

Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th April 2024 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
	Mrs F Hall-Drinkwater (FH-D)	Councillor
	Mr P Khanghura (PK)	Councillor
	Mrs P Vahey (PV)	Parish Council Clerk
ON ZOOM PLATFORM:	Mrs L Du Toit (LdT)	Councillor
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr S Chhokar (SC)	Buckinghamshire Council Councillor
POLICE:	Not present.	
PRESS:	Not present.	
PUBLIC:	There were no members of the public present.	

- 1. Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 2. Apologies:** There were apologies from Buckinghamshire Cllr Jaspal Chhokar and Fulmer Parish Cllrs Katherine Robinson and Ian Bocock.
- 3. Police Update:** The following three notifications had been received from Thames Valley Police:
 - TVP South Buckinghamshire Social Media Summaries for the month
 - TVP and Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter
 - A letter from the PCC for TV to all Town & Parish Councils highlighting the work he is doing
 - Information about the rise in number plate thefts.Following the highlighting of CCTV as an area Matthew Barber is "particularly passionate" about the Chairman committed to contacting Matthew barber regarding the implementation of CCTV in Fulmer.

ACTION:

- *Contact Matthew Barber re CCTV for Fulmer.*

Action: DB

- 4. Public Quarter Hour:** There were no questions or issues raised for the PQH.
- 5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 5th March 2024:** 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 that meeting.
- 6. Buckinghamshire Councillor's Report:** Cllr S Chhokar started his report by informing the Council that unfortunately due to the recent spate of bad weather the LAT's programme of road repairs was falling behind. Questions were asked about specific repairs in Fulmer to which Cllr Chhokar relied they had not yet moved to intervention level. When asked it

was unclear what this level meant and there were "Failed Road Surface" signs in Stoke Common Road, Windsor Road and Windmill Road. The consultation regarding the issue of licences for Street Trading was being reviewed as there had been only six responses and it seemed Town and Parish Councils did not understand the impact this would have on Community events. Cllr Chhokar was hoping that Fete Days wouldn't need licenses and would be exempt. There was going to be a consultation to identify more EV charging places, the electricity coming from public street lights. This had already been looked at in Fulmer and it had been concluded there wasn't a suitable place. However, suggestions were put forward re the Village Hall gardens where there was parking next to the lamp in the grounds.

ACTION:

- *Contact VH Committee to discuss possibility.*

Action: PV

Bucks Council was looking into closing streets at certain times to allow children to play safely outdoors in their local streets. The ensuing discussion concluded it was impracticable in Fulmer. There was no update on the Broadband project. When asked about the forthcoming planning application for the new access to the King George's Fields if Fulmer Parish Council applied then it would not go to Planning Committee. Cllr J Chhokar had asked the Council if they wanted to discuss any small Parish boundary changes or change in the number of Councillors with him as he was now on the Standards and General Purposes Committee. The Council decided to accept Cllr J Chhokar's offer in respect of two properties just outside the Parsh boundary.

ACTION:

- *Reply to Cllr J Chhokar to accept his offer and to further discussions.*

Action: PV

7. Planning and Enforcement:

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

PL/24/0735/CONDA Fulmer Chase Farm, Hay Lane SL3 6HJ

Approval of conditions 3 (Contamination Investigation) and 4 (Remediation Strategy and Verification Plan) of planning permission PL/19/3553/FA – Redevelopment of site to provide 4 detached dwellings with associated hardstanding, landscaping, and vehicular access. Erection of two stable blocks in neighbouring field.

The condition had already been refused by Bucks Council.

PL/24/0826/CONDA Fulmer Chase Farm, Hay Lane SL3 6HJ

Approval of conditions 6 (Surface Water Drainage details) of planning permission PL/19/3553/FA – Redevelopment of site to provide 4 detached dwellings with associated hardstanding, landscaping, and vehicular access. Erection of two stable blocks in neighbouring field.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

ACTION carried forward from 5th December:

- *Site visit to Small Acre.*

Action: KR, PV

ACTION:

- *Investigate currency of older applications and whether they were still "live."* **Action: PK**

There was a brief discussion regarding Woodland Court.

The Council had been asked to comment on the neighbouring Town Council Gerrards Cross' proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

The Council RESOLVED to send a letter of support.

Action: PV

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-csb.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>
or email: planning.csb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

8. Community Matters:

FSCA & KGFF: Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the progress of the developments at KGFF and the FSCA. The Chairman, Cllr Du Toit and the Clerk had attended a Zoom meeting with Community Impact Bucks and their Community Buildings expert Laurie Johnson. The resulting report had been circulated to the FSCA Executive Committee and a deadline of 19th April put for comments and questions. Cllr Du Toit asked for the Council to pay for an independent VAT expert's advice.

ACTION:

- Review previous advice re VAT status and check with internal auditor. **Action: PV**
Cllr Du Toit asked for raffle prizes for the forthcoming Fulmer Family Fun Day.
Cllr Du Toit reported the project manager for the gate Access project would be Jim Pelton.

ACTION carried forward from 6th February:

- Look into using volunteers for the Allotments hedging work. **Action: DB**

ACTION carried forward from 18th July:

- Hold a meeting of the Allotments holders. **Action: PV**
Fulmer Conservation Volunteers: Cllr Boccock had previously circulated a report addressing Best Kept Village Competition. He asked who owned the flower bed opposite the Village Hall? It was thought that the residents of the corner cottage tended it.

ACTION:

- Contact the resident to confirm. **Action: FH-D**
And whilst the resident who had organised the flower planting last year was still happy to help, she could no longer provide concessions on the purchase of the plants.

ACTION:

- Ask Bucks Council again for litter bins in the parking bays and accompany the request with pictures of the litter. **Action: IB**

Pinewood Community Liaison Group: Cllr Simkins reported the PCLG was being disbanded and a new drop-in format replacing it. She had previously circulated a report following her attendance at the last meeting. The Chairman committed to continuing his informal catch ups with Andrew Smith the Communications Director.

9. **Communications:** A resident had written to the Council highlighting how dangerous the corner of Alderbourne Lane and Fulmer Road was for the children who walked around it on their way to School. The ensuing discussion resulted in the action to carry out a Speed Watch exercise on the corner as a deterrent to motorists speeding in that section of Fulmer Road.

ACTION:

- Arrange a Speed Watch on the corner. **Action: IB**

ACTION carried forward from October 10th:

- Investigate plaque options for the refurbished Parish Noticeboard. **Action: PV**

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

10. News & Activity from Local Government & other Community Partners: Both the Chairman and Clerk had continued to attend Local Government and Community meetings, details of which were available in the Council Dropbox.

11. 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 2024 which were accepted by the Parish Council. Copies of the Bank Reconciliation reports for each account are appended to these Minutes.

April Payments

FPC		Budgeted
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (April)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	1934.50	Y
HMRC tax & NI	532.95	Y
Employers Pension contribution	51.23	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Water rates allotments - 2 months start up	37.27	Y
BMKALC & NALC subs	91.14	Y
Roots Grass cutting	546.94	Y
Roots hedge cutting	422.00	Y
S/w support & maintenance	230.40	Y
TOTAL	4054.97	
FSCA		
Water rates the Studio	19.96	
eDF electricity The Studio	396.28	
The Studio rates	81.47	
Alarm & fire extinguisher maintenance	203.00	
Electric Gate deposit	1800.00	
TOTAL	2480.75	
TOTAL	6535.72	

The Clerk had also previously circulated the requirements placed on the Council under the 2021 Environment Act to consider biodiversity and to agree policies and objectives based on their consideration and to act upon them. It was noted that the Council was already

working with Pinewood Studios and Bucks Council to develop a new nature reserve to include the Alderbourne chalk stream, in addition to working with the Colne Valley Regional Park, and Bucks Council in respect of Black Park, The Corporation of London is respect of Stoke Common and finally it took its duty to protect the Green Belt very seriously.

ACTION:

Develop policies and specific objectives in response to the Biodiversity Duty imposed by the 2021 Environment Act for review by the Council.

Action: PV

ACTION carried forward from 5th December:

Compare the new contract to the Clerk's existing contract and submit the review to the Chairman for his review.

Action: PV

12. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

Cllr Bocock had previously circulated a report covering developments in the Speed Watch initiative, the siting of grit bins in the village, reporting of obstructions on the Hay Lane PRoW and the bridge over the Alderbourne. He also reported on recent road repairs to among other things pot holes in Fulmer.

ACTIONS carried forward from 5th March:

- Register a new Speedwatch spot.
- Talk to LAT re raising the kerb.
- Download data from the MVAS for Cllr Bocock.
- Circulate the Beeches Way repair quote.

Action: IB

Action: PV

Action: PV

Action: KR

ACTION carried forward from 5th December:

- Forward details of the Speedwatch signs and purchase costs to the Clerk.
- Once contractor in place liaise with Fulmer Rise Estate for the repair.

Action: IB

Action: PV

13. Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting, the Annual Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 20.00hrs.

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Friday 17th May and would take the form of a Quiz Night at a time TBD.

Both meetings to be held at the Cricket Pavilion, King George V Fields, Fulmer Common Road.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 21:35 hrs.

Signed.....

D Brackin

Chairman

Dated.....

17th May 2024