

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BUCKLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Held at the Bucklebury Memorial Hall on Monday 12th April 2010.

PRESENT

Mrs. P.W. Frankum (Chairman); Mr. S. Beeson (Vice-Chairman); Mr. H. Hind; Mr. J. de Lara; Mr. P. Brook; Mrs. L. Clarke; Mr. D. Heslop; Mr. J. Brims; Mr. A. Gilbert; Mr. T. Slatford; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).

APOLOGIES

Mr. B. Dickens; Mr. G. Pask (District Councillor).

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. O. Warne; Mr. G. Warne.

MINUTES

Bucklebury Parish Council Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 8th March 2010.

The minutes of the meeting of Bucklebury Parish Council from Monday 8th March 2010 were modified to reflect comments made by Mr. Hind and then signed by Mrs. Frankum.

Planning Committee Minutes for Meeting held on Monday 22nd March 2010.

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 22nd March 2010 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by Mrs. Frankum.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Cottage Inn.

The meeting was closed for Owen and Gareth Warne to speak.

Owen and Gareth Warne, who live in Upper Bucklebury, have taken over The Cottage Inn. They plan to serve locally sourced village food in a relaxed atmosphere. They hope to be open for the first weekend in May.

The meeting was reopened.

PLANNING

P1. Field Behind The Cottage Inn.

Prior to the meeting Mr. Pask clarified the status of the land behind The Cottage Inn as Important Open Space, giving it some level of protection.

P2. Agricultural Land Being Used as Garden.

The Clerk reported that Gary Rayner, from WBC has agreed to come to the Planning Meeting to be held on 26th April to talk about the infringement of gardens on agricultural land.

Plans submitted for approval:

P3. 10/00526/HOUSE White Lodge, Hatch Lane.

New detached garage.

BPC **object** to this application on the grounds of the impact on High Barrow.

P4. 10/00569/HOUSE Raemar, Little Lane.

One and a half storey extension, attic conversion and detached garage.

BPC **object** to this application on the grounds of the potential light reduction on the neighbouring property to the North.

P5. 10/00583/FULD 10 Broad Lane.

Section 73 – Removal of Condition 3 – Code for Sustainable Homes assessment of planning permission 08/00257/FULD.

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

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- P6. 10/00615/HOUSE Heatherdene, Cemetery Road.
Retrospective – Conversion of garage to provide outside toilet and guest accommodation. BPC have **no objection** to this application, but have asked for a number of conditions to be applied.
- Planning applications determined:
- P7. 09/02401/FUL Hopgoods Farm, Hopgoods Green.
Remove existing single storey dwelling and adjacent outbuildings and erect a 2 storey replacement dwelling. An amendment was received moving the replacement dwelling 4.2m to the NW.
BPC **objected** to the original application, but had **no objection** to the amendment and the amended application has been **approved** by WBC.
- P8. 09/02636/HOUSE Copse Cottage, Carbinswood Lane.
Extension to existing two storey side extension, two storey side extension, new porch and single storey side extension.
BPC **objected** to this application and it has been **withdrawn**.
- P9. 10/00150/HOUSE The Barn, Marlston (formerly Fifield Farm Cottage).
Proposed extension to provide a covered swimming pool.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved**.
- 10/00177/FUL 20 Broad Lane.
Demolition of bungalow to be replaced by new detached dwelling house and double garage.
BPC **objected** to this application, however it has been **approved**.
- P10. 10/00015/HOUSE Meadow House, Paradise Lane.
Timber framed garage – study/playroom above construction.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved**.
- P11. 10/00615/HOUSE Orchard Gate, Little Lane.
Oak framed triple garage.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and it has been **approved**.
- P12. 10/00317/AGRIC Middle Wood, Hatch Lane.
Store for wood processing equipment.
BPC had **no objection** to this application and a **full application is not required**.
- P13. 10/00234/CERTP Bijou, Chapel Row.
Demolition of existing outbuildings and replace with a pre-fabricated timber garden building for storage and home gymnasium.
This application was determined by WBC as lawful and **general permitted development**.

DISTRICT COUNCIL BUSINESS

- Dc1. District Parish Conference.
Mrs. Frankum reported that she had attended this conference at which Piers Allison had presented the work achieved and planned by the Bucklebury Flood Alleviation Project. In addition there were discussions on the handling of the adverse Winter weather and planning control on advertisements.
- S1. Schools. Nothing to report.

HALLS

- H1. Memorial Hall.
Mr. Hind reported that at a recent Memorial Hall meeting, Bucklebury Pre-school had asked to be allowed to put up a number of parasols (only out during Pre-school time).

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The pre-school have also asked about replacing the sheds, having raised beds and building a sand pit. The Memorial Hall Committee have agreed these items in principal, subject to pre-school paying for them, but would like to see more details before implementation.

The floor of the main hall is to be reconditioned and the internal doors to the hall are being replaced during the Easter holidays.

Unfortunately the glazing in one of the new front doors has been broken and the horse in the playpark was damaged late one evening. This has been reported to the police. The CCTV around the hall picked up two possible suspects who were wearing very distinctive clothing.

The Memorial Hall AGM will be held on 11th May 2010.

H2. Victory Room.

Mrs. Clarke reported that the Victory Room Committee are in the early stages of organising a quiz.

MAINTENANCE

M1. Upper Bucklebury Bus Shelter.

The Clerk reported that the necessary repairs have been made to the shelter.

M2. Cemetery.

The Clerk presented the quote received from Pete's Handyman services for the fence and bench. After much discussion, it was felt that the fence should be 1.8m high rather than 1m high and have concrete posts rather than oak. The Clerk will request quotes to reflect this.

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PUBLIC PATHS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Pp1. Bucklebury Meadow – Line of Footpath.

The Clerk reported the contents of the email Jon Thomas had sent to BPC concerning the letter he had sent to the resident of 9, Mortons Lane, stated that he had closed the file.

After much discussion it was agreed that the best possible result would be for the hedge to be reinstated and the compost heap and bin be removed from the land. Possible courses of action to reach this outcome will be discussed at the May meeting.

Pp2. Byway 67 past Tomlins.

It was agreed that whilst BPC have asked for byway 67 to be made restricted it is very unlikely to happen.

Pp3. Common Bylaws.

Mr. Beeson reported that Simon Barnett (WBC) has composed a summary of the Common Byelaws which will be put up at a number of points around the common.

Pp4. Commons Advisory Meeting.

Mr. Beeson reported that there had been issues of who would do the survey of the Oaks along the Avenue; the cost is £5.60 per tree.

There was a discussion about whether there would be a problem with disturbance to ground nesting birds on the Common. Scrub clearance is continuing.

The Wellingtonias on Pease Hill are believed to have been planted around 1815; currently there is clearance of the vegetation growing around them.

There have been a number of sightings of someone with an air rifle around the parish. It was confirmed that Bucklebury Estate have not given anyone permission to shoot on the Estate.

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Pp5. Damage to Byways.

Mr. Heslop reported that Mike Scholl had contacted him regarding the damage to the byways/bridleway at the top of Holly Lane. In an incident in another county a horse rider is understood to have claimed damages against a council due to damage to the byway/bridleway. Mr. Beeson commented that Elaine Cox (WBC) has been out and looked at the situation and there are plans for CCTV.

Pp6. Trail Bike Riders.

Mr. Heslop reported that he had stopped two trail bike riders on the land off Fanny's Lane. The parent with the child commented that kids have to learn somewhere and that the police in Beenham had suggested they come to Bucklebury Common.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Ga1. Annual Parish Assembly.

The Clerk reported that Georgina Cardy from the Chapel Row Community Service Group has agreed to speak at the Annual Assembly and will talk about the service offered to parishioners.

It was agreed that Roger Frankum would serve refreshments after the Assembly helped by Mr. Slatford (if available).

Ga2. Common Land, Rights of Way & Village Greens.

A list of a number of issues around the parish had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. It was agreed that members should go through this list and that it be discussed at the June meeting.

Ga3. Venue for Future Meetings of BPC.

Mr. Slatford stated that BPC must give parishioners value for money and thus need to carefully consider where BPC carries out its business. Venues considered for business were the Memorial Hall (Committee Room and Oak Room), the Victory Room and Bucklebury Primary School. Charges on an hourly bases are £4.50 for the Memorial Hall and Oak Room; £3.50 for the Committee Room and £5.00 for the Victory Room. The school are willing to allow us to use their facilities; however we need to cover the cost of lighting, heating and for the caretaker to unlock the school and lock it for the meeting.

After much discussion it was resolved that from January 2011, full BPC meetings will continue to be held in the Committee room, but Planning Committee meetings will be held in the Victory Room in Bucklebury Village.

Ga4. Common Clearing.

It was agreed that Mrs. Clarke and Pam Dawson would organise the refreshments after Common Clearing. Mr. Brook will borrow a large teapot to ease any issues with the equipment in the Oak Room (facilities being used for Common Clearing). A number of people will be making cakes.

Ga5. Policy for Donations to Charities.

A number of small modifications were suggested to the policy. There was also some question about whether it should cover loans and whether BPC has the power to make loans. The Clerk will investigate this issue. Mrs. Clarke will update the policy for later ratification.

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PARISH PLAN

Ppl1. Parish Plan Funding.

Mr. Brook reported that it is difficult to find funding for the actual Parish Plan; funding is much more readily available for projects within the plan.

Ppl2. Questionnaires.

It was agreed that a maximum of £40.00 be spent on the envelopes for the questionnaires to go to each household. It is currently planned that questionnaires will

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be delivered to each household in the parish along with copies of The Oaks. It is hoped that most questionnaires will be collected approximately 2 weeks later, however some will need to be returned to either Peaches Stores or The Blade Bone Public House. Mr. Brook asked if members with some time to spare could help enter the data on the returned questionnaires onto the computer. This would be appreciated. It was agreed that Melissa from Greenham Common Trust should be thanked once all the work is complete.

FINANCE

F1. Balances:

Lloyds Treasurers Account	£23,759.37	At 19/3/2010.
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:

Southern Electric	£112.33	Unmetered supply for streetlights.
Bucklebury Memorial Hall	£74.03	Hall rent for April, May and June 2010.
Sylvia Cornell	£35.00	Bus shelter cleaning for January, February and March 2010.
SLCC Enterprises Ltd	£64.62	SLCC regional conference.
Berkshire Association of Local Councils.	£341.49	Membership of BALC.
Southern Electric Contracting Ltd.	£27.42	Street lighting maintenance for March quarter.
Helen Pratt	£521.61	Clerks March salary (£408.00) and expenses for Q1 (£113.61).

CORRESPONDENCE

C1. Bucklebury Memorial Hall.

Mrs. Frankum received a letter from Mr. Scholl, Chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee regarding the payment of rent, having the right to charge for the time the Clerk spends on Memorial Hall business and the Data Protection Act. BPC have acknowledged the letter. There was some discussion about whether a fuller response should be sent. Mrs. Frankum proposed that no further letter be sent; this was seconded by Mr. Heslop and carried, with 4 in favour, 3 against and 2 abstentions.

C2. GLEAM Life Membership.

GLEAM have thanked BPC for the donation towards the Fighting Fund they are setting up and have offered Life Membership to BPC. Mr. Beeson will investigate whether it is sensible for BPC to accept this or whether we are better staying as an annual member paying a yearly subscription.

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The meeting closed at 10.15pm.

NEXT BPC MEETING:	7.45pm Monday 10th May
NEXT PLANNING MEETING:	8.00pm Monday 26th April
PLEASE NOTE THE FOLOWING DATES:	
Common Clearing	2.00pm Saturday 24th April
Annual Parish Assembly	8.00pm Friday 7th May

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