

**Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th January 2026
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 Boccock (IB) Councillor
Mrs F Hall-Drinkwater (FH-D) Councillor
Mr P Khanghura (PK) Councillor
Mrs P Vahey (PV) Parish Council Clerk

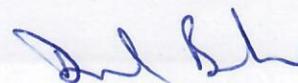
IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr D Dhillon (DD) Buckinghamshire Council
(BC) Councillor
Cllr T Hogg (TH) BC Councillor
Cllr D Moore (DM) BC Councillor

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 Fulmer Cllr Lorette Du Toit.
- 3. Co-option of Mr Adrain Stockall to Fulmer Parish Council:** Deferred to next full Council meeting.
- 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. Cllr Hogg reported he had recently met with the local TVP team to discuss issues locally including Fulmer. It was noted that PCSO Sarah Churchward had now left Denham & Gerrards Cross TVP team.
- 5. Public Quarter Hour:** The member of the public present had no questions.
- 6. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 9th December 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.
- 7. Buckinghamshire Councillors Report:** All three Ward Unitary Councillors attended the meeting. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mooe for his input to the issue raised by a Fulmer resident about the loose dogs on the Beeches Way Public Right of Way which had now been resolved with the property in question.



The Chairman brought to the Cllrs attention the following outstanding enforcement issue:

- i. the installation of the gates on the Beeches Way at the Fulmer Rise Estate section.
- ii. The erection of a building for which no planning permission had been given at 4 Springfield Cottages
- iii. The bunds at Church Farm for which a retrospective planning application had been submitted.

The Council were informed the budget for the Buck enforcement team had been increased for the 2026-27 financial year.

In addition, it was hoped that a resolution to the flooding at Black Park Road would be successful although the new fencing had omitted to include the badger gates and had been fenced down to the ground resulting in lots of deer congregating in the road as they could continue into the woods there. Cllr Moore commented that he had seen the reports and an investigation had been started. He requested any pictures to be sent to him. Cllr Hogg pointed out the anomaly in planning law that meant retrospective planning applications didn't have to include the same biodiversity measures as original planning applications.

The Chairman mentioned that the Council had been pursuing litter bins on the Black Park verges in Fulmer Common Road for over ten years and asked what more could be done. A member of the public reported that he regularly picked litter in Fulmer Common Road and in his opinion, there was no more litter in the parking bays than on FC. Cllr Moore offered to co-ordinate litter picking in Fulmer with the South Bucks litter picking volunteers. Cllr Bocock suggested it would help if they could pick in the outlying roads around the village as his team of litter pickers had the centre of the village under control. Cllr Moore committed to letting Cllr Bocock when they were planning to pick litter locally. It was established that Bucks Council would accept any CCTV evidence and pursue litterers where they could be identified. The evidence should be sent to Bucks. If the Council wanted to install cameras in FC it would prove helpful. It was also noted that the litter bins in Black Park had been removed so it was unlikely the Bucks Council would install bins just outside the Park. Cllr Simkins informed everyone that a local resident regularly picked litter on a voluntary basis in the Park. Cllr Hogg said he would talk to the Black Park litter team about having a pilot, installing a litter bin and see if it filled up. Cllr Bocock offered to provide a bin from the KGFF site if required.

Cllr Moore was chasing the installation of the new bridge at the watersplash. The Colne valley regional Park proposal for a larger vehicle bridge rather than the current plans for the footbridge over the Alderbourne was discussed. It was proposed that residents be consulted on their thoughts and opinions.

Cllr Hall-Drinkwater brought to the Cllrs attention the potholes that remained in both Fulmer and Windmill Roads. Cllr Bocock added that many of the white lines in the village required repainting. He had reported them on FixMyStreet but nothing had happened. The Cllrs said that the Community Boards were going to work with Towns and Parishes to support more devolved services.

Cllr Hogg reported that a new NPPF had been published just before Christmas that encouraged development in areas that were currently built up and close to railway stations. There were on-going conversations about the Bucks Local Plan with a proposed 120m buffer zone for chalk streams. It was commented that the requirement



for sites to have 50% affordable housing (20% below market rate) might be a barrier to sustainable developments.

8. 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.

ACTION carried forward from December 9th:

- Investigate the date of the return of OCU to Fulmer.

Action: PV

9. 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 December 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 January.

January Payments

| FPC | | Budgeted |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Mailchimp subs | 14.94 | Y |
| Street light maintenance (Jan) | 33.60 | Y |
| Clerks salary, allowances & expenses | 2093.59 | Y |
| HMRC tax & NI | 684.09 | Y |
| Employers Pension contribution | 51.61 | Y |
| Payroll services | 15.00 | Y |
| Weekly Briefing | 145.00 | Y |
| Allotments water rates | 18.77 | Y |
| Chair Expenses | 15.00 | N |
| SLCC membership | 268.00 | Y |
| TOTAL | 3339.60 | |

FSCA

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| The Studio rates | 99.00 |
| The Studio electricity | 158.77 |
| The Clubhouse electricity | 253.18 |
| Water rates | 47.18 |
| Annual alarm monitoring fee | 395.00 |
| Ironwork for rear car park | 240.00 |
| Tractor maintenance | 417.17 |
| Roller shutter repair | 120.00 |
| TOTAL | 1730.30 |

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5069.90

The Clerk had previously circulated financial models for the Precept. These showed the impact on the Council's reserves at three levels of increase 4.99%, 15% and 25%. After discussion 25% was proposed and went to a vote. With one abstention and four in favour **The Council RESOLVED to increase the Precept by 25% to £207.23 for a band D property, asking Buckinghamshire Council for £73,116.06 in total for the year 2026-27.**

The Clerk reported she had attended a training session on the recently enacted (18th December 2025) Employment Rights Bill 2025 which was being rolled out in 2026 and the expected changes in 2027, with particular reference to those parts which affected Town & Parish Councils.

10. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

Following feedback from residents in a part of the village Cllr Bocock was resending out the survey on HGVs through the village. In addition, a speed and HGV monitor had been installed in Fulmer Road as part of the transport survey.

ACTIONS carried forward from March 11th:

- *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**

11. Planning and Enforcement:

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

PL/25/6514/SA **Rhode Cottage, Windsor Road, Gerrards Cross SL9 8SW**

Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed erection of an outbuilding.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/6023/SA **Huyton Fold, Windmill Road SL3 6HD**

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed conversion of existing garage into residential annex.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/5624/FA **Glen Erica, Cherry Tree Lane SL3 6JE**

Two storey front extension, two storey side extension and single storey rear extension, alteration to fenestration. Detached double garage.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/5522/VRC **Site of the Former Fernacres Cottages, Fulmer Common Road**

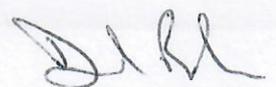
Non material amendment to planning permission PL/23/1814/VRC (Variation of Condition 10 (Approved plans) of Planning Permission PL/22/3769/DE (Approval of reserved matters following outline approval PL/22/1036/OA - Outline application for demolition of 7 dwellings and erection of 4 dwellings (matters to be considered: appearance and landscaping)) to allow for construction of basements to each dwelling) to allow for amendments to the design of It 4.

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 Council discussed the opportunity to join with neighbouring Parish Councils to prepare a Local Strategy for responding to large and substantial Planning Applications. It was decided to ask a representative for the company leading the initiative to come and talk to the Council and interested residents.

12. 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 had previously circulated a report on the progress of the developments at KGFF and the FSCA. The

ACTION carried forward from October 14th:

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

Action: PV

St James Church: Cllr Hall-Drinkwater reported that the diary of Christmas events at the Church was now available.

13. Speedwatch: Consequent to the Christmas period and the inclement weather there was nothing to report. It was propped to move the MVAS to a site at the Pinewood end of FCR.

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

15. Date of next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held Tuesday 10th February 2026 at 20.00hrs. There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:15 hrs.

Signed.....
D Brackin Chairman

Dated..... 10 Feb 2026