

**Minutes of Annual Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 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 was one member of the public present.	

- 1. Appointment of Chairman:** Cllr. Brackin agreed to continue as Chairman. The Council duly elected Cllr. Brackin to serve as Chairman of Fulmer Parish Council for the year 2026-27 municipal.
- 2. Appointment of Deputy Chairman:** Cllr. Simkins agreed to continue as Deputy Chairman. The Council duly elected Cllr. Simkins to serve as the Deputy Chairman of Fulmer Parish Council for the year 2026-27 municipal.
- 3. Declarations of Acceptance of Office:** Cllr. Brackin signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman for 2026-27. Cllr. Simkins signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for Deputy Chairman for 2026-27.
- 4. Allocation of Duties for Parish Councillors:** The allocation of Duties for Parish Councillors was approved for 2026-27 whilst noting the Council did not have its full complement of Councillors.
- 5. Ratification of Parish Council meeting dates for 2026-27:** The suggested Parish Council meeting dates for 2026-27 were approved by the Council.
- 6. Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 7. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Cllrs Thomas Hogg and Dev Dhillon and Fulmer Cllr Lorette Du Toit.
- 8. 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 there had been recent changes to the Policing Team at TVP affecting Fulmer and would be making contact with the incoming officers.

**9. Public Quarter Hour:** One member of public was present and brought up the continuing non clearance of the fly tip in Seven Hills Road despite regular reporting to Bucks Council. Cllr Moore committed to following it up.

**10. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026:** 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.

**11. Buckinghamshire Councillors Report:** Cllr Moore started his report with news of the expected repair works to Stoke Common Road. His enquiries had established that it was now likely to be 2027 having previously been led to expect completion by end of Q1. The situation had been complicated by utility company OCU who wanted to dig up the road for testing for works on behalf of SSE. It was suggested that the Clerk contact OCU for initial clarification as despite being on the failed Road Service programme since 2021 the OCU work was taking precedence.

**ACTION:**

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

**Action: PV**

Cllr Moore reported that pot holes are now being fixed including the Affinity hole in Fulmer Road, although Cllrs noted that those by the Church were getting worse. There was general concern that the new mailbox reporting system for Highways would result in a worse service. Cllr Bocock asked that the drains be cleared.

Having been asked about the laybys around Black Park he could say they belonged to Bucks Highways.

He expected the new Alderbourne bridge to be installed and completed by July/August this year.

Apparently, the fly tip by the Watersplash contained asbestos so specialist disposal was need, apparently there was Bucks fly tipping team CCTV at the site.

Cllr Moore reported the investigation into the status of Fulmer Hall continued. He committed to following up again in three months' time. Cllr Hall-Drinkwater asked about repair of the fencing around Fulmer Hall. Although not ideal it was replied that if the fencing fell into the road it should be reported on FixMyStreet.

In order for Stoke Common, currently a SSSI to become a Special Area of Conservation (like Burnham Beeches) SAC would require an Act of Parliament which was both time consuming and costly. The request to extend the Colne Valley Regional Park was now with the Bucks Planning Policy Team. The Chairman reported he had volunteered to match Denham Parish Council on a contribution per resident scheme.

Cllr Moore had asked about Enforcement about the list sent to him but had nothing to report. The Chairman reported that the Spatial Briefing Exercise for the Ward working with ONH had been completed. It was noted that Call In requests from the Parish Council would be with Cllr Moore.

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

**12. Community Matters:**

**ACTION carried forward from June 11th:**

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

**Action: PV**

- **KGFF:** Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the activities at KGFF in particular the Fulmer Family Fun Day which had been a great success. The Council asked that formal thanks be sent to the lead organiser Linda Mckenzie and a bouquet of flowers.

**ACTION:**

- *Send flowers to Linda Mckenzie.* **Action: DB**  
**Volunteers:** Cllr Bocock asked whether anyone had heard about if anyone had been chosen from Fulmer to go a King's Garden Party, however you only heard if you were going.

Best Kept Village, Cllr Bocock had now received quotes for materials for the refurbishment of the Telephone box but was unable to find any contractors able to carry it out. The materials were quoted at £400. Cllr Hall-Drinkwater thought she might know someone and it was also decided to ask for volunteers in the Weekly Briefing.

**The Council RESOLVED to preauthorise expenditure up to a maximum of £400 for the material using the Post Office official red paint (BF538) and correct glazing materials.**

**ACTION:**

- *Contact other neighbouring Clerks as to whether they had found contractors for the phone boxes.* **Action: PV**

**ACTION:**

- *Materials to be collected and Top Spec to be asked if they could carry out the work.* **Action: IB**
- *An article to written for the forthcoming Newsletter on BKV.* **Action: IB**

W.r.t. BKV Cllr Hall-Drinkwater pointed out that there was still weeding and hedge clipping to be done. It was suggested the Scouts be asked to join in. Cllr Hall-Drinkwater would be talking to the Village Hall and the Black horse about their flower displays. Cllr Bocock was to paint the new village entrance planter and Cllr Khanghura volunteered his services. There were also the flower baskets at KGFF and the hedge up Fulmer Road which Roots now had scheduled to cut.

**Allotments:** The Clerk had attendee a training session on the use of AI in Parish Council work and suggested that it was used to help with the administrative functions of the Allotments as a trial which the Council approved. The unsightly blue plastic hung on the hedge bordering Fulmer Common Road had been removed.

**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 Tree Risk Assessments for both KGFF and the Allotments land had been circulated for information. It was decided to obtain further quotes for the recommended work before proceeding.

**St James Church:** There was nothing to report.

**13. Speedwatch:** The new MVAS had now been installed on Stoke Common Road at the other end to the existing MVAS. The downloaded date was available in the Council DropBox.

**14. Communications:** There had been no communications from residents that had not been addressed elsewhere in the meeting. The Clerk had submitted an article on the role of the Parish Clerk for publication in the forthcoming Newsletter.

**15. 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.

Following the completion of the Spatial Design work which the Chairman and Clerk had been involved with it was suggested that the company involved ONH come to talk to the Parish Council about the next step, producing a Neighbourhood plan. A quote for producing a Neighbourhood Plan was also to be sought from Blue Stone Planning.

The Chairman had attended a BALC Strategy Day the theme of which was becoming a more effective lobbyist organisation.

**16. 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 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 May.

**May Payments**

**FPC** Budgeted

Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (May)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	2020.11	Y
HMRC tax & NI	610.69	Y
Employers Pension contribution	55.93	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Grass Cutting	546.94	Y
KGFF Grant	1250.00	Y
Email addresses	20.99	Y
Tree Surgery	288.00	Y
Tree Inspection	840.00	Y
Clerks Seminar	25.00	Y
BMKALC & NALC Subs	106.56	Y
Training	50.00	Y
Allotments water rates	26.00	Y
Arnold Baker	180.00	Y
Planning Professional Fees	510.00	Y

**TOTAL** 6022.76

**FSCA**

Electricity The Studio	162.73
The Studio rates	130.00

Electricity The Clubhouse	263.08
Tree Inspection	960.00
Tractor maintenance	212.66
Water Rates	58.00
Tree Surgery	288.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2074.47</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8097.23</b>

**17. 2026-27 Budget Review:** The Annual Budget report had been placed in the Council DropBox and was reviewed, there being no questions,  
**The Council RESOLVED to accept the Budget.**

**18. Internal Auditor:** The Council RESOLVED to re-appoint Auditing Solutions Ltd. as the Internal Auditor for 2024-25.

**19. Highways Maintenance & Environment:**

Cllr Bocock was nearly in a position to forward the HGV application to Bucks Council along with Cllr Moore. He asked whether it might be better coming from the traffic consultants?

**ACTION:**

- Finalise HGV submission. **Action: IB, DB**  
Cllr Bocock 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**

**20. Planning and Enforcement:**

Seven new Planning Applications for Fulmer had been registered since the last Council Meeting. Cllr Khanghura also noted that some older outstanding applications had now been closed.

**PL/26/03846/CONDA Fulmere 19 Dukes Kiln Drive, Gerrards Cross SL9 7HD**  
Application for approval of details to condition 4 (external materials) of planning approval PL025/0303/FA.

**The Council RESOLVED not to object.**

**PL/26/03626/PNE Huyton Fold, Windmill Road SL3 6HD**  
Notification under The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, Part 1 of Schedule 2 Class A for: single storey rear extension (depth extending from the original rear wall of 8.00 metres, maximum height 3.80 metres, eaves height 3.60 metres)

**The Council RESOLVED not to object.**

**PL/26/03627/SA Huyton Fold, Windmill Road SL3 6HD**  
Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed single storey side and rear extensions and loft conversion

**The Council RESOLVED not to object.**

