

Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th March 2023 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 F Hall-Drinkwater (FH-D)	Councillor
	Mr P Khanghura (PK)	Councillor
	Mrs L Du Toit (LdT)	Councillor
	Mrs K Robinson (KR)	Councillor
	Mrs P Vahey (PV)	Parish Council Clerk

POLICE: Not present.

PRESS: Not present.

PUBLIC: Three members of the public joined the meeting at various times using the Zoom videoconferencing platform.

- 1. Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of prejudicial interest. The Chairman declared an interest in The Woollets planning application, it being his close neighbour.
- 2. Apologies:** There were apologies from Buckinghamshire Cllr Paul Bass. Fulmer Parish Cllr Lorette Du Toit arrived at 8.25 hrs.
- 3. Police Update:** The following update and information from TVP Police had been circulated:
 - a. Announcement of a Neighbourhood Watch Recruitment Campaign.The Chairman reported on recent actions carried out by the local Police Sergeant to close down and prevent pony and trap racing on the A413 dual carriage. The racing had been disrupted by a road block, a dispersal order granted and six arrests made. There were plans to hold another racing event in March when the Police Sergeant and his team would be waiting for them to prevent it again.
- 4. Public Quarter Hour:** There were no questions or issues raised for the PQH.
- 5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 7th February 2023:** 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 that meeting.
- 6. Buckinghamshire Councillors Report:** In his absence Cllr Bass had circulated the following report:
 1. Cllr Bass had discussed the draft Boundary Report and the recommendation to amalgamate Fulmer with Wexham, Farnham etc. with the Chairman. Cllr Bass declared he would be making a submission.



2. At the last Communities Select Committee Cllr Bass had made several comments, questions and statements regarding how the Community Boards could be improved upon. Following this committee, Cllr Bass was contacted by the Head of Communications, Policy and Community Boards and invited to talk to him separately. Cllr Bass has asked for Fulmer Parish to be included and they've agreed. He believed this was a chance to talk directly and address other localism issues as well.
3. Planning. He was chasing up outstanding planning applications that had been called in to the Planning Committee.

ACTIONS carried forward from January 10th:

- *Introduce Cllr Bocock to Bucks Highways.* **Action: PB**
- *Approach planning officers and ask them to engage with the Fulmer Chairman directly.* **Action: PB**

7. Community Matters:

- **FSCA & KGFF:** Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the progress of the developments at KGFF and the FSCA covering the developments on the rear car park planning application for lighting, which had been refused, the status of the Padel Courts, the All-Weather Courts, tree surveys, groundskeeping costs, issues with water at the Studio, a meeting with the Community Board and plans for Fulmer Family Fun Day (FFFD). However, the first item was the resignation of the FSCA General Manager, Andrew Nealon. He had agreed to stay on until the beginning of July to ensure a smooth handover. He had been GM for nearly eight years and in that time the role had grown considerably. He would still be involved in organising FFFD and other voluntary activities.

The Chairman asked that a letter thanking Andrew for his contribution be sent. It was agreed that a farewell event be held.

Cllr Du Toit asked if the Council was content with the proposed agreement, lease rental and service charge for the Padel project. The Council agreed to continue to support the installation of the Padel Courts.

Cllr Du Toit warned that although the all-weather courts had been refurbished it was unlikely they would last much longer than two years. It had become an urgent priority to obtain funding for the upgrade approximately £60,000.

At the meeting with the Community Board Manager on site she reported that funding was being focused on Coronation Events currently. Since Bucks Council were not charging for the road closure Cllr Du Toit asked if the Council would agree to funding one marshal and FSCA would hopefully get funding for the other two from the Community Board.

The Council RESOLVED to move budget of £300 to King George's Field to fund one traffic marshal for the FFFD.

There was a possibility that funding for a new playground and fencing may be available in the future.

- **Allotments:** The Clerk had sent revised tenancy agreements and explanatory letters to the Allotment Holders.

ACTION:

- *Invoice Gerrards Cross Town Council for their share of the Fulmer Allotments maintenance.* **Action: PV**
- **Best Kept Village (BKV) competition:** The Clerk reported that a local resident had volunteered to help with planting for this year's BKV. They had suggested using plug plants to minimise cost. However, these would need to be grown on in a greenhouse or

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conservatory. Cllr Du Toit offered to talk to the resident about the use of her conservatory. The Clerk confirmed a budget of £250 for plants had been set aside.

- **Fulmer Conservation Volunteers:** Cllr Bocock reported there had not been much progress with the FCV.

ACTION carried forward from February 7th:

- *Draw up some regular monthly meet ups for the FCV with associated tasks.* **Action: IB**
Cllr Bocock reported on progress being made with Speedwatch. The sites for the Speedwatch had been approved by TVP and he was in the process of getting a monitoring device. Several options for signage on the planters at the entrances to the village were being investigated.

Cllr Du Toit reported that the Buckinghamshire Lord-Lieutenant Countess Howe had accepted an invitation to attend FFFD.

It was suggested that a tree commemorating Edward Guinness be planted at the entrance to Fulmer on the Fulmer Road near the tree planted for the Queen's Jubilee. If ordered before the end of March then it could be part of the Queen's Green Canopy Scheme. It was agreed to get a Cherry tree similar to that planted for the Queen's Jubilee. Cllr Hall-Drinkwater gave the Clerk the number of a local supplier. The Clerk had circulated a photograph of the plaque to be placed by the Jubilee Tree.

ACTION:

- *Contact Stoke Poges, Wexham & Fulmer Horticultural Society to obtain a tree and plaque.*

Action: PV

8. Communications:

- The Chairman circulated the proposed coat of arms and logo for Fulmer Parish Council. It featured a red kite to reflect Fulmer's association with birdlife, standing on watercress, Fulmer having been a centre of the watercress business because of the Alderbourne chalk stream, shown by blue waves, a ship reflecting the weather vane on the church built by Sir Marmaduke victualler to the navy during the times of Queen Elizabeth I up to Charles II all held up by two black horses representing Fulmer's long-standing association with horses and the Black Horse public house. This was unanimously approved for use. It was proposed to put together a welcome pack for new residents moving to the village.

ACTION:

- *Organise a welcome pack.*

Action: SS

Cllr Hall-Drinkwater reported that the broken streetlights she had reported at the last meeting had still not been repaired. The Clerk had reported the streetlights to the contractor, however he did not maintain the lights in the village hall grounds. He had reported he had fixed nos. 3 & 12.

ACTION:

- *Report streetlight no 5 again*

Action: PV

ACTION carried forward from February 7th:

- *Find out the ownership of the land at Allhusen Gardens.*

Action: PV

ACTION carried forward from December 6th:

- *Discuss what a 'future' village website could look like.*

Action: All

ACTION carried forward from February 8th:

- *Investigate which houses in Fulmer were not in the MailChimp database to find out whether they would like to be.*

Action: PV

- 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 Community Board Manager had asked for volunteers from the Council for the coming year's new Community Board Action Groups.

The Local Government Boundary Commission's Draft Recommendations Report had been circulated and was discussed. Whilst it appeared because of the numbers and how they were weighted to look balanced, in fact it did not promote community cohesion for Fulmer and its residents. The Chairman asked for all the Councillors to write to the Boundary Commission and also to ask the leaders of other community organisations to write.

The Council had received a further questionnaire asking for its contribution on future local infrastructure requirements for inclusion in the new Buckinghamshire Local Plan.

ACTION:

- Respond to the questionnaire.

Action: DB

- 10. Finance & Governance:** The Clerk had previously distributed correspondence between solicitors representing the Council, the Environment Agency (EA) and the Scouts regarding the contract for the bore hole installed by the EA. The Clerk asked for the Council's approval to continue with the instruction to its lawyer despite extra fees. Since it was expected that the EA would pay the extra fees, the Council approved the continuation of the work.

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 2023 which were accepted by the Parish Council. Copies of the Bank Reconciliation reports for each account are appended to these Minutes.

March Payments

FPC

Budgeted

Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (Feb)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	2148.95	Y
HMRC tax & NI	541.52	Y
Employers Pension contribution	48.69	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Water rates the allotments	10.28	Y
Swarco MVAS	3442.20	Y

TOTAL 6400.18

FSCA

Water rates the Studio 10.48

eDF electricity The Studio	431.03
The Studio rates	76.00
Fire & Intruder Alarm service	217.00
Pitch maintenance	863.86
Tractor maintenance	444.00
TOTAL	2031.89
 TOTAL	 8432.07

11. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

Cllr Hall-Drinkwater commented on the increase in the number of lorries loaded with aggregate passing through the village centre. They were returning via the same route empty. The Chairman asked if the lorries could be followed to see where they went and establish whether any planning restrictions were being broken.

The fly tipping in Alderbourne Lane and the potholes in Fulmer Common Road had been reported.

The Chairman reported that he had responded to the Bucks Council request for information regarding footpaths and cycle paths.

ACTION carried forward from January 10th:

- Contact the owner of Fernacres Cottages to ask for an extra footpath to be included in the Planning Application to link up with existing footpaths in the area. **Action: DB**

12. Planning and Enforcement:

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

PL/23/0206/FA Church Farm and Joys Cottage, Windmill Road SL3 6HD

Conversion of existing buildings to a one and a half storey residential building, including demolition of some existing buildings and removal of hardstanding. Erection of extensions incorporating single storey links between retained buildings and dormer extension. Retention of existing access road with associated parking and landscaping.

The Council RESOLVED to comment on the application expressing its concerns about the loss of a village amenity in the Farm shop, although it was understood the café and some parking would move to the Black Horse Public House. Also, to ask Bucks. Council to consider removing Permitted Development rights in order to protect the Green Belt. Make the approval of the Heritage Officer a requirement to protect the nearby heritage assets and also to ensure the protection of the Public Footpath through the site. The Council would have no objections subject to compliance with the above requests.

PL/23/0480/SA The Woollets, Cherry Tree Lane SL3 6JE

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed erection of an outbuilding.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/23/0481/FA Chase Cottage, Hay Lane, SL3 6HJ

Demolition of a single storey element and erection of a single storey front/side extension, front rooflight and implementation of energy saving measures throughout.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

ACTION carried forward from February 7th:

- Contact the owner of Hunters Lodge to find out what was happening on the site.

Action: KR

ACTIONS carried forward from December 6th:

- Contact Bucks Council Enforcement Team re a report from Buckinghamshire Council Enforcement team for the next meeting showing which Enforcements were still on-going and those that were closed and the outcome.

Action: PK

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

13. Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 18th April 2023 at 20.00hrs.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:24 hrs.

Signed.....
D Brackin Chairman

Dated..... 18 Apr 2023