

Minutes of Fulmer Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th May 2025 at the Cricket Pavilion, King George V Fields, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JN at 8.00pm

PRESENT:	Mr D Brackin (DB)	Chairman
	Mrs S Simkins (SS)	Deputy Chairman
	Mr I Bocock (IB)	Councillor
	Mrs L Du Toit (LdT)	Councillor
	Mrs F Hall-Drinkwater (FH-D)	Councillor
	Mr P Khanghura (PK)	Councillor
	Mrs P Vahey (PV)	Parish Council Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE:	Cllr D Moore (DM)	Buckinghamshire Council (BC) Councillor
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POLICE: Not present.

PRESS: Not present.

PUBLIC: There were two members of the public present and one joined using Zoom.

- 1. Elected Councillors:** The Clerk witnessed the signatures of the Elected Councillors Acceptances of Office.
- 2. Appointment of Chairman:** Cllr. Brackin agreed to continue as Chairman. The Council duly elected Cllr. Brackin to serve as Chairman of Fulmer Parish Council for the year 2025-26 municipal.
- 3. Appointment of Deputy Chairman:** Cllr. Simkins agreed to continue as Deputy Chairman. The Council duly elected Cllr. Simkins to serve as the Deputy Chairman of Fulmer parish Council for the year 2025-26 municipal.
- 4. Declarations of Acceptance of Office:** Cllr. Brackin signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman for 2025-26. Cllr. Simkins signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for Deputy Chairman for 2025-26.
- 5. Adoption of Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Financial Orders.** The Chairman reminded the Council of the expectations of their conduct as Councillors in accordance with the seven Nolan Principles of standards of behaviour in public life. The Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Financial orders were adopted.
- 6. Allocation of Duties for Parish Councillors:** The allocation of Duties for Parish Councillors was approved for 2025-26 whilst noting the Council did not have its full complement of Councillors.
- 7. Ratification of Parish Council meeting dates for 2025-26:** The suggested Parish Council meeting dates for 2025-26 were approved by the Council.



8. **Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
9. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Cllrs Thomas Hogg and Dev Dhillon.
10. **Police Update:** Other than the electronic notifications received from Thames Valley Police, Local Neighbourhood Watch and Buckinghamshire Council Community Safety team which were available in the Council DropBox, there was no update. The Chairman reported that he was arranging a meeting with PC Kaitlyn Brooks, the new Neighbourhood Supervisor for Fulmer.
11. **Public Quarter Hour:** A member of the public asked about the large amount of earth which had been moved onto Church Farm and the bunds which had been built. In addition, go-karting had taken place in a field behind the Black Horse where the public footpath went up to the Fulmer Rise Estate. The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the landowner who had claimed it was for his privacy. However, given the scale of the earthworks he would talk to the Landowner again. He also suggested ways to record the noise generated by the go-karting is that it could be reported as a nuisance to Enforcement at Buckinghamshire Council. Similarly, residents had sent in more pictures of the earthworks which would be reported to the Enforcement teams it was suspected Planning permission was required and had not been sought. The landowner was also directing walkers from the existing footpath which also required permission to change the direction of a Public Right of Way from Bucks Council. Another member of the public pointed out that a car dealership Kan Cars Ltd was listed as being based at Church Farm in Fulmer. This implied that there had been a change of use from farm Shop to car Dealer which also did not have permission.
12. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 15th April 2025:** The Minutes having been previously circulated prior to the Meeting were reviewed and accepted as an accurate record of the business conducted at that Meeting and were recommended for signature by the Chairman of the meeting.
13. **Buckinghamshire Councillors Report:** Cllr Moore thanked everyone involved in Fulmer Family Fun Day which he had attended with his family who had had a good time. Cllr Moore reported That the Stoke Common Road repair of the failed surface was scheduled for resurfacing in 2026. However, the Highways team would be checking the road monthly and if required carry out failsafe repairs. The fly tipped caravan had been removed. Fulmer Lane had also been cleared of litter. Cllr Moore reported that Bucks were being successful in catching fly tippers who were being given significant fines. He committed to follow-up the closure of the Beeches Way Public Right of Way with Joanne Taylor the PRoW Officer and to visit the path personally. Questions were asked as to whether the owners of Penn Wood had been written to following the incident where the dog had escaped and bitten a walker. There was good news in that Bucks Council had committed to more funding for PRoWs in this financial year.



ACTION:

- *Write to the owners of Penn Wood re the incident with the dog.* **Action: PV**
Cllr Moore asked that he was interested in reports of the mess that CityFibre were leaving behind after working on the fibre cable laying so if anyone had any issues, please report them to him.
Ownership of the verges along Stoke Common Road and in particular the culvert under Windmill Road were discussed. The culvert became blocked regularly thereby the area became flooded.

ACTION:

- *Ask Burnham Beeches Rangers if they knew who owned the culvert.* **Action: DB**
There was a discussion regarding the proposed replacement footbridge at the Watersplash.

ACTION:

- *Forward the plans for the replacement footbridge to Cllr Moore.* **Action: DB**
Cllr Hogg had also sent in a report that was circulated to the Council. He had also asked if the Council wanted him to get back to Joy Morrissey MP about the broadband speeds or was the Council happy with the response he had sent on. Given the presence of CityFibre laying cables the Council was optimistic that high speed broadband would become available to Fulmer residents.
His report had listed his current twelve priorities.

14. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

Cllr Bocock committed to walking the village's PROWs. He also reported there was still some litter picking outstanding to be carried out. reported he had reported the mattress dumped in Stoke Common Road on FixMyStreet. He reminded the Council that the FMS reports reported by local councillors were escalated.

The next steps with HGV weight limit campaign were discussed. It had been decided to contact the Community Board to find out what was required in the form of evidence once the new Community Boards were up and running and the new Chairman had been appointed. The Chairman asked that the HGV weight limit become a separate Agenda item in future. Cllr Moore suggested he ask MP Joy Morrissey to visit Fulmer to see for herself the issues.

ACTIONS carried forward from March 11th:

- *Contact Community Board to progress.* **Action: PV**
- *Write to James Beavis of i-Transport re a traffic survey.* **Action: DB**
- *Obtain quotes to replace the now broken planter by the village name sign.* **Action: PV**
- *Source and arrange planting of a new cherry tree to commemorate Edward Guinness and to surround both the new and existing tree with protective deer fending.* **Action: PV**
- *Investigate the placement of litter bins by the Black Park parking bays.* **Action: PV**

ACTION:

- *Send HGV Weight Limit report to Cllr Moore.* **Action: IB**

15. Planning and Enforcement:

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

PL/25/1340/NMA

King George's Field, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JN

Non-material amendment to planning permission PL/21/3757/FA (improvements to the access road and construction of a dedicated car park. The application also seeks to regularise the certificate for lawful use (06/01707/EUC) of an area of land for parking of cars associated with activity within the King George's Field, Fulmer Recreation Ground) to allow reference to proposed solar powered bollards to be re-worded to 'proposed bollards' on the proposed Site Plan (CTG-SP-002 rev. A) and proposed Car Parking Layout (CTG_SP-003 Rev. A).

As Trustees to King George's Field the Council RESOLVED it would be incorrect to support the application.

PL/25/1247/KA Webb's Cottage, Windmill Road SL3 6HD

T1 *Fagus sylvatica* – reduce crown all round by between 2.5-3m, T2 *Fraxinus excelsior* – fell to hedge height. (Conservation Area: Fulmer).

ACTION:

- Write to another resident at Springfield Cottages reassuring the resident that the Council was willing to raise any issues in the area with Bucks. **Action: PV**

Cllr Khanghura reported that planning application PL/24/3472/FA had been refused. The Clerk informed the meeting that the request for TPOs for trees near Springfield Cottages had been accepted by Bucks Council.

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

16. Community Matters:

ACTIONS carried forward from June 11th:

- Draw up a specification for grass and hedge cutting in the village. **Action: PV**

FSCA & KGFF: Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the progress of the developments at KGFF and the FSCA. Cllr Du Toit reported that Fulmer Family Fun Day had been the best ever not just because everyone had a good time but also in terms of the money raised for KGFF and thanked everyone involved for their support. A lot of the children who benefitted from the Munchbox school lunches had also attended. The Chairman suggested he bought flowers to thank the lead organiser. The 1st Gerrards Cross and Fulmer Scoutmaster had also attended the FFFD and had committed to reporting on the Scouts activities regularly.

St James Church Fulmer: Cllr Hall-Drinkwater gave a short report on activities at St James Church.

Speedwatch: Cllr Bocock reported that of 164 vehicles caught on the last Speedwatch session 9 had been speeding. A member of the public expressed interest in joining the Speedwatch team. The Chairman suggested they meet up for a session. The Member of the public had also managed to download the data from the MVAS positioned in Fulmer Common Road and reported on the statistics. The member of the public had used an old laptop to install the software on so that it could be used specifically for the purpose of collecting the statistics from the MVAS. It was decided to publish the statistics monthly in the Weekly Briefing. Cllr Moore suggested that the Council apply to the TVP PCC's fund for further MVAS and CCTV.

17. Communications: There had been no communications from residents that had not been addressed earlier in the meeting. The Chairman reported that he had received an enquiry from a company wanting to know if Fulmer Hall could be used as a Wedding venue.

18. 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.

Specifically, the Chairman was attending the rescheduled SBALC meeting in the forthcoming week.

The Clerk had attended the first Town and Parish Clerk's Forum since the elections. The Minutes of which were in the DropBox.

19. 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 April 2025 which were accepted by the Parish Council. Copies of the Bank Reconciliation reports for each account are appended to these Minutes. The Council approved the following payments for May.

May Payments

FPC		Budgeted
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (May)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	1986.12	Y
HMRC tax & NI	524.44	Y
Employers Pension contribution	54.45	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Internal Audit	612.00	Y
KGFF Grant	1250.00	Y
TOTAL	4635.55	


FSCA

Electricity The Studio	147.75
The Studio rates	99.00
Electricity The Clubhouse	221.51
TOTAL	468.26

TOTAL 5103.81

20. Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 10th June 2025 at 20.00hrs.
 There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:22 hrs.

Signed 
 D Brackin Chairman

Dated 10th June 2025