Minutes of the Annual meeting of Bucklebury Parish Council Planning Committee held in The Victory Room, Bucklebury on Tuesday 27th May 2025 at 7pm.

1 **Present:**
Cllr. D. Southgate (Chairman); Cllr. J. Allum (arrived part way through the discussion); Cllr. G. Loader; Cllr. G. Pask; Cllr. P. Spours; Cllr. P. Teal; Cllr. C. Willett (arrived part way through the discussion); Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).
The planning agent for application 25/00900/FUL.

2 **Apologies.**
There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Dickens, Cllr. Windmill and Cllr. Woods.

3 **To elect the Chair of Bucklebury Planning Committee.**
It was unanimously agreed that Cllr. Woods would be chair of the Planning Committee for the coming year.

4 **Declarations of Interest.**
There were no declarations of interest in any agenda items.

5 **Public Session.**
No matters were raised during the public session.

6 **Planning Committee meeting held on the Monday 28th April 2025.**
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th April 2025 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by Chairman.

7 **Planning applications received from WBC:**

7.1 25/00900/FUL – Beenham Hatch, The Avenue.
Erection of a barn to house sheep and store hay.
It was questioned why the proposed barn is positioned so close to the neighbouring property.
The planning agent responded that the position was selected so that lambing ewes could be monitored closely.
The application refers to the roofing materials being either clay pan tiles or metal sheeting.
BPC were of the opinion that metal sheeting was unacceptable and that the roofing should be clay tiles.
It was agreed that BPC **objects** to this application on the grounds of the location and orientation of the barn and the impact it would have on the neighbouring property.

7.2 25/00804/HOUSE & 25/00805/LBC – Bucklebury House.
Erection of new entrance hall building, associated alterations and works.
It was unanimously agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application.

7.3 25/01023/HOUSE - Bucklethwaite.
Demolish existing timber framed double garage/store/room above and replace with Oak framed building consisting of double garage/store/workshop and annex above.
It was agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application subject to the annex remaining ancillary to Bucklethwaite.

8 **Round Table Comments.**

8.1 WBC Local Plan.
It is understood that the King's Counsel opinon has found no grounds for legal challenge on the Local Plan. It is expected that WBC will approve the Local Plan at a meeting on the 6th June.
Cllr. Dickens has spoken to District Cllr. Read about meeting with the chairs of neighbouring parishes to formulate a way forwards.
The primary points for Bucklebury are maintaining the strategic gap between the development and Upper Bucklebury, and traffic. BPC must focus on the primary issues affecting Bucklebury.
The location of the gas pipeline across the site was also raised.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

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