Minutes of the meeting of Bucklebury Parish Council Planning Committee
held in The Victory Room, Bucklebury on
Monday 24th March 2024 at 7.45pm.

1 **Present:**
Cllr. D. Southgate (Chairman); Cllr. J. Allum; Cllr. G. Loader; Cllr. M. Morgan; Cllr. G. Pask; Cllr. P. Spours; Cllr. P. Teal; Cllr. C. Willett; Cllr. L. Windmill; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).
No members of the public were present.

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

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

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

5 **Planning Committee meeting held on the Monday 25th November 2024.**
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25th November 2024 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by Chairman.

6 **Planning applications received from WBC:**

6.1 24/00701/FUL – Ivinghoe (Stanford Dingley Parish).
Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with a new dwelling and landscape enhancements. Amendment received reducing proposal to a single storey over a larger footprint.
There was surprise that the significant changes in this amendment are being treated as such and not a new application. The amendment considers the gross external footprint of the existing bungalow plus the three outbuildings, two of which were not constructed when the application was originally submitted. This is compared to the internal footprint of the proposed dwelling which excludes the large overhangs.
It was agreed that BPC **objects** to this application on the following grounds:

- the application is being considered as an amendment and not a new application,
- whilst there is a reduction in height, it remains incongruous,
- the huge increase in footprint from the existing bungalow,
- the windows, facing south-west are very close to the boundary and will be dominant to traffic coming from Bushell's Green.

If WBC is minded to approve this application it was agreed that there should be conditions that no additional floors can be added and that the roof space is not to be used.

6.2 25/00496/HOUSE – Holly Cottage, Kiff Green (Woolhampton Parish).
Single storey side extension to dwelling and demolition of existing garage.
It was unanimously agreed that BPC **objects** to this application on the basis of an unsympathetic design to an attractive property, overdevelopment across almost the full width of the curtilage and that the extension is in front of the building line.

6.3 25/00444/HOUSE – Westrop Farm House (Cold Ash Parish).
Proposed single storey extension, new front porch, amendments to external treatment and fenestration.
It was unanimously agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application.

7 **Round Table Comments.**

7.1 Signage on the Avenue at the top of Paradise Lane.
New signage to stop Thames Water lorries and contractors trying to use Paradise Lane have been erected at the top of Paradise Lane. Following complaints from the land owner, this has turned into a discussion on the status of Paradise Lane; is it a footpath, private road or private street or a combination thereof.

7.2 Memorial Hall Committee.
Cllr. Morgan reported that there is a Finance and General Purposes meeting on Tuesday 25th March. Two new trustees have been appointed.

7.3 Path parallel to Burdens Heath.
The new path parallel to Burdens Heath which has recently been upgraded and extended by Bucklebury Estate has had an extra layer of material added to it which has smoothed it off to a much better finish. This is now a good path.

7.4 Pump Track.
The quote for tarmacking the pump track was for £9,724. Repairs last year cost £1,568, so six repairs would balance the cost of the resurfacing. Cllr. Teal will get a quote for repairs to the existing finish.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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