

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
Held at the Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010

PRESENT

Mrs. P. W. Frankum (Chairman); Mr. B. Dickens; Mr. J. de Lara; Mr. H. Hind; Mr. D. Heslop;  
Mr. T. Slatford; Mr. P. Brook; Mr. G. Pask (District Councillor); Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

APOLOGIES

Mr. J. Brims; Mr. S. Beeson; Mrs. L. Clarke; Mr. A. Gilbert.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs. Frankum.

MATTERS ARISING

There are no matters arising not covered elsewhere in the minutes.

PLANNING

P1. Settlement Boundary.

The Clerk forwarded a map via email to all BPC members before the meeting, which showed the settlement boundary. Areas of concern include the South side of Broad Lane between Berrys Road and the Memorial Hall and along Burdens Heath. The map shows the field behind the pub as "public open space", however confirmation of this needs to be sought.

GP  
HP

P2. Red Hill View.

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Simon Till (WBC Enforcement Officer) regarding the agricultural and domestic land curtilage and the agricultural garaging on the site. Mr. Till stated that currently there are no unauthorised uses being made of the building or land, however he does share the concerns of BPC. He would welcome notification if the situation changes.

P3. Agricultural Land being used as garden.

There are a number of locations in the parish where agricultural land has been purchased adjoining a dwelling and the demarcation between agricultural use and garden is unclear. There was some discussion about what constitutes agricultural land as opposed to garden. It was agreed that the Clerk would invite Gary Rayner (WBC Planning) to come to the planning meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> to talk about this issue and advise us on the best ways to manage the problem.

HP

Plans submitted for approval:

P4. 10/00015/HOUSE Meadow House, Paradise Lane

Timber framed garage – study/playroom above construction.

BPC has **no objection** to this application. It was agreed to request that conditions be put on the garage that it must be ancillary to the main house and not be occupied.

P5. 10/00164/HOUSE Orchard Gate, Little Lane

Oak framed triple garage.

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

P6. 10/00317/AGRIC Middle Wood, Hatch Lane

Store for wood processing equipment.

BPC has **no objection** to this application. Questions were raised about the siting of the shed and the need for a second one on this land.

Planning applications determined:

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- P7. 10/00205/FULD **46 Roundfield**  
Demolition of existing semi-detached houses and outbuilding and erection of two pairs of semi-detached houses.  
BPC **objected** to this application and it has been **withdrawn**.
- P8. 09/02714/XFULD **Land Adjacent to Cornerstone House, Little Lane**  
Erection of detached house.  
BPC **objected** to this application and it has been **withdrawn**.
- P9. 09/02622/HOUSE **Copse Cottage, Carbinswood Lane**  
New piers and entrance gates.  
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved**.
- P10. 09/01271/HOUSE **The Berries, Turners Green**  
Demolish existing garage and extensions and replace with two storey and roof extensions/loft conversion.  
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved**.

#### DISTRICT COUNCIL BUSINESS

Dc1. Mr. Pask reported that the WBC budget had increased by 1.9%. There are concerns about the demographic profile and the increase in those over 85. Statistics show that there are a low number of people in residential care; Mr. Pask stated that WBC are trying to keep people in their own homes for longer.  
The impact of the snow and ice in January on the roads has delayed some other road works. There is a scrutiny panel investigating how WBC have dealt with the bad Winter.

S1. Schools. Nothing to report.

#### HALLS

H1. Memorial Hall.  
Mr. Hind reported that the issue between the developer and his suppliers has now been resolved and work can proceed. Work is expected to take place on the main hall floor during the Easter holidays. There are plans in place to straighten the fence behind the hall and include a tarmac disabled parking bay.  
Mrs. Frankum asked about lights around the building. Mr. Hind said that outside lights were on a timer switch. The Memorial Hall Committee are considering posts which spring loaded, so shouldn't be damaged if someone hits them by accident. Mrs Frankum requested additional lighting that was sensitive to movement and that the posts are painted so they can be seen in the dark. Mr. Hind said he would look into this. HH

#### MAINTENANCE

M1. Upper Bucklebury Bus Stop.  
The Clerk reported that the contractor used by WBC has quoted £315 plus VAT to replace the Perspex in the shelter whether or not BPC supply the Perspex. Mr. Dickens proposed acceptance of the quote to include supply of Perspex; this was seconded by Mr. de Lara and unanimously agreed. HP

#### PUBLIC PATHS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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- Pp1. Land at the top of Little Lane.  
 The Clerk confirmed that this land belongs to WBC and is part of the Highway. Local residents are concerned about the increased parking on the land, Mr. Pask agreed to follow this up and investigate ways of reducing this. Ms. Heath has requested a disabled parking space, however it is understood that disabled parking spaces are usable by any disabled person, rather than being specific to one property. GP
- Pp2. Bucklebury Meadow, Line of Footpath.  
 Jon Thomas (WBC Rights of Way Officer) has sent a letter to the owner of 9 Mortons Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Mr. Thomas and enquire whether or not a reply has been received and whether or not he has a follow up plan in place. HP  
 There was some discussion about the covenants on the properties on Morton's Lane, and it was felt that BPC were unlikely to be able to obtain a selected number of covenants but would have to take over all the covenants in their entirety. Equally there was some concern that some of the other covenants unrelated to the hedge/footpath are being broken on a daily bases. Covenant 13-4-15 states "... all such works to be carried out to the reasonable satisfaction of the Local Authority." It was agreed that GP  
 Mr. Pask would take this up with WBC. The question was also raised whether BPC may be able to place covenants on land which they don't own around the perimeter of the meadows.

#### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- Ga1. Annual Assembly.  
 Mr. Gomm unfortunately cannot attend the annual assembly. It was agreed that BPC should ask Mr. Gomm if one of the partners at the Chapel Row Surgery could attend the parish assembly and speak instead.  
 The displays by various groups from within the parish will now be held in the main hall on the night of the Annual Assembly. The Clerk will write to groups. HP
- Ga2. Common Land, Rights of Way & Village Greens.  
 The Clerk and Mrs. Frankum will meet on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and put together a list of issues within the parish and possible ways forward. HP  
 WF
- Ga3. Workgroup for Venue of future BPC meetings and Management of the hall.  
 It was agreed that Mr. Slatford would contact the other potential venues within the parish where BPC business may take place and find out their charges. TS  
 It was also agreed that BPC need to ensure that the Memorial Hall committee are carrying out their statutory duties.
- Ga4. Common Clearing.  
 Posters advertising the event were circulated. Mr. Dickens and Mr. Brook are able to attend. Mrs. Frankum recommended a total of about 7 cakes or similar products for refreshments afterwards.

#### PARISH PLAN

- Pp1. Questionnaire.  
 The questionnaire is due to go out with the April edition of The Oaks. There are two questionnaires: one for adults and one for children. There is some question regarding budget and funding for the questionnaire. It was agreed that subject to BPC having the power, two prizes of £50.00 and £25.00 would be offered for the adult and children's questionnaire respectively. There is no overlap with the original Parish Plan questionnaire as this is a refresh. Greenham Common Trust is helping with the wording of the questionnaire and the layout. PB  
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Ppl2. Parish Plan Conference.

The CCB Community Planning Conference was attended by Mr. Brook and Mrs. Frankum. There was a presentation on the Greening campaign in Cold Ash and youths from Aldworth presented their concerns in the village. During the afternoon, Mr. Brook and Mrs. Frankum attended workshops on Age Concern, the effect of the 2012 Olympics and Greening.

FINANCE

F1. Balances:

Lloyds Treasurers Account	£28,570.37	At 18/2/2010.
Scottish Widows Call Account	£12,739.74	At 1/1/2010.
Scottish Widows Gilroy Bequest Account	£4,459.13	At 1/1/2010.
Scottish Widows Memorial Hall Extension Fund	£18,134.87	At 1/1/2010.

F2. Cheques to be signed by Councillors:

GLEAM	£50.00	Fighting Fund (see January 2010 minute C1).
Birds of Berkshire Atlas	£50.00	See January 2010 minute.
Berkshire Pang River Community Interest Company	£4,000.00	Balance of money received from WBC due to the Flood Alleviation project.
Mrs. H. M. Pratt	£324.00	Clerks February 2010 salary.
Bucklebury Parish Council	£4,000.00	Transfer of funds back to reserve account.

CORRESPONDENCE

C1. WBC proposed Submission Core Strategy.

Mr. Dickens will look at the Core Strategy documents on behalf of BPC.

C2. 2010 Annual Report and Strategy Update of 'A Breath of Fresh Air'.

Mr. Brook agreed to look at this document.

C3. District Parish Conference on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

The District Parish Conference includes a presentation to be given by Piers Allison from Bucklebury about the Flood Alleviation project. Mrs. Frankum agreed to go.

C4. SLCC South East Regional Conference – 16<sup>th</sup> March.

The Clerk asked the BPC to pay £55 plus VAT for her attendance at this useful conference. This was unanimously agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.59pm.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLOWING DATES:**

**Planning Committee Meeting**

**8pm Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010**

**Common Clearing**

**2pm Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

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