

Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 2026 at the Clubhouse, 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 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
POLICE:	Not present.	
PRESS:	Not present.	
PUBLIC:	There were no members of the public present.	

- 1. Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 2. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Cllrs Thomas Hogg and Dev Dhillon and Fulmer Cllr Lorette Du Toit.
- 3. Police Update:** Electronic notifications were received from Thames Valley Police, Local Neighbourhood Watch and Buckinghamshire Council Community Safety team which were available in the Council DropBox.
- 4. Public Quarter Hour:** No members of public being present there were no topics for discussion for the PQH.
- 5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10th March 2026:** The Minutes having been previously circulated prior to the Meeting were reviewed and with amendments suggested and previously circulated by Cllr Du Toit, accepted as an accurate record of the business conducted at that Meeting and were recommended for signature by the Chairman of the meeting.
- 6. Buckinghamshire Councillors Report:** Cllr Moore started his report with news of Buckinghamshire's Lane Rental Scheme starting in May, designed to fine Utility Companies for unnecessary delays in closing roads in the County. He was following up on Stoke Common Road repairs following the conflicting communications from Bucks Highways on the expected timescale. The Chairman reported that Fulmer now had a new LAT and that contact with the new LAT was not as direct as it had been, the system for reporting seemingly more remote. For example, he had reported a tree down on the A412 which was fixed but no-one got back to report the outcome. Similarly, a new cone was need for a pot hole, where approaching the need LAT had been tried to no avail so it had been reported on FixMyStree. Cllr Moore asked for the FMS report number to follow up. Cllr Bocock reported there were three new pot holes in the village centre and

the standard of the repair carried out by Affinity Water had caused another large pot hole opposite Fulmer Place. Cllr Moore committed to speaking with Street Works to ensure compliance by utilities. In addition, there were still failed road signs in the village and some such as Stoke Common Road had been in place for three years. Cllr Bocoock had sent a list of the gullies that needed cleaning to Cllr Moore.

Cllr Moore thanked Cllr Bocoock for engaging with the Bucks Wombles regarding Litter Picking. He also noted that the proposed Housing development at Sefton Park, Stoke Poges of 317 homes was being called in to Planning Committee. Cllr Khanghura asked Cllr Moore if he had any news on PL/26/00467/FA? Cllr Moore to follow up.

The Chairman reported on the fences at Fulmer Hall taken down by a resident and asked for an update on the owner and progress with the Heritage Officers. Cllr Moore to follow up. The Chairman reported that Fulmer had responded to the Consultation on Bucks Local Plan and recent Planning Applications now claiming Grey Belt. Cllr Moore expressed concern about the backlog in Applications at Bucks. He also stressed that Fulmer must let him know if there was a requirement for an application to be called in now that the rules had changed and Parishes couldn't.

The decision to extend the area of the Colne valley Regional Park was now with Bucks Planning Policy team and Trustees. The Chairman informed Cllr Moore that Fulmer had attended a cross-Parish meeting with ONH re putting together a spatial plan, he would brief Cllr Moore separately and ask for his opinion.

Work was still progressing on getting an HGV limit in Fulmer, it was apparent it would be a limit and not a more general restricted freight area like Leighton Buzzard. Cllr Moore was asked to whom the information should be sent? Cllr Moore suggested himself to start with. The Pinewood Traffic consultants also needed to be consulted as to how any limit could be enforced.

The Chairman also reported the latest RTA at the junction of FCR, Pinewood Rod, Seven Hills Road and Alderbourne Lane which had resulted in a stolen Bentley embedded in a resident's fencing again. Cllr Moore was asked when a roundabout was to be installed at this junction. Cllr Moore asked for the list of RTAs at this point.

Cllr Moore reported that the littering on the verges of Black Park in FCR were the responsibility of Highways not Black Park. A suggestion was made to install concealed cameras to identify those responsible.

ACTION carried forward from February 10th:

- *Send a list of open issues to Cllr Moore.*

Action: PK

The Chairman reported his list of actions for the unitary Councillors was still ongoing and would be circulated shortly.

7. Planning and Enforcement:

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

PL/26/00806/FA Alderbrook Farm, Fulmer Lane SL3 6JA

Demolition of an existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of 4 dwellinghouses with landscaping, ecological enhancements with associated works.

The Council RESOLVED to object on the grounds it was not Grey Belt, was inappropriate development for Green Belt and did not meet many other conditions required to build on Green Belt.

PL/26/01805/FA The Ridings, Windmill Road SL3 6HF

Single storey and two storey side extensions. 3no. dormer windows to existing roof. Alterations to fenestration. Demolition of outbuilding and erection of annexe.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

Cllr Khanghura reported that a resident had expressed a wish to cut down trees on a small lane locally which would change the rural characteristic of the area which was surrounded by woods and trees.

ACTION:

- *Check whether there were any TPOs in the area and if not apply.* **Action: PV**

A question was asked about any progress on the Enforcements at Church Farm.

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

The Chairman and Clerk reported they had both attended a follow up in-person meeting run by ONH working on the joint spatial plan for Fulmer, Stoke Poges, Wexham and the Farnhams.

8. Community Matters:

ACTION carried forward from June 11th:

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

Volunteers: Cllr Bocock reported he was looking at the refurbishment of the village Phone Box and had discovered a lot of information available on the topic. In addition to asking for volunteers to help refurbish the Phone box he would also be looking for Volunteers to paint both the boundary gates this year. Additionally, the grey telephone box had been cleaned of all its graffiti. He suggested that a camera be trained on the box to identify those carrying out the defacement.

Allotments: The Clerk was looking to ask an Allotment holder to remove the unsightly blue plastic hung on the hedge bordering Fulmer Common Road.

ACTION carried forward from June 10th:

- *Write to the allotment holders whose allotments fell below the standards expected and prescribed in their tenancy agreements. Write to the Allotment Holder with the large shed.*

Action: PV

KGFF Management Committee: The KGFF Management Committee had not met since the last Council meeting so there was nothing to report except the change of name from FSCA to KGFF Management Committee. The Clerk reported the Minutes of the first KGFF Trustee meeting would be available for the next meeting scheduled for June.

ACTION carried forward from October 14th:

- *Produce a table of FPC's contribution to FSCA.* **Action: PV**

St James Church: Cllr Hall-Drinkwater reported there had been a good attendance at St James for the Easter Services. The Church was aiming to get top marks in this year's BKV. It was noted that the car park of the Village Hall had been resurfaced.

ACTION:

- *Inform the Village Hall Committee that the village was entering the BKV competition again this year and ask for their help.* **Action: PV**

9. Speedwatch: Cllr Bocock reported the session would be starting again this month and added that the use of the MVAS was giving an insight into those parts of the village where motorist exceeded the speed limit the most and at what times of day

10. Communications: A resident had written to the Clerk suggesting the role of Clerk be replaced by AI. The Chairman had taken professional advice which concluded that the role of the Clerk was key to the functioning of a parish Council, in fact you could have a PC without one. However, it was noted that the use of AI in Local Government was starting to be used and the Clerk would look into how it could help. She also thought that more communication about the role would help people understand it more and suggested she contribute to the Weekly Briefing once the Internal Audit was completed. A resident had also asked for more information on the accounts of the Council in addition to the Statutory Accounts published annually. Another resident had also written to the Chairman about the state of the roads to which the Chairman was going to respond. There had been no further communications from residents that had not been addressed elsewhere in the meeting.

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 wanted confirmation as to site of the Little Libraries proposed by the Community Board and it was agreed that the first should be at KGFF.

The Clerk had attended training on recent legislation and subsequent statutory requirements.

Cllr Simkins reminded the Council the deadline for the next Newsletter was 18th May. She would also welcome a contribution from the Clerk.

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 March 2026 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 April.

April Payments

<i>FPC</i>		Budgeted
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (April)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	2056.69	Y
HMRC tax & NI	690.38	Y
Employers Pension contribution	55.15	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Community Impact membership	70.00	Y

Roots Grass cutting	968.94	Y
Rialtas S/w support & maintenance	252.00	Y
Professional Fees	420.00	Y
Annual crash plan backup	300.00	Y
Chairman Expenses	52.50	
Water rates allotments	25.15	Y
AGAR Training	50.00	Y
MVAS	4708.00	Y
.gov.uk emails	20.99	Y
TOTAL	9878.34	

FSCA

Water rates Clubhouse	38.87
Water rates Studio	14.86
Electricity The Studio	314.44
Electricity The Clubhouse	355.79
The Studio rates	133.90
Studio redecoration	2520.00
Rodent Control	324.00
Pitch maintenance	3984.00
Pitch white lining	135.82
TOTAL	7767.95
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13. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

Questions were asked as to why OCU had closed a road in the village weekend of April 11th to 12th with no notice. What were they doing?

ACTION:

- *Contact OCU re their plans for the village.*

Action: PV

Cllr Bocoock reiterated that his report on the blocked gullies in the village was available to be sent to Bucks.

ACTIONS carried forward from March 11th:

- *Source and arrange planting of a new cherry tree this coming spring to commemorate Edward Guinness and to surround both the new and existing tree with protective deer fencing.*

Action: PV

14. Date of next Meeting:

The next meeting would be the Annual Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 20:00hrs.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:40 hrs.

Signed.....

D Brackin

Chairman

Dated.....