslop and unanimously agreed. It was also agreed that the Clerk will put this
document on the BPC web site.

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P2. Bucklebury Saab Garage.

Mr. Mark Edwards(WBC) has contacted the Clerk and stated that since the refusal of
application 07/01040/FUL in July 2007, the applicant has acknowledged that the fence
is incorrectly positioned and that it needs to be moved and another application applied
for. WBC will be sending him a letter reminding him of this.

Plans submitted for approval:

P3. 08/02359/HOUSE Merryfield, Kiff Green.

Demolition of old 2 ½ bay wooden garage; erection of new 3 bay garage
at rear of property.

BPC have **no objection** to this application.

P4. 08/02198/FUL Red Hill View, Briff Lane.

Erection of a machine store with bat loft over and new field access.

BPC have **objected** to this application on the grounds of over
development of the site and the increase in traffic on Briff Lane.

P5. 08/02118/FUL The White House, Byles Green.

Section 73 – Removal of condition 14 of 08/00492/FUL No external
lighting shall be installed on site unless an application is made to and
agreed by the Local Planning Authority for that purpose.

BPC **objected** to the removal of the condition.

An amendment was received removing the removal of the condition and
reducing the number and repositioning the lights.

BPC had **no objection** to the amended plans.

P6. 08/01967/HOUSE Autumn House, Byles Green.

Two storey side extension. Two bay detached timber clad garage and
store.

BPC **objected** to the changes to the garage, but had no objection to the
extension.

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Plans decisions made:

- P7. 08/02118/FUL The White House, Byles Green.
Section 73 – Application to vary condition 14 of planning consent 08/02118/FUL.
BPC had **no objection** to this application after amendments were received and it has been **approved**.
- P8. 08/02305/AGRIC Land South of Berrys Copse.
Storage Building.
WBC has determined that this application requires a **full planning application**.
- P9. 08/02074/HOUSE Byrons Chase, Carbinswood Lane.
First floor extension to dwelling and ground floor extension to outbuilding.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved**.
- P10. 08/01382/FUL Greens Old Farm, Cemetery Road.
Construction of all weather riding arena (40m x 20m).
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved**.
- P11. 08/02115/FUL 9 Berrys Road.
Section 73 – Extension with porch and outbuilding home office/garden store.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved**.
- P12. 08/01752/HOUSE & 08/01573/LBC Woottens, Upper Woolhampton.
Removal of existing inappropriate flat roof and replacement with pitched roof to provide improved accommodation.
BPC had **no objection** to these applications however they have been **withdrawn**.
- P13. 08/02060/HOUSE Eaton, Turners Green.
Erection of 2 storey extension to the rear.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved**.
- P14. 08/02049/LBC & 08/02041/HOUSE The Cottage, Greens Old Farm.
Development of existing 1 bedroom cottage and adjoining barn into a 3 bedroom house.
BPC had **no objection** to these applications, however they have been **withdrawn**.
- P15. 08/01990/FULD 47 and 47 Roundfield.
Demolition of existing semi-detached houses and outbuildings and erection of two pairs of semi-detached houses (4 Total).
BPC **objected** to this application. It was **refused** by the planning committee.
- P16. 08/01987/HOUSE Little Oak, Briff Lane.
Extension to bungalow to form new hall and extended main bedroom plus small covered porch/canopy to rear. Re-configured roof line to suit extensions.
BPC **objected** to this application due to the increase in size, however it was **approved**.

DISTRICT COUNCIL BUSINESS

Dc1. Precept for 2009/10.

The Clerk recommended an increase in the precept of £500 for 2009/10, taking it to £24,000. This represents an increase of 2.1% and will cost an additional 48 pence for a Band D property per year. This increase was proposed by Mr. Beeson, seconded by Mr. Heslop and unanimously agreed.

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- S1. Schools. Nothing to report.
- R1. Junction of Byles Green and Cemetery Road.
The Clerk reported that she had requested an update on the position from Streetcare, but to date none had been forthcoming. The Clerk will continue to pursue this matter. HP
- R2. Road Signs Along Broad Lane.
Mr. de Lara will contact Mr. Andrew Garratt (WBC) to organise a meeting with him and Mr. Slatford to discuss the report produced by BPC about the signage along Broad Lane. JdL
- R3. Pavement Outside Peaches.
It was agreed that Mr. de Lara will ask Mr. Garratt about the position regarding the pavement outside of Peaches Garage and stores when he talks to him regarding the traffic signs. JdL

HALLS

- H1. Memorial Hall Annex.
It was reported that the pre-planning conditions have now been completed. The WREN grant contracts have been sent off, a WBC Capital grant has been approved for £20,000 and an Acre/Comma grant has been approved for a further £10,000.
- H2. Memorial Hall.
Mr. Hind reported that there had been an issue with a radiator in the hall requiring a replacement part.

MAINTENANCE

- M1. 9 Mortons Lane.
An informal discussion with solicitors has lead to the conclusion that action regarding the use of the area between the close boarded and the wire fences at the bottom of the garden of 9 Mortons Lane can be pursued by the other residents of the estate and the landscaping company. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the February meeting.
- M2. Tree roots in the Cemetery.
The Clerk reported that the second quote for the grinding out of the roots at the cemetery had not been forthcoming. Mr. Beeson proposed that the quote from Roger Molloy of Absolute Tree and Hedge Care to grind out the roots, fill with soil improver and seed for a total of £205 should be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. de Lara and unanimously agreed. HP
- M3. Legacy Money for the Cemetery.
The Clerk reported that the late Olive Edwards left £2,000 to improve the Cemetery.
- M4. Cemetery Maintenance Quotes.
When the quote for the annual maintenance was agreed for 2008, it was agreed that C. R. Landscapes should be asked if they would consider maintenance quotes for 2009 and 2010 at the 2008 price plus an inflation figure of 5% per annum. Quotes have now been received, acceptance of which was proposed by Mr. Brims, seconded by Mr. Beeson and unanimously agreed. HP
- M5. Meadows Workgroup.
It was agreed that a Meadows workgroup should be formed to manage the management plans for the meadow land, the ownership of which will ultimately come to BPC. It was agreed that members of the workgroup would be Mr. Slatford, Mr. Beeson and Mrs. Frankum. This was proposed by Mr. de Lara, seconded by Mr. Brims and unanimously agreed. Mrs. Frankum will contact Sue Everett about a meeting to discuss the Management Plan. WF

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PUBLIC PATHS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Pp1. New Oak Trees in the Meadow.

Contractors for David Wilson Homes planted 3 Oak trees in the meadow 6 meters from the boundary with 9 Mortons Lane in December. TPOs for these trees have been requested from WBC.

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Making these three trees the first of a line of Oak trees was discussed as a future project, possibly when a suitable commemorative event occurs and sufficient funds exist.

Pp2. Welcome Pack.

The photographs for the cover page were discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would work on this with Mrs. Clarke. Once a cover page has been produced, it was proposed by Mr. de Lara that the Clerk would get a number printed. This was seconded by Mr. Beeson and unanimously agreed.

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Pp3. Bucklebury Common Tree Leaflet.

Mrs. Frankum reported that Dick Greenaway has contacted her and asked whether it would be possible for BPC to make a donation of £100 for the printing of the leaflet, as he has raised the remainder of the money. Mr. de Lara proposed that BPC should make this donation, it was seconded by Mr. Heslop and unanimously agreed.

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Pp4. 4x4 on the Common.

Mr. Beeson reported that 4x4s are still an issue on the Common. The tree trunks placed on the Common to block certain routes being used have been sawn up. Mr. Beeson will continue to work with Simon Barnett on this issue.

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Y1. YOUTH.

A donor to the Memorial Hall Annex has suggested that he may consider a donation to provide a facility for local youths, aimed at teenagers in the region of £7,000 to £10,000. A need to provide a facility for this age group is clearly identified in the Parish Plan. A number of locations were considered by BPC, however the most appropriate was felt to be behind the Memorial Hall. Prior to the meeting, Mr. Slatford inquired about what options might be considered for the facility by the donor. Mr. Slatford also referred to the fact that the Memorial Hall Play Park committee had conducted a survey less than 12 months ago asking what facilities were required for teenagers and suggested that this committee might be a good starting point. Mr. Beeson proposed endorsement of Mr. Slatford's suggestion; this was seconded by Mr. Brook and unanimously agreed.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Ga1. Annual Parish Assembly.

It was felt that at last years Annual Assembly there were too many speakers.

Mr. Beeson proposed that Bryan Lyttle (WBC) should be invited to speak at the Annual Assembly. This was seconded by Mr. de Lara and unanimously agreed. Mr. Beeson will define the area on which Mr. Lyttle will be invited to speak.

Mr. de Lara will send round a draft agenda for the assembly. Advertising the meeting with a banner will be discussed at the February meeting.

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Ga2. Common Clearing.

The Spring Common Clearing event will be held on Saturday 25th April 2009. The hall, litter picking equipment and skips have been booked.

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Ga3. Expenses for The Oaks.

It was agreed that the typographer for The Oaks could be paid expenses for paper on presentation of receipts.

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Ga4. Notice-board at Peaches Store.

The Clerk reported that the door on the Peaches notice-board has been broken off once again. In light of a quote previously obtained for a new door of approximately £500,

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the Clerk will investigate the cost of a new notice-board.

Ga5. Christmas Carol Service at the Cemetery Chapel.

Mr. Brims suggested that at the end of the Christmas Carol Service held in the Cemetery Chapel it would be appropriate for a member of BPC to publically thank the Nichols family for organising the event.

PARISH PLAN

Pp11. Updated Parish Plan.

Unfortunately after considerable thought Richard Maddern has decided that he no longer feels able to take on the updated Parish Plan work.

Pp12. Tasks on Existing Plan.

Mr. Beeson agreed to review the existing tasks and send out an update before the next meeting. SB

FINANCE

F1. Budget for 2009/10.

The Clerk circulated a draft budget to BPC. The budget is based on an inflation rate of 4%. The total budgeted expenditure for BPC in 2009/10 is £30,090. The Clerk recommended drawing £6,000 from the BPC reserve account and £24,000 from the annual precept. In the 2008/9 budget it was agreed that £6,000 would be withdrawn, £4,000 of this was for the flood alleviation work which is not expected to be needed until May/June 2009. Acceptance of the draft budget was proposed by Mr. Brims, seconded by Mr. de Lara and unanimously agreed.

F2. Balances:

Lloyds Treasurers Account	£13,605.87	At 19/12/08.
Scottish Widows Call Account	£27,503.61	At 1/10/08.
Scottish Widows Gilroy Bequest Account	£4,609.77	At 1/10/08.
Scottish Widows Memorial Hall Extension Fund	£75,918.56	At 1/10/08.

F3. Cheques signed by Councillors since the last meeting:

Frilsham Lime Quarry	£1,228.32	Work in the Memorial Hall car park.
AMB Consultants Ltd.	£1,210.25	Consultancy for heating in hall and annex.
Waste Recycling Group Ltd.	£2,750.00	Match funding for WREN grant.

F4. Cheques signed by Councillors:

Higgs Group	£81.08	Folders for the Welcome Pack.
Mrs. S. Cornell	£35.00	Q4 Bus shelter cleaning.
C. R. Landscapes	£486.68	Q4 Cemetery maintenance.
Southern Electric Contracting Ltd.	£26.39	Q4 Street lights.
Mr. R. Kent	£50.00	Q4 Cemetery Superintendent.
Mrs. H. Pratt	£329.09	Clerks December '08 Salary & Q4 expenses.

CORRESPONDENCE

C1. Concerns Over Route of Bus Service 101/104.

An email has been received from a parishioner indicating that the new bus operator, operating route 101 is now using Hatch Lane and Carbinswood Lane as an alternative to turning round at The Blade Bone. This has been reported to WBC who have agreed with the bus operator that turning should be carried out at The Blade Bone. Mr. Brook reported that he had seen a bus number 104 at Chapel Row. The Clerk will forward Mr. Brook the timetable.

C2. Draft Rural Strategy.

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Mr. Heslop reported that he had had a brief look at the Draft Rural Strategy documents and suggested that BPC should discuss this at the February meeting.

DH

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

NEXT MEETING:	Monday 9th February 2009
PLEASE NOTE THE FOLOWING DATES:	
Saturday 28th February 2009	Parish Plan Conference
Saturday 25th April 2009	Spring Commons Clearing.

Signature

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