Minutes of the meeting of Bucklebury Parish Council Planning Committee held in The Victory Room, Bucklebury on Monday 28th April 2024 at 7.45pm.

1 **Present:**
Cllr. D. Southgate (Chairman); Cllr. J. Allum; Cllr. B. Dickens; Cllr. G. Loader; Cllr. G. Pask; Cllr. P. Spours; Cllr. P. Teal; Cllr. L. Windmill; Cllr. G. Woods; Mrs. H. Pratt (Clerk).
Two members of the public were present.

2 **Apologies.**
There were apologies for absence from Cllr. Morgan.

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 24th March 2025.**
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th March 2025 were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by Chairman.

6 **Planning applications received from WBC:**

6.1 25/00716/HOUSE – Stag Cottage, Zin Zan.
Single storey side extension to form entrance lobby with WC and 2 bay carport. Detached single storey garden room/home office.
Following an introduction from Cllr. Pask, the applicant commented that since planning permission was approved in 2019 for an extension, subsidence has been discovered and as a result a different approach is being taken to gain extra space. An amendment, lowering the roof of the carport has already been submitted to WBC.
It was agreed that BPC **objects** to this application on the basis of the loss of light, particularly during the winter and the loss of amenity to the immediate neighbour to the north, and that the whole width of the plot will be filled, therefore losing any through views.

6.2 25/00702/FUL & 25/00703/LBC – Picton Farm, The Slade.
The repair and conversion of existing outbuildings to ancillary residential use. The repair and extension of an existing storage outbuilding following demolition of small exiting store. Definition of the residential curtilage associated with Picton Farmhouse.
This application is to convert agricultural buildings / outbuildings which have been disused for many years.
It was unanimously agreed that BPC has **no objection** to these applications.

6.3 25/00770/HOUSE – Iona, Cemetery Road.
Proposed 2nd storey extension only (on top of the existing ground floor extension).
It was unanimously agreed that BPC has **no objection** to this application.

7 **Round Table Comments.**

7.1 Local Plan.
Cllr. Spours reported that the Planning Inspector has published his report on the Local Plan. He concludes that the modified Plan is sound with 2,500 in NE Thatcham (with 1500 homes it would not be sound). A lot of detail is to be considered in the master planning process.
Andrew Black will be supporting BPC in the master planning process.

7.2 Signs on The Avenue, at the top of Paradise Lane.
The signs were put up by Thames Water; neither Bucklebury Estate nor WBC were consulted about the signs, which led to a complaint being raised to District Cllr. Read, who then raised it with WBC. This has resulted in significant confusion over the status of Paradise Lane.

7.3 VE Day 80 Beacon Lighting Event.
Plans for the event are well underway. More volunteers are needed to help set up, on the night

and to tidy up afterwards.

7.4 Bucklebury Common.
Cllr. Dickens reported that he has raised concerns with the Estate about where cattle will be, the fire hazard caused by the roots and holly brash, and the treatment of cut holly on The Avenue. There will be two "Walk and Talk" sessions, starting at the South carpark, on the 5th and 13th June.

7.5 Defibrillator Training.
There will be defibrillator training at the Memorial Hall, run by a SCAS Community First Responder on Thursday 26th June, after the coffee morning.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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