

**Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2025
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 K Robinson (KR)	Councillor
	Mrs P Vahey (PV)	Parish Council Clerk
IN ATTENDANCE:	Cllr J Chhokar (JC)	Buckinghamshire Council (BC) Councillor
	Cllr D Dhillon (DD)	Buckinghamshire Council (BC) Councillor
POLICE:	Not present.	
PRESS:	Not present.	
PUBLIC:	There was four members of the public present.	

- 1. Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 2. Apologies:** There were no apologies.
- 3. Police Update:** Other than the electronic notifications received from Thames Valley Police, Local Neighbourhood Watch and Buckinghamshire Council Community Safety team which were available in the Council DropBox, there was no update. The Chairman reported that PC Kaitlyn Brooks, the new Neighbourhood Supervisor for Fulmer had requested a meeting with him.
- 4. Public Quarter Hour:** A member of the public that despite reporting a fly tip at the end of Seven Hills Road on FixMyStreet no action had been taken. He passed the details to the Clerk to chase up.
A member of the public asked when the bollards erected outside Hollydene House and when would the traffic sign be replaced. The Chairman was waiting for notification from Bucks Council.
The recent in-person drop-in event held as part of the consultation into Pinewood studios new plans for the development of land to the south of Pinewood Studios had been attended by three nearby residents. Subsequently one had written an email to Sara Dutfield from Turley's at her suggestion which was yet to be acknowledged which contrasted with the local MP who had responded the next day. The residents wanted to know what would be happening in front of their properties. They could not get any clarity on the plans which all seemed very vague. One resident asked if the Parish Council intended to support the new application. The Chairman advised that there was currently

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no application to respond to. The residents said they were still in the same position as two years ago and Pinewood was not taking any notice of them. The Chairman reassured the residents that following an application Pinewood Studios would be invited to a Parish Council meeting and asked to take into account residents views. The resident who was trying to sell their property mentioned that they had used two estate agents and dropped the price twice but to no avail because of the uncertainty of Pinewood's plans. Cllr Bocock had also attended the consultation event where the timeframe for the different phases of the development had been outlined and had also written to Pinewood. The residents had also noticed that the original plan for bunds in front of their properties had now been replaced with an unsightly wooden fence prompting one resident to comment that Pinewood could not be trusted. The Chairman promised to write to Pinewood and reported he was hoping to meet with the CEO soon.

A member of the public reported that they had some news on the provision of FTTP in Fulmer. They had asked their broadband supplier if they could upgrade and had been informed that if they removed their landline phone line, they would get a doubled speed through the cable, from 35 to 80mbps. This could be a temporary fix until residents would be able to order FTTP from a broadband provider from April when CityFibre would be working with providers in the area.

ACTIONS:

- Write to Pinewood Studios and meet CEO.

Action: DB

- 5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 11th February 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:** Cllr J Chhokar reported that bucks Council had passed the new budget for municipal year 2025-26. This included an increased amount to be spent on the roads. He reported that the new changes in planning law now meant that distinct village and settlements can now be merged into neighbouring towns. This also included a reduction in the cost in of Compulsory Purchase Orders. The Highways team was waiting for the water table in Fulmer to go down before the work in Windmill Road could be started along with other roadworks in the village. He assured the Council that both Stoke Common Road and Fulmer Lane were on that list for repairs.

Cllr J Chhokar had also met with the Environmental Protection Team Leader at Bucks Council in connection with the annual activities at the Mosque. Apparently, the Officer had received a response from the Mosque and an acceptance to arrange a meeting.

Cllr J Chhokar had just come from the Gerrards Cross and Denham Community Board meeting where Cllr Du Toit had presented the improvements carried out at King George's Field with Community Board funding.

Cllr J Chhokar reported he would be asking for the budget for Enforcements to be reinstated when the new Council started after May.

The Chairman said he was surprised by the LAT's actions at taking down the bollards at Hollydene House.

Finally, Cllr J Chhokar reported that the Windsor Road would soon be closed from 10pm to 6am, overnight, to allow for resurfacing works to be carried out.

- 7. 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 Chairman reported that the recently planned SBALC meeting had been postponed and was being rearranged.

The Clerk had attended a presentation by Bucks Council Democratic Services on the countdown to the forthcoming Local Elections.

Cllr Du Toit had presented to the Denham and Gerrards Cross Community Board on the improvements carried out with their help at King George's Field.

The Chairman had also met with local MP Joy Morrissey remotely for a catch up on various issues.

8. 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 February 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 March.

March Payments

FPC	Budgeted	
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (Mar)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	2608.76	Y
HMRC tax & NI	457.92	Y
Employers Pension contribution	52.95	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Allotments water rates	0.00	Y
Commando Plug installation	1026.00	Grant for
Community Impact Bucks subs	70.00	Y
Allotments signage	1940.00	Grant for
TOTAL	6364.17	

FSCA

The Studio rates	81.47
The Studio electricity	409.91
The Clubhouse electricity	284.62
Water rates	35.26
The Clubhouse final electricity previous supplier	302.04

TOTAL 1113.30

TOTAL 7477.47

9. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

Cllr Bocock reported he had reported on FixMyStreet a dangerous tree on the grass verge near the motorway which belonged to Bucks Council. The LAT was aware of the sign which had been knocked over; however, it was suggested that he needed to be aware of the mirror which was attached to the sign to help residents exiting from Fulmer Place see round the corner for on-coming traffic.

The next step in the process to get an HGV weight restriction was to conduct a feasibility study, to include a traffic study. The traffic studies that had been carried out the village were either in the wrong place or too old.

ACTIONS:

- Contact Community Board to progress. Action: PV
 - Write to James Beavis of i-Transport re a traffic survey. Action: DB
- There followed a general discussion about the grass verge and entrance to the village from the north.

ACTIONS:

- Obtain quotes to replace the now broken planter by the village name sign. Action: PV
- Source and arrange planting of a new cherry tree to commemorate Edward Guinness and to surround both the new and existing tree with protective deer fencing. Action: PV

Other highway related items discussed included permanent speed cameras, cutting back of hedges to enable views of the roads at junctions, ditching at Fulmer Wood Farm, littering in the parking bays at Black Park and the locking of the gates on the Beeches Way Public Right of Way at Fulmer Rise Estate.

ACTIONS:

- Investigate whether speed camera was approved by Thames Valley Police. Action: IB
- Report the Fulmer Rise gate issue. Action: DB
- Investigate the placement of litter bins by the Black Park parking bays. Action: PV

Cllr Robinson suggested she find the name of the lawyer who had presented at a recent Footpaths training day that she had attended and make contact re the Beeches Way.

10. Planning and Enforcement:

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

PL/25/0667/PNE Holly Cottage, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JN

Notification under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, Part 1 of Schedule 2 Class A for: single story rear extension (depth extending from the original rear wall of 0.8 metres, maximum height 4.00 metres, eaves height 2.6 metres).

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/0579/SA 4 Springfield Cottages, Alderbourne Lane SL0 0NX

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed loft conversion with rear facing dormer

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/0578/SA 4 Springfield Cottages, Alderbourne Lane SL0 0NX

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed construction of a new outbuilding.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

It was reported that a new entrance had been made at 4 Springfield Cottages.

ACTION:

- *Investigate the new entrance as no planning application had been received.* **Action: PK**
Cllr Simkins had forwarded pictures of two trees at Springfield Cottages in order to explore whether a TPO could be obtained for them.

PL/25/0329/FA

Hawkswood, Hawkswood Lane SL9 7BN

Change of use to mixed use children's nursery and residential.

The Council RESOLVED to object because it was an intensification inside the green belt, (including car parking for 2-300 cars) there was already sufficient nursery provision locally including a forest school and the property had also been extended with no permission in the past.

Cllr Robinson reported that she had looked in to whether any change of use was required from the café and farm shop at The Black Horse to a car showroom. She had established it was 'sui generis' and was waiting for Bucks Planning to respond in more detail.

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

11. Community Matters:

ACTIONS carried forward from June 11th:

- *Draw up a specification for grass and hedge cutting in the village.* **Action: PV**
Volunteers: The Clerk had received this year's instruction for entering the Best Kept Village Competition and asked the Council did they want to enter this year. It was decided that despite the damaged wall at the Church the Council would enter the competition.
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 plans were in progress to make this year's Fulmer Family Fun Day a celebration of VE Day. It was decided to write to ask the Lord Lieutenant to attend. It was suggested that the Red Arrows be asked to 'fly by'. Cllr Du Toit asked the Council to consider underwriting FFFD, she would present a budget for the day at the next Council meeting. Cllr Du Toit also asked that people support the Munchbox Club and that the menu for the coming week be circulated every Weekly Briefing and every Monday. Cllr Du Toit asked if the Council would consider paying the fees for a lawyer to help with the rewriting of the KGF Constitution. It was agreed to set a budget of £1000.

ACTION:

- *Write to the Red Arrows about flying past Fulmer at FFFD.* **Action: PV**
St James Church Fulmer: Cllr Hall-Drinkwater reported that it had been proposed that the Sunday morning service time be changed from 11.15 am to the earlier 9.15 am.
Allotments: Cllr Du Toit and the Clerk reported they had started to put together a plan to renovate the Allotments.
1st Gerrards Cross & Fulmer Scouts: The Chairman reported he had replied to the Scouts' request for a grant from the Council.

12. Communications: Two complaints about the water egress onto Fulmer Road from a roadside property had been received. Affinity Water had attended on a few occasions and determined the issue was not their responsibility. It was reported that the LAT had identified what the issue was and it was scheduled for repair. The FixMyStreet reference no was 711105. The complaint about the flooding at Gate 2 of Fulmer Rise Estate had also been reported and it was hoped that once Fulmer Wood Farm cleared their ditches the problem would be resolved.

13. Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 15th April 2025 at 20.00hrs.
There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:29 hrs.

Signed.....
D Brackin Chairman

Dated.....15/4/25.....