

Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th July 2023 at the Cricket Pavilion, King George V Fields, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JN at 8.00pm

PRESENT:	Mr D Brackin (DB) Mrs S Simkins (SS) Mrs L Du Toit (LdT) Mrs P Vahey (PV)	Chairman Deputy Chairman Councillor Parish Council Clerk
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr J Chhokar (JCh)	Councillor, Gerrards Cross Town Council, Candidate Denham Ward By-Election, Bucks Council
ON ZOOM:	Mrs J Cook (JCo)	Councillor, Iver Ward, The Ivers Parish Council, Candidate Denham Ward By-Election, Bucks Council
POLICE:	Not present.	
PRESS:	Not present.	
PUBLIC:	There was one member of the public present and two using the Zoom videoconferencing platform.	

1. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
2. **Apologies:** There were apologies from Buckinghamshire Cllrs Guy Hollis, Santokh Chhokar and Fulmer Parish Cllrs Ian Bocock, Francesca Hall-Drinkwater, Parm Khanghura and Kathryn Robinson.
3. **Police Update:** The only update received from TVP Police had been received except for a reminder to respond to the Chilterns and South Bucks Policing Issues Forum survey which closed on 26th July.

ACTION carried forward from May 9th:

- *Contact Fulmer PCSO again to attempt to resolve parking issue once the traffic lights had been removed from the road at that point.*

Action: PV

4. **Public Quarter Hour:** There were no questions or issues raised for the PQH, although the Chairman asked the member of the public present whether there had been any noise disturbances recently from the Pinewood Studios site, which there had not.
5. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 13th June 2023:** The Minutes having been previously circulated prior to the Meeting were reviewed and were accepted as an accurate record of the business conducted at that Meeting and were recommended for signature by the Chairman of that meeting.
6. **Buckinghamshire Councillors Report:** Bucks Cllr Santokh Chhokar had submitted a report to the Council with updates on the following:

Ultrafast broadband boost for rural businesses
Bucks Rural Business Grant
Buckinghamshire Film Office
Ward boundaries consultation
Local Plan and Local Transport Plan
Local transport plan
And Cost of Living funding and focus.

ACTION:

- Write to Cllr Chhokar for a fuller report on the ultrafast broadband boost for rural businesses and its applicability to Fulmer. **Action: PV**
- Compile a list of former Cllr Bass' outstanding actions for action by Cllr Chhokar.

Action: PV

The Chairman reported he and the Clerk had met with Bucks Council Officer Charlie Robinson, Environmental Protection Team Leader with reference to two local noise complaints and had received sound advice.

It was reported the LAT had written to Fulmer Hall re their dangerous trees.

7. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

Residents had reported a fallen tree across Fulmer Common Road on 15th July. It had been reported to the Police, who attended, and Bucks Council who closed the road and cleared it. The following day road works appeared in Windmill Road closing the road causing traffic, including a bus, to back up. There had been no notice of the road closure.

ACTION:

- Establish what the procedure is for road closures from Bucks Council. **Action: PV**

ACTIONS carried forward from June 13th:

- Recruit volunteers to compile a definitive list to include all incidents in the village and take this item forward. **Action IB**

8. Planning and Enforcement:

Five new Planning Applications for Fulmer had been registered since the last Council Meeting.

PL/23/1814/VRC Fernacres Cottages, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JW

Variation of Condition 10 (Approved plans) of Planning permission PL/22/3769/DE (Approval of reserved matters following outline approval PL/22/1036/OA – Outline application for demolition of 7 buildings and erection of 4 dwellings (matters to be considered: appearance and landscaping) to allow for construction of basements to each dwelling.

The Council RESOLVED not to object

PL/23/1984/NMA St Benedict, Alderbourne Lane SL0 0NS

Non material amendment to planning permission PL/22/0833/FA (Two storey side extension) to allow for the addition of 2 no. faux chimney breasts, changes to finishes on the flank wall and fenestration revisions.

This had been decided as accepted by Bucks Council.

PL/23/2013/FA Red Oak House, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JQ

Installation of a 27-panel ground mounted solar PV system.

The Council RESOLVED not to object

PL/23/1998/SA Daisybank, Hay Lane, SL3 6HJ

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed hip to gable side roof extension, rear dormer, 3 front rooflights and 1 side gable window.

The Council RESOLVED to comment, to recommend that a proper party wall agreement was put in place and the impact on the adjoining Conservation Area was taken into consideration by the Heritage Officer. Also given existing noise complaints, there was compliance with Building Regulations regarding noise.

PL/23/2185/SA Kingsmead, 104 Fulmer Road SL9 7EH

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed construction of a detached garage.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

ACTIONS carried forward from December 6th:

- *The Enforcements to be reviewed at the next opportunity.* **Action: KR**
The Clerk reported that Bucks Council had started Planning Surgeries for Town and Parish Councils to assist with understanding and responding to Planning Applications.

ACTION:

- *Circulate slide set on the operation of Planning Surgeries to the Council.* **Action: PV**
Cllr Khanghura had previously circulated an update on all planning applications received, outstanding applications still requiring a decision and the progress of other applications. Details of these can be found at:
<https://pa.chilternandsouthbucks.gov.uk/online-applications/>
or email: planning@chilternandsouthbucks.gov.uk

9. Community Matters:

- **FSCA & KGFF:** Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the progress of the developments at KGFF and the FSCA. The refurbishment of the all-weather court had been completed. The rates for hiring the court were to be reviewed. It was suggested that the Netball group be approached again to see if they would be interested in hiring now it was refurbished. There was also a suggestion as to whether Pinewood Studios would be interested in hiring any of the facilities the FSCA offered. Cllr Du Toit said she was going to investigate sponsorship in the form of advertising banners for the site. She also mentioned the Council had not increased their grant for over 8 years. The Clerk reminded the Council that there was a new grants policy and application process which the FSCA would be required to complete.

ACTION:

- *Formal request for an increase in the grant to be submitted to the September Council meeting.* **Action: LdT**
- **Allotments:** The Clerk reported that she had agreed with Cllr Du Toit that the Fulmer Best Kept Allotment would not be run this year owing to the lack of properly tended allotments available to judge. Cllr du Toit asked if an allotment could be made available to store the cricket covers when not in use. The Clerk believed a vacant allotment could be made available. However, doubt was expressed as to whether this was a legitimate use of an allotment, although a benefit would be the covers would kill off the weeds on the allotment.

ACTION:

- *Hold a meeting of the Allotments holders in August.* **Action: PV**
- **Speedwatch:** Following a discussion on how to recruit volunteers it was thought that personal approach stood the best chance of success.

- **Fulmer Conservation Volunteers:** the same conclusion was reached as for Speedwatch on the recruitment of volunteers. It was also thought that the village WhatsApp groups could take responsibility for their respective areas. It was also discussed whether refreshments at the Clubhouse could be made available for the volunteers on Saturday mornings. It was suggested that the hanging baskets for Best Kept Village had suffered from no rain and were hidden from view by trees and that the budget could be better spent on the troughs and planters next year.

ACTION:

- *Enquire re the availability of the Clubhouse on Saturday mornings.*

Action: DB

10. Communications: A resident had brought to the Council's attention the Cars & Coffee event to be held at the Black Horse on Sunday 30th July. At the previous event the cars had used Fulmer Road as a hill climb racing at speed and noisily out of the village.

ACTION:

- *Contact Cllr Hall-Drinkwater to ask her to ask the WhatsApp groups to report back on any noise, speed etc caused by the event.*

Action: PV

ACTION carried forward from June 13th:

- *Contact Stoke Poges Clerk to investigate the availability of the distribution list.*

Action: PV

ACTION:

- *Advertise the Weekly Briefing on village WhatsApp groups.*

Action: PV

ACTION carried forward from February 8th:

- *Investigate which houses in Fulmer were not in the MailChimp database to find out whether they would like to be.*

Action: PV

11. News & Activity from Local Government & other Community Partners: The Chairman and Clerk had continued to attend Local Government and Community meetings, details of which were available in the Council Dropbox.

The Clerk reported she had attended the recent Community Board event showcasing the green projects funded by the Community Board in its Towns and Parishes.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the recent SBALC when the newly appointed Cabinet Member for Localism, Arif Hussain had also attended the meeting. He had expressed an objective to improve the communication with the Town and Parishes Councils in Buckinghamshire.

Concern was expressed over the size and location of the new bin store in the Churchyard and whether it was suitable for a Conservation Area.

ACTION:

- *Investigate the rules on bin stores in Conservation areas.*

Action: PV

12. Finance & Governance:

The Clerk had previously circulated the Financial Summaries, Budget Reports and Bank Reconciliation Reports for all the Fulmer Parish Council Accounts for the periods ending June 2023 which were accepted by the Parish Council. Copies of the Bank Reconciliation reports for each account are appended to these Minutes.

July Payments

FPC

Budgeted

Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (July)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	1935.49	Y
HMRC tax & NI	548.03	Y
Employers Pension contribution	49.13	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Roots Grass cutting	546.94	Y
Insurance	3117.71	

TOTAL 6405.84

FSCA

Water rates the Studio	38.79
eDF electricity The Studio	50.20
SSE electricity the clubhouse	642.07
The Studio rates	76.00
New all-weather court surface	36913.73
Insurance	3500.00

TOTAL 41182.00

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August Payments

FPC

Budgeted

Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (August)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	1900.00	Y
HMRC tax & NI	548.03	Y
Employers Pension contribution	49.13	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y

TOTAL 2705.70

FSCA

Water rates the Studio 38.79

DB

eDF electricity The Studio	100.00
The Studio rates	76.00

TOTAL	176.00
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The Clerk asked for approval to pay the invoice for the new all-weather court surface on behalf of the FSCA.

The Council RESOLVED to approve payment of the all-weather court invoice on behalf of the FSCA.

ACTION carried forward from 9th May:

- Investigate the treatment of VAT w.r.t KGFF to move towards a resolution in September.

Action: PV

ACTION carried forward from 9th May:

- Add the new Fulmer Crest to the village Noticeboard when it was refurbished. **Action: PV**
- Investigate producing business cards including the new crest for the Clerk and others.

Action: PV

13. Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 20.00hrs.
There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 21:42 hrs.

Signed.....
D Brackin Chairman

Dated..... 5th Sept 23.....