Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 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 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 D Moore (DM)	Buckinghamshire Council (BC) Unitary Councillor.
	Mr T Hogg (TH)	BC Unitary Councillor
	Mr D Dhillon (DD)	BC Unitary Councillor
POLICE:	Not present.	
PRESS:	Not present.	
PUBLIC:	There were four members of the public present.	

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

2. **Apologies:** There were no apologies received.

3. **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 he was still trying to agree a date with Sergeant Matthew Cumming to meet. There had been a report of the theft of gates in Cherry Tree Lane.

4. **Public Quarter Hour**: A member of the public reported that a Bucks Enforcement team had attended he suspected illegal development nearby and that all building work had now stopped. However there had been no progress on the nearby fly tip which had now been reported for over six months. The Council welcomed two members of the Public who had recently moved into the village.

5. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 21st July 2026:** 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 the meeting.

6. **Buckinghamshire Councillors Report**: Cllr Moore mentioned that he and the Chairman had met up during the summer recess to discuss ongoing issues. Cllr Moore reported he had joined a patrol organised by Bucks Highways to highlight the highways issues raised

by Fulmer. For example, the repair to the D area in Allhusen Gardens which was owned by Bucks Highways. They also looked at the dangerous S bend at the junction of FCR and Black Park Road and also the Rowley Lane A412 junction. He was also meeting with OCU and Highways to discuss the phasing of repairs in Stoke Common Road. OCU were currently working in Temple wood Lane until October when they would move to SCR. A 'common sense' solution was being negotiated for the PROW issue aiming to get a mutually agreed outcome acceptable to all. On other issues the Community Board had agreed to funding for two noticeboards for the Alderbourne as well as funding for equipment for the Wombles. The South Bucks Wombles would be coming to Fulmer Wednesday afternoon.

The new bridge for the Watersplash would be delivered soon. It had been agreed to extend to the source of the Alderbourne. There had been a site visit to Springfield Cottage during the summer. Bucks Council was to increase the fines for fly tipping from a maximum of £1000 to £5000. The fly tipping swat team had been busy tracing perpetrators and literally knocking on their doors to apprehend them.

Cllr Bocock asked if Bucks had decided on a new white lines' contractor? Also, the question was asked if there had been any more progress on the planning application for 76 homes on land to the right of Fulmer Road. Cllr Moore committed to action on both and reminded the meeting that the planning application had been 'called in' to the Planning Committee.

Cllr Moore then described some of the changes in the planning department affecting how applications could be called in, and the new powers of the Secretary of State particularly with reference to building of new datacentres. Cllr Hogg also volunteered his help as he had recently been involved with the objection to the proposed 700 homes on Wexham Golf Course as well as other planning applications. He explained that whilst an application might be acceptable in principle it would still be required to comply with the new Bucks design code in the emerging Local Plan. He emphasised that it had to be 'true' local character and that would be a 'beauty test' of whether the buildings held visual interest. Also, thank to CVRP, buffers local to chalk streams were also to be included in the new Local Plan.

The problem of littering in the lay-bys at Black Park was discussed. Cllr Moore suggested that if caught on dash cam perpetrators should be named and shamed and face the penalty of having their vehicle crushed or a community service order for picking litter.

ACTION carried forward from 21st July:

- *Arrange Plan-Et and ONH to meet with the Council at the end of the summer.* **Action: PV**

7. **Speedwatch**: Cllr Bocock reported that TVP were still asking for the return of the Speedwatch device; Cllr Bocock was going away so could do nothing until his return. Cllr Khanghura volunteered to assist when the sessions restarted. Cllr Bocock would follow up with local resident the downloaded data from the MVASs.

8. **Communications:** The Council had received a communication from the Scouts about the placing of a Rendez-vous sign outside their building. They wanted to nail it to an oak tree and required the Council's permission. The Clerk had consulted with both the tree contractors used by the Council who had recommended elastic ties or a separate sign. Cllr Du Toit also suggested the dead tree near the Scout Hut. The Council did not give permission for any nails in a tree to be used in the placing of the sign.

A communication had also been received by the Council from a Studio tenant looking for further accommodation for fitness classes and although the suitability of the Scout Hut was discussed the Council decided not to pursue this option at this time. No action was taken to investigate the Ts & Cs under which the Scouts leased the use of the Scout Hut from the Parish Council.

A resident had also contacted the Council regarding the noise coming from a clay pigeon shoot locally. It was thought that since it had happened on land owned by the event organiser and there was no evidence this was anything but a one-off event on an afternoon it was within acceptable guidelines and rules for the holding of such an event.

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 Chairman had attended the recent SBALC meeting which had discussed the new planning rules particularly w.r.t. to new data centre planning applications. SBALC had also submitted a response to Bucks Council's consultation on Reg 19 of the Local Plan. He'd also met with CVRP who had asked for £1500 from Fulmer Parish Council. The Chairman had offered £500 p.a. which matched on a per head of population basis Denham's contribution. CVRP were looking to run a project on the Alderbourne however FPC would need to find grant funding. The Chairman had written to Grundon's who often gave grants for local projects. The Clerk noted Suez had given funds in the past too. The community Board has agreed the funding for the information boards for the Alderbourne of £2000, they were also giving £200 to the S. Bucks Wombles. The PC was committed to the CVRP project in principle, its scale and scope subject to fund raising success. Bucks Local Plan was due to go for inspection by the Planning Inspector at the end of December. CVRP was going to write to Bucks urging them to include Fulmer in the new CVRP extension. CVRP were looking for £50,000 p.a. for ten years which would be launched at their 90th birthday event in September, the monies to be administered by Heart of Bucks. The Chairman also reported that the Pinewood Community Fund would be making monies available for Iver and Fulmer and suggested Fulmer applied.

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 July and August 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 September.

September Payments

FPC		Budgeted
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (Sept)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	1950.82	Y
HMRC tax & NI	636.54	Y

Employers Pension contribution	54.34	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Allotments water rates	114.39	Y
Grass cutting	546.94	Y
Chairman Expenses	37.24	N
AI Training	160.00	Y
TOTAL	3708.81	

FSCA

The Studio rates	130.00
Electricity the Clubhouse	272.04
Electricity The Studio	31.11
Pitch maintenance	191.66
Water rates	29.65
Swing repair	609.18
MPLC Licence	175.43
TOTAL	1439.07
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A letter had been received from Auditing Solutions the Council's Internal Auditor requesting the Council discuss and consider their independence from the Council's decision-making process and renew their Letter of Engagement, last signed in 2018. The Council duly considered Auditing Solutions' independence from its decision-making process.

The Council RESOLVED that Auditing Solutions was independent from the Council's decision-making process and the Letter of Intent could be signed.

Cllr Simkins was encountering repeated requests to upgrade her DropBox at a monthly cost.

ACTION:

- *Investigate the repeated requests to upgrade received by Cllr Simkins re her DropBox App.* **Action: PV**

11. 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 circulated a report on the recent activities of the KGFF Management Committee, there were no questions. The date for the Fireworks Night was going to be Friday 6th November.
- ***Volunteers & Best Kept Village:*** The BKV results had been previously circulated by the Clerk. Cllr Hall-Drinkwater had looked at the results in detail, even going to Seer Green to better try to understand why Fulmer did not perform as well as expected given the huge

effort expended by the volunteers. She asked if there was a list of other winners and asked that next year the grass cutting was carried out more regularly at the right time and that there were more flowers in the village. The Chairman asked Cllr Hall-Drinkwater to draw up a plan for 2027 to include a budget and changes to the submission document.

A litter pick in the village was scheduled for September 19th.

ACTION:

- *Draw up a plan for BKV 2027 including a budget for inclusion in the budget setting meeting in November.* **Action: FH-D**
- ***Allotments:*** An existing allotment holder had taken over one of the unused allotments to get it back into shape.

  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. Also collect the rent and fees due from Gerrards Cross Council.* **Action: PV**

St James Church: Cllr Hall-Drinkwater reminded everyone of the forthcoming Remembrance Service to be held Sunday November 8th and asked he Chairman to lay a wreath.

The Chairman reported that he would be attending the annual Remembrance Service at Pinewood Studios as well as St James Church for their wreath laying ceremonies.

ACTION:

- *Purchase two poppy wreaths.* **Action: PV**

12. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

A vehicle had been reported parked on the verge in FCR opposite the allotments for some weeks.

Cllr Bocock had reported a tree fallen down in Fulmer Road on FMS which had been cleared by Bucks within 48 hours.

He also reported to the Clerk that street light numbers 003, 005 and 006 were not working.

ACTION:

- *Inform Enterprise and the appropriate authorities about the van.* **Action: PV**
- *Inform the street light contractor of the malfunctioning streetlights.* **Action: PV**
- *Forward the list of asks drawn up for OCU to the Chairman who was going to ask OCU for a road closure plan for Fulmer.* **Action: PV, DB**

ACTIONs carried forward from June 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**

13. Planning and Enforcement:

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

PL/26/06105/CONDA **Site of Fulmer Chase Farm, Hay Lane SL3 6HJ**

Application for approval of details subject to condition (materials) of planning approval PL/19/1060/FA.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/26/05603/SA **Dukes Kiln, Dukes Kiln Drive, Gerrards Cross SL9 7HD**

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed conversion of existing garage into habitable accommodation.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/26/05922/VRC **High Gables, Stoke Common Road SL3 6HA**

Variation of condition 3 (permitted development rights) of planning approval PL/19/0041/VRC relating to variations to original permission PL/18/2959/FA (Demolition of existing dwelling, stable, garden wall, erection of new dwelling, out building and installation of entrance gate with fence) to allow for the reinstatement of permitted development rights under class E.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/26/06444/TP **Suncroft, Alderbourne Lane SL0 0NT**

T1 Silver Birch - Reduce to leave a 4m monolith as tree is dead, T2 Poplar - Fell as tree has fallen and is now hung up in another tree, G3 - x2 Beech - Fell to 1m as in decline, T4 - Sycamore - Fell due to health and safety reasons.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/26/06722/TP **St George's Lodge, Alderbourne Lane SL0 0NT**

Removal of roadside top stem of T1 (Robinia) to reduce overhanging of tree over the highway, crown reduction in height and spread by up to 3m of T2 (Hornbeam) to reduce overhanging of tree over the highway and for general maintenance, reduction in height to 6m monolith of T3 (Sycamore) posing a risk due to disease

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

ACTION:

- *Arrange for planning consultants ONH and Plan-Et to present to the Council at a separate meeting re producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Fulmer.* **Action: PV**

ACTION carried forward from June 16th:

- *Chase up the outstanding requests for TPOs.* **Action: PV**

14. Date of next Meeting:

The next Fulmer Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 20:00hrs. There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:59 hrs.

Signed..... Dated.....

D Brackin Chairman