

Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th June 2023 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
	Mr P Khanghura (PK)	Councillor
	Mrs P Vahey (PV)	Parish Council Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: No-one.

POLICE: Not present.

PRESS: Not present.

PUBLIC: There was one member of the public present using the Zoom videoconferencing platform.

1. Declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest.

2. Apologies: There were apologies from Buckinghamshire Cllrs Paul Bass, Guy Hollis, Santokh Chhokar and Fulmer Parish Cllrs Francesca Hall-Drinkwater, Lorette du Toit and Kathryn Robinson.

3. Police Update: The following update and information from TVP Police had been circulated:

- a. A notice from TVP urging people to slow down after nine fatal traffic collisions in the TVP area in May.

The Chairman reported the Neighbourhood Sergeant Dan Ryder was being promoted and moving elsewhere. The Chairman had written a note of thanks to Dan for his efforts and consequent successes in fighting crime locally.

It was reported the parked vehicles by Fulmer Place, Fulmer Road were still there blocking the pavement to pedestrians.

It was also noted that starting 19th June there would be two-way traffic lights in that area as work started on rebuilding the wall at Fulmer Place. In addition to the parking problem, it was hoped it would slow down or even eliminate the large construction traffic using Fulmer as a short cut.

ACTION carried forward from May 9th:

- Contact Fulmer PCSO again to attempt to resolve parking issue.

Action: PV

4. Public Quarter Hour: There were no questions or issues raised for the PQH.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 9th May 2023: 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.

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6. **Buckinghamshire Councillors Report:** The Chairman reported Paul Bass had resigned as a Buckinghamshire Councillor with immediate effect. A by-election would be held in due course.

ACTION:

- Write to former Cllr Paul Bass on behalf of the Council to thank him for all his service and efforts on behalf of Fulmer.

Action: PV

7. 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 2023 which were accepted by the Parish Council. Copies of the Bank Reconciliation reports for each account are appended to these Minutes.

June Payments

FPC		Budgeted
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (June)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	1983.66	Y
HMRC tax & NI	549.82	Y
Employers Pension contribution	49.24	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Roots Grass cutting	546.94	Y
Insurance adjustment	86.13	Y
SLCC Subs	36.00	Y
BKV flowers	400.00	Y
123 Reg	86.25	Y
Annual maintenance accounting software	185.46	Y
TOTAL	4132.04	

FSCA

Water rates the Studio	10.28
eDF electricity The Studio	197.62
The Studio rates	76.00
New Lock toilet door	195.00
Tractor maintenance	900.10
Fertiliser	80.40
Roller shutter repair	180.00

Village Hall

Gate Repair	4993.20
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TOTAL

6622.32

In addition to the payments outlined above the Clerk asked for budget for the following:

- The purchase of an extendable hanging basket watering device approx. £45
- The refurbishment of the Parish Notice board £280.
- Membership of Community Buildings Subscription Service £65, as the organisation had been recommended by Seer Green Parish Council's Clerk as having resolved their Community Building issues.

The Council RESOLVED to move a budget of £390 for the above works to be completed and membership of the Community Buildings Service.

ACTION carried forward from 9th May:

- *Investigate the treatment of VAT w.r.t KGFF to move towards a resolution in September.*

Action: PV

The Clerk asked for the Council's permission, subject to a VAT review, to pay the invoice for the outstanding balance of £4993.20 for the gate works at the Village Hall.

The Council RESOLVED to pay the invoice on behalf of the Village Hall.

The Clerk had previously circulated the revised and detailed budgets for the financial year 2023-24 in the light of the end balances of 2022-23. These were agreed and a decision taken to review the budgets on a quarterly basis, the next review being September.

The Clerk had previously circulated a suggested Grants Policy and Application form for the Parish Council for approval.

The Council RESOLVED to approve the Grants Policy and Application form with some minor changes.

The Chairman suggested the new Fulmer crest be added to the village noticeboard. The Clerk received approval to produce business cards with the crest for herself at a minimal cost.

8. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

A question was asked about CCTV in Fulmer. The Chairman explained some of the history of trying to implement a CCTV solution for Fulmer and the reasons for its stagnation. After a brief discussion it was suggested that a new route forward could be by raising money through private donations on an incremental basis, perhaps starting with one camera at the centre of the village in the Village Hall grounds. There were also grants available such as the Thames Valley Police Commissioner's fund and the Community Board to be investigated.

It was reported that most of the road signs in Fulmer had been hit by the large construction traffic currently going through the village. The Clerk asked for approval to include the new MVAS in the Parish Council's insurance which was given.

RTAs in Fulmer were discussed. The Clerk advised that there were lists and pictures in the Highways folder in the shared DropBox. It was suggested that it would be of interest to investigate the cost of the RTAs in terms of insurance claims etc for the rebuilding of walls, reinstatement of fencing, gates and lampposts.

ACTION:

- *Recruit volunteers to compile a definitive list to include all incidents in the village and take this item forward.*

The issue of the road flooding on Fulmer Common Road was discussed along with potential solutions. The main issue was that the existing ditches in the area did not join up. It was also suggested that when the lake was put in at Downings they destroyed the pipes that took the water away from Fulmere House.

ACTIONS:

- *Request MP Joy Morrissey asks Bucks Council to cut across the roads to join up the ditches. Investigate whether Bucks Council could apply Environmental Enforcement.*

Action: DB

9. Planning and Enforcement:

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

PL/22/3993/FA Dukes Kiln Farm, Windsor Road

Conversion of agricultural building into dwellinghouse including external and internal alterations, alterations to access, entrance gate and associated boundary fencing, and laying of hardstanding.

The Council RESOLVED to request the application be called into Planning Committee.

Cllr Khanghura reported that the Small Acres application PL/23/0278/FA had been withdrawn.

ACTIONS carried forward from December 6th:

- *Contact Bucks Council Enforcement Team re an update from Buckinghamshire Council Enforcement team for the next meeting showing which Enforcements were still on-going and those that were closed and the outcome – waiting on response from Bucks Council.*

Action: KR

The Chairman recommended that Cllr Robinson continue to include both Cllrs Hollis and Chhokar in trying to contact Bucks Enforcement team.

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

10. Community Matters:

- **FSCA & KGFF:** Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the progress of the developments at KGFF and the FSCA.

Included in Cllr Du Toit's report were the final finances from Fulmer Family Fun Day and the Big Coronation Lunch which had made a small loss. Despite this the day had been hugely successful and it was decided to continue with the event and look for sponsorship next year.

Cllr Du Toit requested budget approval for the General Manager's time in supervising the forthcoming tree works.

The Council RESOLVED to move a budget of £150 for the work.

It was reported that the vehicle caught on CCTV doing wheelies on the cricket pitch had been identified by the Police and was stolen.

- **Speedwatch:** Despite further advertising for volunteers to join the Speedwatch initiative no one had come forward. The Chairman volunteered to take the course and become

qualified to become a member as did Cllr Khanghura. The approved locations for the Speedwatch were by Anya's bench at the bottom of Windmill Road and by Wisteria Cottage in Fulmer Road. The Chairman was going to step up the campaign for volunteers by asking people if they wanted a Speed Camera in Fulmer? If so, they need to join Speedwatch to collect the evidential data. The Chairman also asked that location near KGFF be chosen to trap speeding along Fulmer Common Road which Cllr Khanghura was keen to help with. The aim was for three people for one session. It would also provide a photo opportunity to help recruit more volunteers.

It was reported a new Mother Superior had been appointed at St Benedict's Convent.

- 11. Communications:** There were no new communications from residents that had not been dealt with previously in the meeting.

The Chairman asked what had happened to Round Robin distribution list used by the late Naomi Arnold and whether it would be possible to amalgamate it with Fulmer's list.

ACTION:

- *Contact Stoke Poges Clerk to investigate the availability of the distribution list.* **Action: PV**
The Chairman also suggested that the village WhatsApp groups be used to recruit more subscribers to the Weekly Briefing email.

ACTION:

- *Advertise the Weekly Briefing on village WhatsApp groups.*

Action: PV

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

Cllr Simkins and the Clerk reported that Cllr Simkins had made progress with the collation of a Welcome Pack for the village.

- 12. 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 reported she had attended the recent Community Board event showcasing the green projects funded by the Community Board in its Towns and Parishes.

The Chairman reported that through SBALC he would be meeting the newly appointed Cabinet member for Localism Arif Hussain who would be reporting to the Bucks Council Service Director for Localism.

The Environment Agency had written to the Parish Council requesting help with contacting residents who owned and managed land along the banks of the River Alderbourne, for the purposes of carrying out a visual survey. The Parish Council was delighted to offer its assistance.

13. Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 18th July 2023 at 20.00hrs.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:11 hrs.

Signed.....
D Brackin Chairman

Dated..... 18th July 2023