

Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 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
	Mrs F Hall-Drinkwater (FH-D)	Councillor
	Mrs L Du Toit (LdT)	Councillor
	Mrs K Robinson (KR)	Councillor
	Mrs P Vahey (PV)	Parish Council Clerk
IN ATTENDANCE:	Cllr Santokh Chhokar (SC)	Buckinghamshire Council Councillor
POLICE:	Not present.	
PRESS:	Not present.	
PUBLIC:	There were no members of the public present, neither in person nor using the Zoom videoconferencing platform.	

- 1. Election of the Chairman of the Council:** Cllr. Brackin agreed to continue as Chairman. The Council duly elected Cllr. Brackin to serve as Chairman of Fulmer Parish Council for the year 2023-24 municipal.
- 2. Election of the Deputy Chairman of the Council:** The Council duly elected Cllr. Simkins to serve as Deputy Chairman of Fulmer Parish Council for the year 2023-24 municipal.
- 3. Declarations of Acceptance of Office:** Cllr. Brackin and Cllr. Simkins signed the Declarations of Acceptance of Office of Chairman and Deputy Chairman, respectively, for 2023-24.
Following the Acceptances of Office, the Chairman reminded the Council of the Seven Principles of Public Life. In addition, he reminded the Council of its role in representing Fulmer residents, communicating well with the residents and being aware of local issues. Keep Fulmer Special remained the Council's mission.
- 4. Allocation of Duties for Parish Councillors:** The Allocation of Duties for the Parish Councillors was agreed for 2023-24.
- 5. Ratification of Parish Council meeting dates for 2023-24:** the previously circulated Parish Council meeting dates for 2023-24 were agreed.
- 6. Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 7. Apologies:** There were apologies from Buckinghamshire Cllr Paul Bass and Fulmer Parish Cllr Parm Khanghura.



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

a. A thank you from TVP to the public for their support over the Coronation weekend. The Clerk reported that Fulmer PCSO had been down to Fulmer to look at the parking on the pavement outside Fulmer Place, however no tickets had been issued. The Chairman asked the Clerk to try and ask again as the parking persisted. The PCSO had also requested holding a meet the local Police team event later in the year.

ACTION:

- *Contact Fulmer PCSO to resolve parking issue.*

Action: PV

9. Public Quarter Hour: Cllr Robinson reported the very large pothole in Fulmer Lane. The Chairman reported that a new LAT for Fulmer had been appointed and would be meeting him and walking around the village soon to identify the priorities for repair. He also reported that despite asking Bucks Council Seven Hills Road remained open. It was also noted that the planned work to upgrade Seven Hills Road would not be started until after the delivery of the Five Points Roundabout upgrade. Neither project would start until the planned works at Pinewood Studios were underway.

The safety of the trees surrounding Fulmer Hall was also discussed and it was agreed to bring them to the attention of the LAT. A recent incidence of a tree falling and barely missing an elderly resident was reported.

10. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 18th April 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.

11. Buckinghamshire Councillors Report: In his absence Cllr Bass had circulated the following report:

1. Enforcement and Planning concerns were continuing.
2. The Beeches Right of Way issue was now with Council Officers and he passed on their thanks for Fulmer Council's support.
3. Finally, Cllr Bass reported he had supported Fulmer's position ref Bucks Council warding boundaries. He complimented the Council on the strong and multiple representations received from the residents. The formal readout from the commission was expected at the end of May.

Buckinghamshire Councillor Santokh Chhokar reported a new approach being adopted by Bucks Council to get closer to and fix problems quicker using a non-engineered approach in an effort to apply common sense, whilst saving money.

Cllr Chhokar reported that the Bucks Council Annual Council meeting was coming up. He also asked if Fulmer Council asked for planning applications to be called in? He asked as a recent application had been refused by the Planning Committee despite planning officers recommendation for acceptance. A recent planning application was mentioned in this respect.

ACTION:

- *Forward the Objection submitted by the Council to Cllr Chhokar.*

Action: PV

Cllr Hall-Drinkwater asked Cllr Chhokar about the meeting regarding the Boundary Review as she had not been at the last meeting when it had been discussed at length.

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 had circulated the recent consultation on the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire and the Local Transport Plan 5.

The Chairman reported he was to meet with local MP Joy Morrissey again. He planned to encourage her to draw attention to the issues with the repairing of potholes, perhaps requesting a meeting with Martin Tett. The Chairman asked if anyone else had any issues for him to raise with Joy Morrissey. Cllr Simkins suggested absent house owners who did not carry out repairs to their properties which impacted neighbours, for example blocked ditches and overgrown footpaths. Perhaps Joy Morrissey encouraging Bucks Council to write to these people would have an effect.

13. Finance & Governance:

ACTION carried forward from April 18th:

- *Develop a Grant Policy and application process for the Council.*

Action: PV

to the External Auditors.

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.

May Payments

FPC	Budgeted	
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (May)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	2016.52	Y
HMRC tax & NI	546.51	Y
Employers Pension contribution	49.02	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Water rates the allotments	10.28	Y
Roots Grass cutting	546.94	Y
TOTAL	3377.81	

FSCA

Water rates the Studio	10.28
eDF electricity The Studio	319.84
The Studio rates	76.00

Tennis court electrical works	4006.01
FCC electrical works	2634.00
Alarm repair	185.00
Drainage installation	450.00
All-weather court resurface deposit	11849.77
Tractor repairs & kit	545.08
Fire extinguisher maintenance	149.76
Tree works	2280.00
TOTAL	22495.46
TOTAL	25873.27

The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the recommendation of the Internal Auditor to obtain advice regarding the Council's treatment of VAT. There were a number of sources of information.

ACTION:

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

14. 2023-24 Budget review: The Clerk requested this item be postponed to the next Council meeting to allow more time for review.

15. Internal Auditor: The Council **RESOLVED** to re-appoint Auditing Solutions Ltd. as the Internal Auditor for 2022-23.

16. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

A priority list of the worst potholes would be given to the new LAT later in the month.
Cllr Bocock was drawing up a volunteering schedule and wanted to split the village into segments. The Clerk reported this had already been done for communication purposes.
A date of 20th May was chosen for the first volunteering event.

ACTION:

- Send village comms segments to Cllr Bocock.
 - Send Best kept Village details to Cllr Bocock.
- Action: PV**

ACTION carried forward from April 18th:

- Arrange meeting with Fulmer Rise estate property owners.
- Action: LdT**

17. Planning and Enforcement:

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

PL/23/1148/FA Site of the Birches, Windmill Road SL3 6HA

Erection of a detached replacement house, retention of new access from Stoke Common Road and construction of a replacement garage.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/23/1392/TP Suncroft, Alderbourne Lane SL0 ONT

T1, T2 and T3 Beech – fell, T5 Hazel – Coppice 2 x heavily leaning stems over highway, T6 Ash – fell to ground level, T7 Sycamore – Remove damaged limb, T8 beech – Fell to ground level, T9 Oak – Remove major deadwood throughout the crown (SBDC TPO 13 of 1972).

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

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

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

18. Community Matters:

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

Cllr Du Toit reported that the finances from the recent FFFD and Big coronation Lunch were still being worked on. The day was deemed 'an outrageous success' Thanks were due to volunteers, Linda Mackenzie, Ian Finan and the KGFF General Manager Andrew nealon.

ACTION:

- *Write to all concerned thanking them for their efforts.*

Action: PV

Cllr Du Toit requested budget approval for the urgent tree work at the PC owned allotments site, the details of which had been previously circulated.

The Council RESOLVED to move a budget of £2500 for the work to be completed.

ACTION carried forward from 7th March:

- *Write a letter of thanks to Andrew.*

Action: PV

ACTION:

- *Write to Lady Howe thanking her for her attendance at Fulmer Family Fun Day and the Big Coronations Lunch during the Coronation weekend.*

Action: PV

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

The Clerk reported that she had contacted three companies for details of their services with reference to updating the Council's website. Cllr Hall-Drinkwater asked if the current providers Hugo Fox had been contacted?

ACTION:

- *Contact HugoFox for details of what they could do.*

Action: PV

The Clerk asked the Council for suggestions as to what on the current web site they wanted to keep and suggestions for other information that people may want to know. In addition to publishing the Council's activities on the website the welcome pack should also promote the Council's activities.

ACTIONS:

- *Contact Hugo-Fox for a quote for a revamped Parish web site.*

Action: PV

- Include an ask for volunteers for the Speedwatch in the forthcoming Weekly Briefing.

Action: DB

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 reminded everyone of the forthcoming deadline 20th May for the next Fulmer Newsletter and asked for contributions.

20. Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 20.00hrs.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:36 hrs.

Signed.....

D Brackin

Chairman

Dated.....

13 June 2023