

Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st July 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 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:	Mr D Moore (DM)	Buckinghamshire Council Unitary 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.
- 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. The Chairman reported he had invited the new Sergeant Matthew Cumming to the Clubhouse to introduce him to Fulmer but it had yet to happen.
- 4. Public Quarter Hour:** There were no members of the Public present.
- 5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 16th June 2026:** 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 the meeting.
- 6. Buckinghamshire Councillors Report:** Cllr Moore informed the Council on the emerging Buckinghamshire Local Plan that there not going to be any new sites identified in Green Belt although there were new sites identified in Aylesbury. The issue was the grey belt versus green belt definition and other issues with the NPPF. W.r.t. Regulation 19 and the response to the Local Plan guidance on how it will be interpreted was being sought. It was also planned that any contentious applications citing grey belt would be "called in" by the Unitary Councillors. The push by Central Government for the building of new datacentres was leading to more utilities works such as that proposed by OCU in Fulmer. OCU were working with Bucks Highways regarding Stoke Common Road. When the road was dug up at the end of the year it would be resurfaced in packets so expect a five-

month closure December 2026 January 2027 time. OCU had offered to contribute to volunteer efforts such as the Wombles. A discussion on what OCU were doing for Fulmer resulted in the action for Fulmer to ask for more which would have Bucks' backing. A list of things to be done to be drawn up and sent to OCU. The Chairman expressed the view that SSE would also be supportive but firm commitments were needed. Cllr Moore reported he would be driving around the area with a Highways Inspector (the former Technicians). On other Highways matters Cherry Tree Lane had recently been closed for emergency pothole repairs.

Cllr Moore was liaising with Environmental health w.r.t the recent activities reported at the Mosque. He was meeting with Environmental Health Officer handling the issues to establish what had happened this year, he was also going to visit the Mosque with the Officer.

The City of London, Epping Forest and Commons Committee had joined the Bucks Public Participation group and there was to be a new area superintendent at Burnham Beeches.

Cllr Bocock asked that now a programme of repairing pot holes was happening what was being done about repainting the white lines on the roads. Cllr Moore replied the Council's was currently looking for a new white line contractor.

The discrepancy between the actual number of traffic accidents and those seemingly reported was mentioned. Cllr Moore asked that the Police SAT19 report was completed in all cases. Cllr Bocock was keeping records and pictures in the Council's DropBox. Cllr Moore had recently driven round the area, together with Cllr Dhillan, by the Bucks Network Safety Officer (an ex-policeman). It was mentioned that FixMyStreet reports were also shared on Fulmer's Weekly Briefing. Cllr Moore said if he started chasing the FMS reports they would go to the top of the priority list.

Cllr Bocock asked what was to be done about the HGV weight limit application, who should it be sent to? He gave various examples of how the problems were getting worse and more dangerous.

Frequent Bonfire burning had been reported from a specific residence in the centre of the village. Cllr Moore stated it was a Statutory Nuisance and if persistent should be reported to the Environmental Health team. He would like to be copied in on the report. A nuisance diary would be very helpful to build up the evidence.

Cllr Moore reported the penalty for fly tipping had now been raised to £5000 from the previous £1000. There was still the option of going to Court where bigger fines could be imposed but this was expensive. There were hidden cameras in various parts of the village and Cllr Moore added that dash cam footage was also allowable as evidence. The Chairman reported the Council was looking to engage professional help with its neighbourhood plan. The most imminent concerns were the proposed 76 houses to the left of Fulmer Road and 4 houses at Alderbrook Farm.

ACTION:

- *Arrange Plan-Et and ONH to meet with the Council at the end of the summer. Action: PV*

7. Planning and Enforcement:

One new Planning Application for Fulmer had been registered since the last Council Meeting.

PL/26/04819/TP

Hunters End, Hay Lane SL3 6HJ

T1 – T2 – Sectional fell – in poor condition, expose roots, future landscape project.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

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

ACTION carried forward from June 16th:

- Chase up the outstanding requests for TPOs.

Action: PV

8. Speedwatch: Cllr Bocock reported that TVP had requested return of the Speedwatch device, it was decided to investigate purchasing one for Fulmer. It was suggested that the figures were compared with those for nearby Gerrards Cross.

9. Communications: The Council had received a communication regarding the burning of bonfires which had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.

10. 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 Chairman said he would include a briefing on the burning of bonfires in the next Weekly Briefing. He had attended a meeting of SBLC which had included talks on the work of OCU and Bucks Local Plan. Colne Valley River Park were still awaiting a response from Fulmer for their request for money to help with the CVRP area extension. He had established that the Community Board could not assist CVRP but was asking for quotes from CVRP for the production of the Alderbourne information boards.

11. 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 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 July and August.

July Payments

FPC		Budgeted
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (July)	33.60	Y
Clerk's salary, allowances & expenses	2146.51	Y
HMRC tax & NI	652.52	Y
Employers Pension contribution	55.70	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Allotments water rates	26.92	Y
Grass cutting	546.94	Y
SLCC membership	38.00	Y
Expenses	9.75	
TOTAL	3090.19	

DB

FSCA

Electricity The Studio	21.44
The Studio rates	130.00
Water Rates	83.06
Electricity the Clubhouse	199.46
Pitch maintenance	47.92
Tree Works	1536.00
Fire Extinguisher maintenance	32.18
Security system maintenance	172.86
Bespoke Cricket Scoreboard	5130.00

TOTAL 7352.92

TOTAL 10443.11

August Payments**FPC**

Budgeted

Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (August)	33.60	Y
Clerk's salary, allowances & expenses (est.)	2200.00	Y
HMRC tax & NI (est.)	650.00	Y
Employers Pension contribution (est.)	50.00	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Allotments water rates (est.)	18.00	Y
Zoom renewal	129.90	Y
FPC Insurance	3680.05	Y
FCV Insurance (est.)	152.12	Y

TOTAL 7088.61

FSCA

Electricity The Studio (est.)	100.00
The Studio rates	130.00
Water Rates (est.)	65.00
Electricity the Clubhouse (est.)	256.56
FPC Insurance	2588.48

TOTAL 3140.04

TOTAL 10228.65

Further invoices had been received a few minutes before the start of the meeting for work carried out for the Best Kept Village Competition. These were shared verbally with the Council and approved for payment, a total of £873.63.

12. Community Matters:

ACTION carried forward from June 11th:

- Draw up a specification for grass and hedge cutting in the village. **Action: PV**
- **KGFF:** As the KGFF Trustees meeting was to follow the Council meeting there was no report.
- **Volunteers & Best Kept Village:** The Chairman thanked everyone who got involved in the preparations for this year's Best kept Village Competition from those planting the flowers, painting the telephone Box, Village Hall railings and general litter picking, weeding and tidying up. Cllr Bocock expressed his disappointment that there was not a large number of volunteers.
- **Allotments:** There was nothing to report.

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

St James Church: There was nothing to report.

13. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

Fly Tipping continued to be reported on FMS including Fulmer Lane, Black Park Road and Seven Hills Road. The recent flooding of a resident's property because of a blocked gully to the Alderbourne was going to be resolved by Highways. There had also been a report of a collapsed culvert under Fulmer Common Road as evidenced by the dip in the road.

ACTIONS carried forward from June 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 Fulmer Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 20:00hrs.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:01 hrs.

Signed.....
D Brackin Chairman

Dated..... 8/9/26