

Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th April 2025 at the Cricket Pavilion, King George V Fields, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JN at 8.00pm

PRESENT:	Mr D Brackin (DB)	Chairman
	Mr I Bocock (IB)	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 D Moore (DM)	Buckinghamshire Council (BC) Councillor
POLICE:	Not present.	
PRESS:	Not present.	
PUBLIC:	There was one member of the public present.	

- 1. Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 2. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Cllr Jaspal Chhokar and Fulmer Parish Cllrs Mrs Susie Simkins and Mrs Lorette Du Toit.
- 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 he was arranging a meeting with PC Kaitlyn Brooks, the new Neighbourhood Supervisor for Fulmer.
- 4. Public Quarter Hour:** A member of the public asked about the availability of Allotments in Fulmer. As an introduction, they explained had cultivated an Allotment locally for forty-eight years and had assisted with the self-management by tenants of the local site. They offered their services to Fulmer, which were warmly received. Whilst unable to commence in the near term the Clerk promised to be in touch.

ACTION:

- *Send Allotments details to the member of the public.*

Action: PV

- 5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 11th March 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 had sent in a report with the following points of note:

- Bucks Cllrs received a presentation at the last full council about the progress of the Bucks Fire Service, which is now out of special measures and improving. Hopefully that continues – the team at our local fire station in Tatling End are really good.
- Cllr Chhokar had been chasing Elliot (LAT) regarding date for the large patch repair required on Stoke Common Road. He is currently on holiday but Cllr Chhokar would do so again once he was back.
- Litter picking by Bucks on Fulmer Common Road is scheduled for next week. This is going on across the county before the first grass cuts, which will now be three times a year.
- Cllr Chhokar believed Elliot got the water issue on Fulmer Lane resolved where water was going onto a resident's property but please let him know if this recurs.

Cllr Moore also reported on Highways and that whilst Hawkswood Lane had been resurfaced there was further work to be carried out in the lane. The fly tipping at the Watersplash had been reported. The Chairman and Cllr Moore discussed the clearing of the Alderbourne which the Chairman had recently visited on Pinewood's land which was kept relatively clear by them. He also explained the aim of forming a nature Reserve to include the Alderbourne. The Chairman informed the meeting ex councillor Charlie Grey often cleaned the river and a new bridge had been agreed with Bucks to be built in the summer. The littering in Hawkswood Lane was associated with the heavy lorries using Hawkswood Farm. Similarly, Fulmer Lane looked 'like a war zone' with litter and fly tipping. Cllr Moore had escalated the caravan and been informed there were barrels in it which had to be investigated first. Cllr Moore reminded the meeting that if anyone caught people littering on their dashcam it could be reported to Bucks who were very keen on enforcement. CityFibre had been working to lay cables locally recently and it was obvious they were also leaving a mess behind. Bucks were pushing for tougher fines for utility companies that did not clear up after their works satisfactorily. The one exception was the water companies who were regulated by Ofwat not Bucks. Similarly, the question was asked what could be done about abandoned highway signs, cones and A frames that were often left behind. The rapid action of TVP in evicting the squatters at Fulmer Hall was commented on. Cllr Moore reported that Bucks Highways would have new funding in the new Municipal Year when Stoke Common Road would be worked on. Cllr Moore had also seen the correspondence on the Beeches Way closure and reported there was also more money being given to the Public Rights of Way function in the new Municipal Year. Cllr Moore was asked about the bunds being erected on the Church Farm side of the fence down the side of the Public Right of Way that ran by the Alderbourne. The bunds were very high so you couldn't see over them. The owner maintained he had a right to privacy; however, it was also noted that the Farm Shop seemed to have become a car showroom. It was decided to report to Enforcement and Cllr Moore asked to be kept informed.

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 March 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 April.

April Payments

FPC		Budgeted
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (April)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	2149.02	Y
HMRC tax & NI	531.53	Y
Employers Pension contribution	53.30	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
BMKALC & NALC subs	96.58	Y
Roots Grass cutting	546.94	Y
Rialtas S/w support & maintenance	243.60	Y
TOTAL	3829.51	

FSCA

Water rates the Studio	19.96
Electricity The Studio	243.22
The Studio rates	99.59
Electricity The Clubhouse	378.22
TOTAL	721.03
TOTAL	4550.54

The Clerk reported that all nominations papers for the forthcoming local election had been delivered to Bucks Democratic Services and approved,

8. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

Cllr Bocock reported he had reported the mattress dumped in Stoke Common Road on FixMyStreet. He reminded the Council that the FMS reports reported by local councillors were escalated.

The next steps with HGV weight limit campaign were discussed. It had been decided to contact the Community Board to find out what was required in the form of evidence once the new Community Boards were up and running.

ACTIONS carried forward from March 11th:

- Contact Community Board to progress. **Action: PV**
- Write to James Beavis of i-Transport re a traffic survey. **Action: DB**
- 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**
- Investigate the placement of litter bins by the Black Park parking bays. **Action: PV**

ACTION:

- *Send HGV Weight Limit report to Cllr Moore.*

Action: IB

9. Planning and Enforcement:

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

PL/25/0933/FA **The Bridgettine Convent, Fulmer Common Road SL0 ONR**
Reconstruction of ornamental garden feature (part retrospective).

The Council RESOLVED to support the application.

PL/25/0710/KA **Allhusen Gardens, SL3 6JD**
T0699 Malus – reshape crown by up to 2m (Fulmer conservation area).

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/0885/KA **Land adjacent to Allhusen Gardens, SL3 6JD**
T0001 elm - fell (Fulmer conservation area).

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/0712/KA **Land adjacent to Allhusen Gardens, SL3 6JD**
TPTG01 Group – Lift to clear garages by approx 2m. (Fulmer conservation area).

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/0674/FA **Hay Cottage, Hay Lane SL3 6JL**
Convert garage into habitable rooms. Alterations to fenestration.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/0640/FA **Woodland Court, Fulmer Rise, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JL**
Erection of a self-build two storey detached house, following the demolition of the existing house, attached garage and leisure building (alternative scheme to PL/24/2134/FA).

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

ACTION:

- *Circulate Pinewood Studios response to the Chairman's letter re Springfield Cottages.*

Action: PV

- *Write to another resident at Springfield Cottages reassuring the resident that the Council was willing to raise any issues in the area with Bucks.*

Action: PV

Cllr Moore informed the Council that Bucks Council would stop publishing comments on their Planning Portal that were not written by Statutory Consultees due to their opinion that it was a breach of GDPR legislation.

Cllr Khangura 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:

ACTIONS carried forward from June 11th:

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

Action: PV

FSCA & KGFF: Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the progress of the developments at KGFF and the FSCA and there were no questions.

St James Church Fulmer: Cllr Hall-Drinkwater reported that the wall at the church had finally been rebuilt. No decision had been taken about moving the 11.15 am Sunday morning service to the earlier 9.15 am.

Speedwatch: Cllr Bocock reported he was awaiting feedback from TVP on the use of different speed cameras.

11. Communications: There had been no communications from residents that had not been addressed earlier in the meeting.

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.

Specifically, the Chairman reported he was planning to attend the rescheduled SBALC meeting.

The Clerk had attended a presentation by Bucks Council on the roll out of ONE Uniform planning portal designed to bring all Bucks Planning Portals using one system. Once she was given details of the planned downtime of the planning portal and the systems that the Council was to follow during the period she would keep the Council informed.

13. Date of next Meeting:

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 20.00hrs.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 21:39 hrs.

Signed.....
D Brackin Chairman

Dated..... 13th May 2025