

**Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 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 L 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 J Chhokar (JC)	Buckinghamshire Council Councillor
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POLICE: Not present.

PRESS: Not present.

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

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

2. Apologies: There were apologies from Fulmer Cllr Mrs Kate Robinson.

3. Police Update: A notification of the opening of the Annual Neighbourhood Watch Survey had been received.

There was a discussion as to whether the parking on the pavement outside Fulmer Place opposite the bus stop in Fulmer Road was still happening. Cllr Hall-Drinkwater reported that those parking there had no choice, there being nowhere else to park in the vicinity.

ACTION:

- Contact Fulmer PCSO again to attempt to resolve the 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 5th September 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.

6. Buckinghamshire Councillors Report: The Chairman welcomed Cllr J Chhokar to his first meeting since being elected as a Buckinghamshire Councillor. The current situation regarding the building of the verge car park in Fulmer Common Road following a recent meeting of the parties involved was explained. The Chairman reported that Bucks Council had concluded that the original plan would not work owing to trees and shallow services and that a different solution had been discussed at the meeting involving a one-way system on the site of the allotments and recreation ground. This was for further discussion and investigation, one concern being to ensure the budget remained available. Cllr J Chhokar committed to talking to the

highways team at Bucks. JC reported that The Bucks Highways are prioritising their capital projects with input from the councillors and asked for input.

The drainage in Fulmer Common Road, Cherry Tree Lane and Hawkswood Lane was also discussed. The LAT knew about the requirement for a new culvert. There was an issue with the water on Stoke Common Road just at the point where traffic started to brake for the junction with Windmill Road. The drainage from Stoke Common need to be addressed here.

Cllr J Chhokar reported that the Community Board had met to discuss the Broadband project and funding.

He also reported he would not be sitting on the Planning Committee but had instead joined the Bucks Community and Select Committee.

7. Community Matters:

- **Speedwatch:** A Speedwatch event had recently been successfully held in Fulmer. The Group was looking for more volunteers. Once caught over the speed limit the offending motorist would be sent a letter by TVP, after three letters their vehicle would be flagged and if the speed was over twice the speed limit, they would be visited by a TVP Road Policing Unit Officer. It was decided to circulate the dates and venues to the volunteers. There was a map in the DropBox with the TVP approved sites in the village. Following a discussion, it was decided to install the MVAS in Fulmer Common Road on a repeater sign 150 yards from the recreation ground.

- **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 the tickets Fulmer Fireworks were selling well. She was looking for volunteers for the following morning to help clear the site of debris and litter. Cllr Hall-Drinkwater asked if she could be notified of forthcoming events at the recreation ground for distribution on the village WhatsApp groups. There was a discussion about the difficulties in finding volunteers to help at events. The Chairman suggested that hiring professional event organisers should be considered. Also, to consider using a professional company to audit the Health & Safety Policies and Risk Assessments for the FSCA.

ACTION:

- *Notify insurance Company of Fireworks event.* **Action: PV**
- **Allotments:** Cllr Du Toit asked for permission to finish carrying out the tree work that had been paused for the breeding season at the allotments. This was considered an emergency activity.
The Council RESOLVED to carry out the tree work using their emergency powers.
- **ACTION carried forward from 18th July:**
- *Hold a meeting of the Allotments holders.* **Action: PV**

- ## **8. Communications:**
- There had been no communications from residents requiring a response from the Council which had not already been dealt with.

The Clerk reported the Village Noticeboard had been refurbished and suggested a plaque of the new Fulmer Crest be affixed to it.

ACTION:

- *Investigate plaque options.* **Action: PV**
- **ACTION carried forward from June 13th:**
- *Contact Stoke Poges Clerk to investigate the availability of the distribution list and to volunteer to included Stoke Poges, the Farnhams and Wexham, following the new Ward Boundary changes.* **Action: PV**

ACTION carried forward from July 18th:

- 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

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.

The Clerk reported she had attended a meeting for Clerks in the South of Buckinghamshire.

The Chairman reported the SBALC AGM was to held soon. He was also meeting Simon Garwood in the next few days.

The Chairman presented the results of his investigations into brooches and lapel pins for Council Members.

ACTION carried forward from July 18th:

- Investigate the rules on bin stores in Conservation areas.
- Investigate whether the sign outside Church Row cottages was permitted in the Conservation Area.

Action: PV

Action: PV

ACTION:

- Circulate the quotes for the brooches and lapel pins

Action PV

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

October Payments

FPC	Budgeted	
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (October)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	2016.59	Y
HMRC tax & NI	546.72	Y
Employers Pension contribution	49.04	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Playground Inspection	89.94	Y
Grass cutting and hedge trimming	1064.53	Y
TOTAL	3975.36	

FSCA

Water rates the Studio	51.72
eDF electricity The Studio	28.95
The Studio rates	76.00
Cricket Pitch maintenance	2372.90
Football pitch white lining	609.56
Electricity the clubhouse	553.22
Processional moth nest removal	540.00

TOTAL 4180.63

TOTAL 8155.99

The Clerk asked whether the Council wanted to support a Parliamentary Early Day Motion being tabled by Dr Julian Lewis MP tackling the subject of intimidation at community, parish and town councils of both councillors and staff.

The Council RESOLVED to support the motion.

ACTION:

- Write to Joy Morrissey MP asking her to support the motion when it was tabled.

Action: PV

The Clerk asked for approval to change the banking provider of the Council from Barclays to Unity Trust Bank. Barclays had informed the Clerk that the Council had the 'wrong type' of account and was going to change it. This would involve considerable disruption and a pause in banking facilities. Cllr Hall-Drinkwater asked if Unity Trust Bank offered any protection under the FCSC. The Clerk replied it would be the same protection as that currently provided by Barclays. [Post meeting note: having checked Unity Trust Bank are registered with the FCSC and FSA for protection of up to £85,000, which applies to small local authorities such as Fulmer Parish Council].

11. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

Cllr Bocock had submitted a report on the state of the overgrowth of trees on local footpaths, in particular footpath FUL/1/1.

The Chairman had circulated his request to Bucks Council regarding their process for approving road closures which had not been replied to following further instances of unnotified road closures in the village.

Cllr Bocock had previously circulated a list of all RTAs in the village and asked for feedback and any additional information.

ACTION:

- Write to the land owners re the overgrown footpaths.
- Finalise list of RTAs.

Action: PV

Action: IB

12. Planning and Enforcement:

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

PL/23/3096/FA

Chase Cottage, Hay Lane SL3 6HJ

Demolition of a single storey element and erection of single storey front/side extension, front rooflight and implementation of energy saving measures throughout.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/23/2915/FA

Fulmer Wood Farm, Fulmer Common Road SL9 8SR

Erection of a 2.4m perimeter fence around residential estate.

Whilst the property was not in Fulmer Parish, the fence was. Cllr Simkins volunteered to contact the Agent and find out more about the application and bring to his attention the flooding in the area, the visual impact and impact on wild life. Concern was also expressed about the walkers on the Beeches Way being forced into the road off the verge. The plans were vague about showing where it was planned to be.

ACTION carried forward from September 5th:

- *Contact the Clerk and Cllr Julie Cook of Iwer Heath regarding the burning reported at Maylings Farm as it was in their Parish.*

Action: PV

The Enforcements list, been circulated by Cllr Robinson, was discussed in detail and it was decided to escalate 3 as a priority.

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. Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 5th December 2023 at 20.00hrs.
There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:40 hrs.

Signed.....
D Brackin Chairman

Dated..... 5th Dec 2023