

**Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th October 2025
at the Cricket Pavilion, King George V Fields, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JN at
8.00pm**

PRESENT:

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| 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:

POLICE: There was no one in attendance.
PRESS: Not present.
PUBLIC: Not present.
There was one member of the public present. One member of the public joined briefly using Zoom but left.

- 1. Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 2. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Cllrs David Moore, Dev Dhillon and Thomas Hogg 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. The Chairman reported he planned to meet the Police Sergeant for a catch up.
- 4. Public Quarter Hour:** The member of the public present enquired about the recently submitted Outline Planning Application on Land to the West of Fulmer Road. Cllr Khangura had read the application and queried the number of 180 new residents suggested in the application given there were proposed 76 dwellings, this figure seemed low. There were currently 224 dwellings in Fulmer under residents on the Electoral Register. This would mean an increase of over a third in the population of Fulmer. The Chairman reported that residents of Fulmer and the Dukes Wood area of Gerrards Cross were engaged and were submitting their comments. He was also looking for resident experiences of using the local public transport in the area. Either to go to Gerrards Cross or Fulmer as he was looking to understand the sustainability claims made and whether they were accurate. For example, Cllr Hall-Drinkwater had walked to Gerrards Cross to the shop on the A40 and it had taken at least nineteen minutes. She also mentioned the Motorway noise in the area which had been reported as greater than 60 decibels. The application proposed the houses did not have windows that opened to mitigate against the noise. A resident mentioned that children had been approached in suspicious circumstances in the area and it was doubtful that any cries would be heard above the noise.
- 5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 9th September 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.

6. Buckinghamshire Councillors Report: There being no Unitary Councillors present to report the Chair asked that Cllr Dhillon's action to investigate Bucks Council's communications with Fulmer Parish Council be carried forward. He also asked for a list of actions committed to by Unitary Councillors to be drawn up.

ACTION:

- *Draw up a list of Unitary Councillors committed actions.*

Action: PV

ACTION carried forward from July 22nd:

- *Draw up a draft Neighbourhood Plan for Fulmer.*

Action: PK

7. Speedwatch: The Chairman asked if Cllrs had seen the recent downloaded statistics from the MVAS which were in the DropBox and draw the Council's attention to some of the speeds recorded.

ACTION:

- *Apply to the LAT for approval of the potential new MVAS sites provided by local resident Adran Stockall.*

Action: PV

Cllr Bocock reported he was going to initiate another Speedwatch session.

8. Communications: The Clerk reported that a communication had been received from a resident concerned about the state of Stoke Common Road. Fortunately the TTRO for closure for the repair works had been received the same day.

9. 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 had been meeting with the Chairs of neighbouring councils including those in the new Ward that Fulmer was now in. These had included to date, Stoke Poges and the Farnhams, Gerrards Cross and Denham. There was an invitation out to Iver.

The Chairman had also met with Colne Valley Regional Park (CVRP) and walked along the Alderbourne together. They saw the areas where the river was silting up about 10-15 metres downstream and also uncovered the reasons why. They planned to hold a joint CVRP and Fulmer volunteer day to clear rubbish to improve the flow to help prevent the silting. CVRP was working on getting included in the Local Plan as a protected area, which could benefit Fulmer if the CVRP area was enlarged to include more of the Alderbourne. The Chairman reported that Stoke Poges Council were also working with ONH to write a response to the current Bucks Local Plan consultation and had offered to share the £2000 fee with Fulmer. Given the other pressures on the budget, it was decided to write Fulmer's own.

ACTION:

- *Write Fulmer Council's response to Buckinghamshire Council's proposed Local Plan.*

Action: DB

The Chairman was meeting with Fulmer Infant School soon.

10. Finance & Governance:

The Clerk had previously circulated the Financial Summaries, Budget Reports and Reconciliation Reports for all the Fulmer Parish Council Accounts for the periods ending September 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 October. The Clerk highlighted two payments which exceeded the budget set for them, namely the grant to CVRP and the professional fees incurred in responding to the Planning Application for 76 houses. The Clerk assured the Council unspent budget from other areas could be found. The Council approved the payment to ONH however questions were raised as to why the CVRP grant had increased by so much this year.

ACTION:

- Ask CVRP to explain the rise in grant requested.

Action: PV

October Payments

| FPC | Budgeted |
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| Mailchimp subs | 14.94 Y |
| Street light maintenance (Oct) | 33.60 Y |
| Clerks salary, allowances & expenses | 2058.63 Y |
| HMRC tax & NI | 557.74 Y |
| Employers Pension contribution | 55.54 Y |
| Payroll services | 15.00 Y |
| Weekly Briefing | 145.00 Y |
| Allotments water rates | 10.00 Y |
| Grass Cutting | 546.94 Y |
| Combination padlock allotments gate | 23.99 Y |
| Chair Expenses | 22.50 Y |
| CVRP Grant | 545.00 Part £345 is |
| ONH Professional Fees | 1950.00 £500 is |
| PKF Littlejohn External Audit fees | 504.00 Y |
| TOTAL | 6482.88 |

FSCA

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| The Studio rates | 99.00 |
| Fire alarm service & sundries | 256.00 |
| Electricity The Studio | 25.79 |
| Electricity the Clubhouse | 258.95 |
| Water Rates | 50.00 |
| Gate Service | 222.00 |
| Banners | 150.00 |
| TOTAL | 1061.74 |

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The Clerk also brought to the Council's attention the External Auditors Report and comments and invited questions.

The Clerk had previously circulated a draft IT Policy and asked for the Council's approval, which was given.

The Clerk reported that the process of getting the Council a gov.uk domain name to comply with the forthcoming Assertion 10 requirements had been started and the domain name requested.

The Clerk had sought advice on the best way to fill the casual vacancy and it was being advertised on the Parish Noticeboard.

The Chairman asked the Council to consider what increase they would consider in the Precept for 2026-27 and outlined some of the financial pressures the Council was facing. Most Councillors were in favour of a rise but wanted more information on the numbers and budgets before making a commitment to an amount.

11. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

Cllr Bocock reported that he was now collating evidence of HGVs as evidence for the request for an HGV weight limit. He asked for photo and anecdotal evidence to be shared with him via WhatsApp. The Chairman was meeting the i-transport traffic consultant the following day to discuss next steps.

ACTION:

- *Contact OCU to determine when they would next be digging up Fulmer Common Road and ask for the verges by Black Park to be included in the list of works.* **Action: PV**

The Chairman and the LT had inspected the ditches dug and cleared in Black Park Road by Fulmer Wood Farm and reported it had been done well and there was now a new footpath from Fulmer Common Road to Rowley Lane. Evidence of a footpath had been found and had been reinstated, making it a Permissive Path.

ACTION:

- *Write an appeal to the residents.* **Action: IB**
- *Set up a residents survey.* **Action: DB**
- *Set up a DropBox for the evidence.* **Action: PV**

The Chairman wanted to ask OCU to renovate the verges that bordered Black Park and Fulmer Common Road.

ACTION carried forward from September 9th:

- *Ask OCU to renovate the Black Park verges.* **Action: PV**

Cllr Hall-Drinkwater had contacted the landowner about the debris in the Alderbourne but it still hadn't been cleared.

ACTIONS carried forward from March 11th:

- *Source and arrange planting of a new cherry tree to commemorate Edward Guiness and to surround both the new and existing tree with protective deer fencing.* **Action: PV**
- *Investigate the placement of litter bins by the Black Park parking bays.* **Action: PV**

12. Planning and Enforcement:

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



PL/25/2712/OA

Land to the West of Fulmer Road, Gerrards Cross

Outline application, with all matters reserved except principal means of access to the highway, for the erection of up to 76 dwellings, including affordable housing, together with the provision of open space, hard and soft landscaping, and associated infrastructure).

The Council RESOLVED to object to the Outline Application with a professionally developed response.

PL/25/3349/VRC

Fulmer Chase Farm, Hay Lane SL3 6HJ

Variation of condition 16 (approved plans) of planning permission ref: PL/19/1060/FA (Erection of two dwellings with associated stable blocks, parking, landscaping and vehicular access following demolition of existing dwelling, buildings on site and removal of hardstanding) to allow for amendments to the design comprising of the reduction to size of lower ground basements, squaring-off the external curved walls and removal of associated large external glazed panels, internal alterations and fenestration alterations, raising of roof on Plot 1 to allow for parapet and lowering of building height on Plot 2 and changes to external materials.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/3597/PNE

4 Springfield Cottages, Alderbourne Lane SL0 0NX

The erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 5.50m for which the maximum height would be 3.35m and for which the height of the eaves would be maximum 2.35m

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

The Council also requested the Enforcement reported at this property be followed up.

ACTION:

- *Follow up on Enforcement reported to Bucks Council.*

Action: PV

There was a discussion about why a comment from the Council was not apparent on the planning portal as the Parish Council was a Statutory Consultee.

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

13. Community Matters:

ACTION carried forward from June 11th:

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

Action: PV

Volunteers: Cllr Bocook reported he would be arranging a litter pick shortly. would be going ahead to arrange more litter pick in Fulmer suggesting 17th September as a possible date.

Allotments: It was also time to rearrange the volunteer day at the Allotments. Mr Stockall had found 4 strimmers for the task.

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 and get back in touch with Colin Sharp.*

Action: PV



FSCA & KGFF: Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the progress of the developments at KGFF and the FSCA. The Clerk gave a recap of the meeting of the FSCA, reporting in more detail on some of the items.

The Council RESOLVED to support the FSCA in pressurising the GX&FFC to enter into a new contract with the FSCA before the football season started, even to lengths of losing the GX&FFC's contribution of £6000 if required.

ACTION:

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

Action: PV

The Clerk reported that the decision to stop the MunchBox trial had been taken. The Chairman expressed his desire to see the trial continue and asked if the Council would underwrite what at worst would be a £600 loss until Christmas. It was also decided to change the dates to soup on Tuesdays and fish and chips on Friday.

The Council RESOLVED to support the FSCA to a maximum of £600 in order to carry on the Munchbox trial.

14. Date of next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 20.00hrs. There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:52 hrs.

Signed.....

D Brackin

Chairman

Dated..... 9th Dec 2025