

## BUCKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at the Reading Room, Old Rd at 8 pm.

**Present:** Councillor Husband (Chairman), Councillors Day, Horden, Kearney, McDonald, and Pryor, the Clerk and resident Richard Grassley. District Councillor Paul Potter was present for items 1-6 of the meeting and PC Dom Loraine attended for item 4.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

(170) Apologies and reasons for absence were accepted from Councillor Steed and District Councillor John Muggeridge.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

(171) None.

### 3. Minutes

(172) Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011, were agreed and signed as a correct record.

### 4. Community Police Report

(173) PC Loraine presented crime statistics for the period 11<sup>th</sup> November – 9<sup>th</sup> January. Four crimes had been recorded; theft of the Royal British Legion collection box from the village store, criminal damage to a fence in Old Road, one incident of “*silent calls*” during the night (communications offence) and a road rage incident involving the driver of a car and a group of cyclists (Public Order Offence).

(174) PC Loraine advised that a recent report of vehicles deviating off the Buckland Lane BOAT had led to the issue of cautions to the occupants of two intercepted vehicles. He encouraged residents to continue to report any suspicious activity on the BOAT (or elsewhere within the village).

### 5. Open Forum

(175) The Chairman welcomed Richard Grassley to the meeting, and, having established his interest related to MO/2011/1667/PLAH invited his input. Mr Grassley expressed particular disappointment in relation to what he considered an unsympathetic design for the extensions and concern that the application lacks the necessary level of detail needed to enable local residents to understand how the applicants intend to access and operate the site during building works.

### 6. Planning: New Applications

(176) MO/2011/1667/PLAH: Erection of two storey front, side and rear extensions at Garden Cottage, Sandy Lane, Buckland. RH3 7AA. **Action:** Clerk to request conditions to require: (i) the dimensions of the extended property to be strictly in accordance with the approved plans; (ii) adequate and appropriate plant screening to be provided and subsequently maintained along the rear boundary; and (iii) minimal external light pollution; and, that prior to starting any work: (iv) MVDC approval of a method statement setting out safe and workable plans for access to the site and governing on-site operations; and (v) approvals from the relevant bodies to demonstrate adequate but mitigation measures have been agreed.

- (177) MO/2011/1663/CAT: Removal of 1 Elder tree at The Old School, Rectory Lane, Buckland. RH3 7BH. No objection.
- (178) MO/2011/1711/PLA: Erection of single storey rear extension, revised parking layout and children's play area at The Jolly Farmers, Reigate Road, Buckland. RH3 7BG. **Action:** Clerk to write to MVDC in support of this proposal.

### **Mole Valley District Council Decisions**

The following Local Planning Authority decisions were noted:

- (179) MO/2011/1122/CAT: Remove 1 Wellingtonia (TG1) at The Orchard, Rectory Lane RH3 7BD. No objection.
- (180) MO/2011/1229/PLA: Erection of two storey extension, including the insertion of 2 No. rooflights to South elevation and French Doors and Juliet balcony to rear elevation, following demolition of existing conservatory. (Resubmission: MO/2010/0585) at 11 Tranquil Dale RH3 7EE. A decision was deferred to allow time for officers to ask the applicant to complete the rear face of the development in accordance with the original application. The applicant declined the request and indicated an appeal would be lodged if the application were to be refused. The Development Committee, having expressed their disappointment at the outcome, approved this application on 4 January 2012.
- (181) MO/2011/1308/CU: Change of use of building previously used for plant and machinery repairs, storage and servicing to uses B1 to B8 inclusive at Workshop, Tapwood Pit, Reigate Road, Buckland, Surrey. Approved with conditions
- (182) MO/2011/1331/CAT: Reduce 1 Willow tree (T1 on plan) by 35-50% at Street Farm House, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7BH. No objection.
- (183) MO/2011/1368/PLA: Erection of replacement garden shed following demolition of two existing sheds at Street Farm Cottage, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7BH. Approved with conditions. It was noted that MVDC had granted Council's request for inclusion of a condition requiring the proposed demolition of two existing sheds be undertaken. (Council's view was that residents should be able to rely upon a development, once completed, reflecting the description set out in the application).
- (184) **Edolphs Farm Licence Application.** A license application for a new entertainment venue at Edolphs Farm was withdrawn shortly after it was submitted to MVDC. The applicant has indicated an intention to submit a revised application in the New Year but no details are known at this stage.

### **Tandridge & Reigate and Banstead District Council Decisions**

- (185) TA/2011/1015; P/11/01254/F: Construction of hard runway to replace existing grass runways and ancillary infrastructure comprising realignment of existing taxiways, a new taxiway link, drainage improvements, replacement runway lighting and new approach lighting at Redhill Aerodrome, Kings Mill Lane, South Nutfield RH1 5JZ. Refused by both authorities. It was noted that initial indications from Redhill Aerodrome Management suggest an appeal is likely.
- (186) District Cllr Potter advised he would be attending a meeting of the Redhill Aerodrome Consultative Committee on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January and that the aerodrome management are scheduled to attend a meeting of the MVDC Scrutiny Committee at the end of the month. He undertook to provide feedback to the Clerk prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

## Surrey County Council Consultation

- (187) SCC/2010/0136/SJ: Consultation for additional information submitted by the applicant, Hanson Quarry Products Europe Limited, relating to the planning application for Park Pit and Tapwood Quarry submitted in June 2010. The case Officer at SCC is still awaiting the submission of additional information and current expectation is that this application is unlikely to be determined before 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

### 7. Finance

- (188) The following **Accounts for Payment** were approved:

- i. *Alan Pryor* £29.38 *Inc. £4.90 Vat*  
*(Refund for purchase of coachbolts (used to strengthen repositioned noticeboard) and wood stain (applied to improve the appearance of the bus shelter))*
- ii. *Information Commissioner's Office* £35.00  
*(Data Protection Act Registration)*
- iii. *Sheena Boyce* £474.69  
*(2 mths salary £407.32, council admin £67.37)*

- (189) **Budget for the period April 2012 – March 2013**

Schedules, providing financial analysis for the current and budget years, and draft minutes for the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Cllr Horden, as Chair of the Finance Committee, having first summarised the key considerations and assumptions recommended a budget of £9200 for the forthcoming financial year. This recommendation received unanimous approval.

- (190) **Precept Request for the period April 2012 – March 2013.**

MVDC had written to advise that the Executive Committee are being asked to approve a 20% cut in the level of concurrent grants to Parish Councils. It was noted that this would reduce income by £300. Cllr Horden proposed the Finance Committee recommendation to submit a precept request of £8000 subject to a proviso that if the cut in concurrent grants exceeds 20%, the precept request will be increased to maintain a balanced budget. This recommendation received unanimous approval.

### 8. Village Amenities

- (191) **Floodlighting to the Church**

Cllr Day reported that Antony Hamilton (electrician) does not consider it cost effective to replace the defective unit with LED at this time as he believes the technology has yet to prove itself. Cllr Day request for the purchase of a new conventional unit, at a (previously advised) cost of £221 ex vat to be approved was unanimously agreed. **Action:** Cllr Day to obtain a quote for installation of the proposed new fitting and to liaise with the Clerk to ensure the cost remains within the current forecast.

### 9. Feedback from Council Representatives

- (192) Cllr Pryor and the Clerk had attended a meeting of the **Dorking Rural Highways Forum** on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011. Simon Mitchell, the SCC officer in charge of winter maintenance operations had attended the meeting and provided reassurance that contingency arrangements with local farmers had now been sufficiently progressed to include Buckland, Betchworth and Brockham.

- (193) Cllr Pryor had attended the second meeting of the **Mole Valley Rural Crime Panel** on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011. Discussion focused upon the nature of rural crime and, in particular, problems relating to criminal and anti-social activity on public byways and fly tipping. The potential to introduce a countryside text alert system – similar to the schemes operating between retailers in town centres is being evaluated. All MVRCP members had been asked to encourage residents to report crime and antisocial behaviour in the countryside by calling 101. **Action:** Cllr Pryor agreed to attend the next meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

#### **10. Communications**

- (194) It was noted that the Parish Council **Email Group** now includes an email address for over 30% of the village's residential properties; Councillors and the Clerk having secured a significant number of signups when distributing broadband surveys. **Actions:** Clerk to provide a list of those properties not yet visited (properties within Buckland whose telephone numbers fall within the Reigate exchange area) to Cllr Pryor. Cllr Husband to complete his visits.
- (195) The agreed article on **resilience planning** had been published in the January Parish Magazine and posted on the website and notice boards. As no feedback had been received, no further action was considered appropriate.

#### **11. Community Events**

- (196) It was noted a letter had been sent to the team at **Hartsfield Manor** to express appreciation for the Festive Evening for local residents on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011.
- (197) The **Surrey 2012** team offer to attend a Meeting to provide an opportunity for local residents to help influence this year's cycling events, published in the January Parish magazine and posted on the notice boards and website had only elicited one reply. A decision was deferred to allow more time for responses.

#### **12. Forthcoming meetings**

- (198) The Parish Council confirmed the next meeting will be held in the Reading Room on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and subsequent Meetings will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> September and 12<sup>th</sup> November.
- (199) The next **Annual Parish Meeting** will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012. After a short discussion the Clerk was tasked to investigate structuring the evening around a 2012 theme.
- (200) An invitation to the Surrey Clubs for Young people (SYCP) Annual General Meeting at 6.30pm on January 11th at High Ashurst Activities Centre had been circulated. **Action:** Clerk to email SCYP to express appreciation for the invitation and to advise no Councillors able to attend.
- (201) Capel Parish Council had issued an invitation to attend a pre-meeting presentation entitled "Preparing a Neighbourhood Plan: Initial Steps" on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012. **Action:** Clerk to express thanks for the invitation and to advise no Councillors will attend.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

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