

**Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
at the Cricket Pavilion, King George V Fields, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JN at  
8.00pm**

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| PRESENT:       | Mr D Brackin (DB)  | Chairman                              |
|                | Mrs S Simkins (SS)   | Deputy Chairman                       |
|                | Mr I Bocock (IB)   | Councillor                            |
|                | Mr P Khanghura (PK)  | Councillor                            |
|                | Mrs K Robinson (KR)  | Councillor                            |
|                | Mrs P Vahey (PV)   | Parish Council Clerk                  |
| IN ATTENDANCE: | Cllr Paul Bass (PB)  | Buckinghamshire Council<br>Councillor |
| POLICE:        | Not present.   |                                       |
| PRESS:         | Not present.   |                                       |
| PUBLIC:        | Five members of the public attended and four joined the meeting using the Zoom videoconferencing platform. |                                       |

- 1. Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 2. Apologies:** There were apologies from Fulmer Parish Cllr Lorette Du Toit. Fulmer Cllr Kathryn Robinson gave her apologies and left the meeting at 21:10hrs. Fulmer Parish Cllr Francesca Hall-Drinkwater joined the meeting at 21:25 hrs
- 3. Police Update:** The following updates and information from TVP Police had been circulated:
  - a. Neighbourhood Watch January 2023 Newsletter.
  - b. Operation Holly news.
  - c. Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley Consultation.
- 4. Public Quarter Hour:** A member of the Public asked whether the Police could be notified about the vehicles that park on the footpath under the M40 motorway bridge on the Windsor Road. Cllr Bass suggested using FixMyStreet to report illegal parking as it could be used for this purpose.

**ACTION:**

- Ask the PCSO to monitor the area.

**Action: PV**

A member of the Public asked the Council to object to the Planning Application PL/22/3993/FA at Dukes Kiln Farm, Windsor Road SL9 8SP. they cited the following reasons: it was Green Belt and there were no special circumstances, development had already started with no permission, new fencing had been erected on a neighbour's land, some of the assertions made on the application were in their opinion untrue. Buckinghamshire Councillor Guy Hollis had asked for the application to be called in by Bucks Planning Committee.

**Having not previously commented on the application the Council RESOLVED to object.** Members of the Public complained that they were still not receiving Bucks Council's communications regarding the recent Planning Application. One member had personally



written to the Communications Director at Pinewood Group, copied to the CEO of Bucks Council.

**ACTION:**

- *Take it up with Bucks Planning Department again to ensure the residents were on the Planning Department's mailing list.*

**Action: PB**

The Chairman discussed with the members of the Public the proposed mitigation requirements asked of Pinewood and whilst Pinewood had responded Bucks Council were yet to. A meeting was scheduled for the interested parties later in January. Cllr Bass reported he was talking to MP Joy Morrissey the following day. It was reported that the Colne Valley Regional Park were negative on the Planning Application whilst supporting the proposed Nature Reserve.

**ACTION:**

- *Invite Pinewood Studios to address a Council meeting.*

**Action: DB**

**5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022:** 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:** Cllr Bass reported on progress. Following a discussion about the state of some areas of the roads in Fulmer Cllr Bass committed to introduce Cllr Bocock to a senior Highways Officer at Bucks Council.

**ACTION:**

- *Introduce Cllr Bocock to Bucks Highways.*
- a. The local Government Boundary Review report was due out in February.
- b. Cllr Bass continued to follow up on the latent Council Tax issues.
- c. Bins. Eight months on from the contract changeover there were still issues which he continued to chase.
- d. Cllr Bass suggested engagement with the Planning Officers regarding the Pinewood Planning Application and invite them to a Council meeting.

**Action: PB**

**ACTIONS:**

- *Approach planning officers and ask them to engage with the Fulmer Chairman directly.*

**Action: PB**

**7. Highways Maintenance & Environment:**

Following a discussion about the Fulmer Conservation Volunteers which had fallen into abeyance it was agreed to start the litter picking again on a street-by-street basis using the local WhatsApp groups. It was established there were four local WhatsApp groups, Windmill Road residents, Hay Lane residents, Fulmer Common Road residents and a more general Fulmer Neighbours group.

It was suggested that in respect of the Highways, a list be prepared of the activities that were required, for example clearing the footpaths, to assess the best approach for each activity.

Cllr Bocock had contacted the Police Officer in charge of Speedwatch for Thames valley Police. He reported TVP would lend the Speedwatch group the necessary equipment for six months once the group was up and running again. Cllr Bocock was going to contact the previous members of the group as a starting point. It was also suggested that Speedwatch Area signs be posted at the entrances to Fulmer.



The Clerk reported the monies had been received from Bucks Council for the MVAS which had been ordered.

It was also reported that during the recent very wet weather the drains in Windmill and Fulmer Roads needed clearing.

**ACTION:**

- *Remind residents to use FixMyStreet to report blocked drains in the next Weekly Briefing.* **Action: DB**
- *Contact the owner of Fernacres Cottages to ask for an extra footpath to be included in the Planning Application to link up with existing footpaths in the area.* **Action: DB**
- *The area at the bottom of Cherry Tree Lane to be reported again on FixMyStreet.* **Action: DB**

**8. Planning and Enforcement:**

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

**PL/22/4373/CONDA      Fernacres Cottages, Fulmer Common Road, SL3 6JW**

Approval of condition 12 (contamination) of planning permission PL/22/1036/OA – Outline application for the demolition of 7 dwellings and erection of 4 dwellings (matters to be considered: access, layout and scale).

**The Council RESOLVED not to object.**

**PL/22/4177/SA      Bracken Cottage, Cherry Tree Lane SL3 6JE**

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed single storey side extension.

**This Council RESOLVED not to object.**

It was suggested that templates be created for responses to Planning Applications where the Council resolved not to object, i.e., supported or was neutral and that all planning Applications were responded to.

**ACTIONS carried forward from December 6<sup>th</sup>:**

- *Contact Bucks Council Enforcement Team re a report from Buckinghamshire Council Enforcement team for the next meeting showing which Enforcements were still on-going and those that were closed and the outcome.* **Action: PK**
- *Create templates responses to Planning Applications where the Council resolved not to object, i.e., supported or was neutral thereby ensuring all planning Applications were responded to.*

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](mailto:planning@chilternandsouthbucks.gov.uk)

**9. Community Matters:**

Cllr Hall-Drinkwater reported on the success of the Christmas events held by St James Church, Fulmer. In particular, Christingle had been attended by 171 people and the Carols by Candlelight had also been well attended.

There was a discussion about the dates for the forthcoming Coronation and a potential clash with the annual Fulmer Family Fun day. It was also suggested that Fulmer Day be held this year on the second weekend in July.



**ACTION:**

- Check with St James Church for any wedding services booked for Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July. **Action: FH-D**
- Nearer the time contact the School regarding involvement in Fulmer Day. **Action: F-HD**  
It was reported that both of the co-heads of the School would be leaving at the end of the Summer Term.  
The question was asked as to how much money was made the last time the event was held.
- **Beeches Way Footpath:** Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the completion of the Beeches Way Footpath repairs and asked that the neighbour at West Hill be asked to cut back the overgrown Rhododendrons and repair their fencing.

**ACTION:**

- Write to the residents at West Hill. **Action: PV**
- **Trees:** Cllr Du Toit included in her report an update on the trees at KGFF. The tree surgeons had completed their work and the tree survey was going to be carried out in mid-January.
- **Allotments:** Cllr Du Toit asked for an update on the progress of notifying the tenants of the price increase agreed for the allotments

**ACTION carried forward from May 10th:**

- Draw up a map of the allotments, chase up the dormant allotments write to tenants re the agreed rent increase. Claim maintenance contribution for Gerrards Cross Town Council.

**Action: PV**

- **FSCA & KGFF:** Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the progress of the developments at KGFF and the FSCA covering the status proposals for the Padel Courts, the on-going income from the Studio, the lights for the rear car park, and the completion of the PAT testing for both the Studio and Pavilion. The first draft of a Heads of Terms and Operating Memorandum for the Padel Courts had been circulated, however further updating would be required and a fair value for the leases of the land was being sought. There was a discussion about the use of the courts by Fulmer Residents and the contributions paid by the clubs at KGFF for the use of the facilities. Cllr Khanghura reminded the Council that they had suggested engaging a lawyer to have the agreements reviewed. Various models for charging a contribution and also future ownership of the courts were discussed. It was suggested that charges at other comparable Padel Courts be investigated. The Chairman would discuss this with Cllr Du Toit.

**10. Communications:**

- A communication from a resident of a neighbouring Parish had written asking if the Council owned any properties which might usefully become a veterinary surgery. The Clerk had responded in the negative.

**ACTIONS carried forward from December 6th:**

- Discuss Parish logo at next meeting.
- Discuss what a 'future' village website could look like.

**Action: DB****Action: All****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.

**12. Finance & Governance:** The Clerk had previously distributed the Financial Summaries, Budget Reports and Bank Reconciliation Reports for all the Fulmer Parish Council Accounts for the periods ending December 2022 which were accepted by the Parish Council. Copies of the Bank Reconciliation reports for each account are appended to these Minutes.

**January Payments**

| <b>FPC</b>                           |                | <b>Budgeted</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Mailchimp subs                       | 14.94          | Y               |
| Street light maintenance (Sept)      | 33.60          | Y               |
| Clerks salary, allowances & expenses | 1821.71        | Y               |
| HMRC tax & NI                        | 541.52         | Y               |
| Employers Pension contribution       | 48.69          | Y               |
| September payroll services           | 15.00          | Y               |
| Weekly Briefing                      | 145.00         | Y               |
| Water rates the allotments           | 10.28          | Y               |
| Beeches Way repair                   | 2355.00        | Y               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>4985.74</b> |                 |

**FSCA**


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|------------------------|--------|
| Water rates the Studio | 10.49  |
| Electricity The Studio | 311.97 |
| The Studio rates       | 76.00  |
| Pitch white lining     | 548.42 |
| Pitch maintenance      | 5.64   |

**TOTAL** 942.03

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**13. Date of next Meeting:**

The next Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 20.00hrs.  
There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:40 hrs.

Signed   
D Brackin Chairman

Dated 7 Feb 2023