

Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 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 Boccock (IB) Councillor
Mrs L De Toit (LdT) 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. Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 2. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Cllrs Thomas Hogg and Dev Dhillon and Fulmer Cllr Francesca Hall-Drinkwater.
- 3. Co-option of Mr Adrian Stockall to Fulmer Parish Council:** Mr Adrian Stockall was not available.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Public Quarter Hour:** The member of the public present asked if there had been any news about the building works being carried out near their house, there was nothing to report. It was agreed to follow up with Bucks Council.
- 6. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 6th January 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.
- 7. Buckinghamshire Councillors Report:** Cllr Moore reported new Highways funding of £120 million over the next three years. He also asked if Fulmer would report to him any gullies that required cleaning in the village. Whilst they could be reported on FixMyStreet he was involved in a test of a new system hopefully designed to improve the FixMyStreet process. The South Bucks Wombles were meeting on the coming Friday. They were finding large laughing gas canisters which required specialist and separate disposal. He expected Stoke Common Road to be resurfaced by the end of April. He

added that Bucks Council had no budget for cleaning road signs, although they did have graffiti remover.

He was proposing that information Boards were placed along the Alderbourne, funded by the Bucks Community Board. It was suggested SITA be approached for a contribution too. The Colne Valley Regional Park (CVRP) along with MP Joy Morrissey had formally written to the leader of Buckinghamshire Council and the Council CVRP Trustees requesting an extension of the area covered by CVRP to include the area that the Alderbourne ran through as a tributary to the Colne. CVRP had cleared skunk cabbage from the Alderbourne and were now proposing to release a fungus deadly to the invasive Himalayan Balsam in the Alderbourne.

Cllr Moore had no further update on the land put forward as a potential site for travellers in Fulmer Lane. The fence at Fulmer Wood Farm was progressing.

ACTION:

- *Send a list of open enforcements to Cllr Moore.* **Action: PK**
Prior to the meeting Cllr Hall-Drinkwater had forward pictures of ten significant potholes to the Clerk. Cllr Moore requested they be sent to him. It was noted that some had already been repaired after the photos were taken. Cllr Bocock enquired about the large hole that had appeared where Affinity Water had recently been digging the road up an asked whether the quality of the work was checked.

ACTION:

- *Send pictures of potholes to Cllr Moore.* **Action: PV**
the Chairman suggested that work was carried out clearing the ditches and gullies in the summer during the dry weather in preparation for the winter. The Chairman expressed his wish that the HGV Weight Limit request e progressed.
The recent large fly tip at the Pickeridge was discussed and the consequences including the cost to the landowner SITA.

ACTION:

- *Contact SITA re the fly tip and the availability of any CCTV.* **Action: DB**
The member of the public added that they had reported a fly tip on FixMyStreet in Seven Hills Road and that although most of it had been cleared there appeared to still be a lot of debris left. Cllr Moore asked that the details be sent to him.

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 January 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 February.

February Payments

FPC		Budgeted
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (Feb)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	1971.04	Y
HMRC tax & NI	690.39	Y

Employers Pension contribution	109.76	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Allotments water rates	15.40	Y
.Gov emails	20.99	Y
Professional fees EA Boreholes	1034.40	Y
Professional Fees KGFF Constitution	5760.00	
Chair Expenses	56.00	Y

TOTAL 9866.52

FSCA

The Studio rates	99.00
The Studio electricity	387.52
The Clubhouse electricity	382.75
Water rates	43.78
Annual fire extinguisher checks	202.01
The Studio sound proofing	2799.60
Floodlight installation	288.00
Electric Boiler replacement	1050.00
Tractor Insurance	377.43

TOTAL 5630.09

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The Clerk reported she had attended a training session on the Bucks Data Exchange, a new facility which aggregated data on settlement statistics from a wide number of sources to help understand the demographics of the residents and their potential needs. In addition, she had attended a NALC update on recent legislation affecting Town & Parish Councils. The Clerk had investigated using an App supporting the improvement of Fulmer's collection and management of its Fixed Assets. The Clerk had started the process of applying for a new bank account for the Council in its role as Trustee to the KGFF. The Clerk also asked that the Council approved an application for a Purchase Card issued by Unity Trust Bank which would mean Cllrs and the Clerk not having to use personal credit/debit cards for purchases and then claiming expenses. This would improve the management and transparency of such purchases.

The Council RESOLVED to support the application for the Unity Corporate Purchasing Card.

9. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

As noted earlier the fly tip in Seven Hills Road had been cleared. Cllr Bocock reported that the tree by the Parish boundary gate on Fulmer Road which had started to topple had been cleared within two days of a report on FixMyStreet. There had been concern expressed by residents over the timing of the installation of the road strips designed to



measure the volume of HGVs through the village, as on 8th January the road had been closed to all traffic. The Chairman committed to updating the survey findings with the new information that had been gathered. The Chairman also reported that he, Cllr Bocock and the Clerk had met with Bucks Public Rights of Way Officer James Dixon re the ongoing issues with the Beeches Way. Mr Dixon reported he had asked the Fulmer Rise Estate management to remove the gate by the Penn Wood property, and the pedestrian gate on Fulmer Common Road. The PRoW would then be slightly moved to go through the gap where the gate currently is, as the large vehicle entrance gates which is where the PRoW actually went, was blocking it. He also reported that the footpath next to the Alderbourne and Church Farm actually went over the recently built bund, which was a surprise. He also reported one further diversion on the path and permission was required for the newly installed cattle gate on the footpath.

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

10. Planning and Enforcement:

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

PL/26/00103/SA Watersplash Farm, Alderbourne Lane SL3 6JB

Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed siting of a mobile home.

With knowledge of the circumstances behind the request which the Council considered important and legitimate

The Council RESOLVED to support the application.

PL/26/00080/SA Park Spring Lodge, Fulmer Common Road SLO ONP

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed erection of detached outbuilding.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/26/00049/FA Astraea, Alderbourne Lane SLO ONS

Front porch canopy extension, first floor side extensions, single storey rear extension and roof alterations to facilitate loft conversion into habitable accommodation incorporating increase to ridge height, side rooflights and rear dormer.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/6656/EU Fernacres Cottages, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JW

Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing operation to establish commencement of building works approved under planning permission ref: PL/23/1814/VRC (Variation of Condition 10 (Approved plans) of Planning Permission PL/22/3769/DE (Approval of reserved matters following outline approval PL/22/1036/OA - Outline application for demolition of 7 dwellings and erection of 4 dwellings (matters to be considered: appearance and landscaping)) to allow for construction of basements to each dwelling).

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/6357/VRC Dukes Kiln Farm, Windsor Road, Gerrards Cross

Variation of conditions 2 (Materials), 3 (Noise Protection), 4 (Construction Method Statement/ Ecological Enhancement Scheme), 10 (Tree Protection), 14 (Flood Risk) and 15 (Approved Plans) and removal of conditions 5 (Contamination) and 11 (Landscaping) attached to planning permission PL/24/0284/FA (Demolition of agricultural building,

construction of three bed single storey dwellinghouse, and laying of hardstanding.) to allow for amended design and additional information.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

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

The Clerk reported she had attended an on-line meeting of Clerks from the Farnhams, Wexham and Stoke Poges with ONH to determine how to work together on the joint spatial plan for the three Parishes. Two 'in person' meetings to progress the plans had been arranged subsequently.

11. Community Matters:

ACTION carried forward from June 11th:

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

Action: PV

Volunteers: There was nothing to report.

Allotments: There was nothing to report.

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 and get back in touch with Colin Sharp.*

Action: PV

FSCA & KGFF: Cllr Du Toit reported the new Constitution for King George's Field (Fulmer) had been unanimously approved at the recent Annual General Meeting, attendees being both Trustees and residents. This now meant Fulmer Parish Council had been appointed the sole Trustee of the charity. The Charities Commission had been notified and their approval was awaited. In the meantime, the new management committee agreement would be drafted. A new member of the FSCA, Suzanne Dobinson, was elected as a Community Representative.

A report of other activities at KGFF had previously been circulated. The Chairman asked that a meeting of the Council as Trustee to KGFF be convened after the next PC meeting and a separate Agenda drawn up which should include the Responsibilities of the Trustee and the draft Management Agreement.

Cllr Du Toit brought to the Council's attention the recent quotation from the arboriculturist for the forthcoming tree survey at both KGFF and the Allotments which was due this year. If both were carried out together there would be a saving of £300.

The Council RESOLVED to carry out the survey in the new financial year at £700 for the Council and £800 for KGFF, taking advantage of the saving.

ACTION carried forward from October 14th:

- *Produce a table of FPC's contribution to FSCA.*

Action: PV

St James Church: There was nothing to report.

12. Speedwatch: The continuing rainy weather was still proving a deterrent to carrying out any Speed Watch activity. The MVAS had been moved to a site at the Pinewood end of FCR and the resulting data placed in the Dropbox>Council>MVAS>MVAS Statistics.

13. Communications: A communication from a resident had been received informing the Council of the recent unexpected and traumatic incident concerning the health of a former Councillor.

The Council RESOLVED to send flowers and their best wishes for recovery.

14. 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 had recently attended the latest SBALC meeting and reported that there was an increasing appetite for the representative Towns & Parishes to work together on the issues they faced that Bucks Council could influence.

The Clerk reported she had attended the South Bucks Clerks Forum and the meeting between ONH and the Clerks of Stoke Poges, Wexham and the Farnhams. She had also had a one-to-one meeting with the Community Board manager to explore funding opportunities for Fulmer.

15. Date of next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held Tuesday 10th March 2026 at 20.00hrs. There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:13 hrs.

Signed



D Brackin

Chairman

Dated

10th Mar 2026