

Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2025 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
IN ATTENDANCE:	Cllr D Dhillon (DD)	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 David Moore, and Thomas Hogg and Fulmer Cllrs Ian Bocock and Lorette Du Toit.
- 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 planned to meet the Police Sergeant for a catch up. CCTV footage of a prowler caught walking around a resident's house in the early hours of the morning had been sent to PCSO Paul Dobbin.
- 4. Public Quarter Hour:** The member of the public present reported that a site in Fulmer Lane had been put forward to Bucks Council as a potential site for traveller occupancy. However, it was noted that until a Planning Application was received for the site there was no mechanism for objection. In addition, the resident added that the residents of Fulmer Lane had concerns about construction traffic associated with the proposed development on the land west of the Fulmer Road. The resident was assured that for a development of the proposed size a construction traffic plan would be a pre-requisite designed to avoid the lanes and use the major roads.
- 5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 14th October 2025:** The Minutes having been previously circulated prior to the Meeting were reviewed and with a minor change to the attribution of a comment to a resident in para 4, 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 had sent in a report of his actions as follows:



I wanted to provide you and the Parish Council with an update on my recent actions for Fulmer.

- i. *Rights of Way and Dog Incidents:* I have written to the Rights of Way Team today calling for urgent action regarding the recurring issues with dogs escaping from the Wood and the continued public rights of way access problems on Beeches Way. I have requested a coordinated approach between the Council and the services as well as direct engagement with the landowner.
- ii. *Chalk Streams Motion and the Alderbourne:* At Full Council, I successfully helped pass a motion strengthening protections for the Alderbourne and all chalk streams within Buckinghamshire. This places new requirements on planning including a buffer, water management, conservation partnerships, and enforcement. Following this, BBOWT are keen to arrange a site visit and filming session at the Alderbourne in the New Year. They intend to involve Buckinghamshire Council, the Colne Valley Regional Park, the Parish Council, and local volunteers. This I believe will support the case for extending the Colne Valley boundary to include Fulmer more fully. I will circulate proposed dates once confirmed.
- iii. *Fly-Tipping and Enforcement:* There will be further Wombles activity in and around Fulmer as we move into 2026. Fixed Penalty Notices continue to be issued across the ward. I am also continuing to press for more fly-tipping cameras and investigations. A particularly shocking incident recently saw several tonnes of waste dumped on Hawkswood Lane and again in Wexham. The offender, Aurelian Stoev of West Drayton, has now been fined almost £6,000 after attempting to mislead investigators. Such behaviour is wholly unacceptable. Fulmer's lanes are not dumping grounds but green, peaceful rural highways. I have called on Westminster to go further, including vehicle confiscation for repeat offenders and uncapped fines to make fly-tipping genuinely unprofitable. Deterrence must be the foundation of enforcement. I will also write to Slough Borough Council and Hillingdon Council to work closely with Buckinghamshire Council on the war against fly tipping. It is often their residents who come up to our parishes and fly tip, yet it is Buckinghamshire taxpayers paying to clean up the mess, not Slough or Hillingdon.
- iv. *Alderbourne Footbridge:* I have requested an update from officers on the permanent timber Alderbourne footbridge, and I will report back as soon as I receive further detail.
- v. *Policing and Ward Patrol:* I recently undertook a ride-along with Thames Valley Police's neighbourhood team, including the patrolling of Fulmer and Stoke Poges. We discussed how neighbourhood policing can be strengthened and how officers can be freed from wider response duties in order to focus more effectively on parish-level issues such as burglaries and rural crime.
- vi. *Royal Mail and Parish Identity:* I have written to Royal Mail asking that Fulmer no longer be listed as "Slough" in mapping and postal references. Gerrards Cross retains a Slough postcode without being identified as Slough in national mapping systems, and the same fairness should apply to Fulmer and the ward. I will update you once I receive a response.

Let me know if there are any issues you would like me to raise or escalate further.

Cllr Dhillon reported on the recent issue of a Consultation on the Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Services.

A meeting had been arranged with Bucks Council Officers, Cabinet Members and Members attending to discuss the future responses to Planning Applications in Buckinghamshire. The Chairman responded that Fulmer Parish Council would be considering joining forces with Burnham Parish Council and others to design a local Spatial Assessment and define the Grey and Green Belt areas in the locale. The details of the respective financial contribution to the professional advice to be employed was still to be worked out. Cllr Dhillon also commented that the local social housing provider L&Q were in the process of selling their properties in South Buckinghamshire to another social housing company.

Cllr Dhillon had also been able to question the Highways Capital Expenditure team re their programme of repairs and maintenance of the roads in Fulmer. Bucks Council was proposing to clear gullies annually along with some clearance of ditches. He asked the Council to let him know what gullies required attention in Fulmer.

The new rule regarding the Calling in of Planning Applications, if it was a Planning in Principle there was now a seven-day window in which to ask for the application to be called in. Since Cllrs Moore and Hogg were on the Planning Committee, they had to be seen to remain neutral. In order to serve Fulmer both Cllrs Dhillon and J Chhokar would speak on Fulmer's behalf along with Parish having three minutes each to use the nine-minute allocation.

ACTION:

- Draw up a list of Unitary Councillors committed actions.

Action: DB

ACTION carried forward from July 22nd:

- Draw up a draft Neighbourhood Plan for Fulmer.

Action: PK

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

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.

Specifically, the Chairman had written to Colne Valley Regional Park (CVRP) regarding their successful clearance of the invasive Skunk Cabbage around the Alderbourne. This initiative by CVRP had been paid for by Affinity Water. He had discussed the clearing of the Alderbourne with CVRP and had been heartened to hear CVRP describe it as a 'human sized problem,' aka one that could be tackled with some effort and a little money to make an impact. He had proposed to CVRP that a levy of £1 per resident be paid to CVRP to help. Other neighbouring councils had instituted a similar levy.

The Chairman had attended the SBALC AGM, held in Stoke Poges. He was also talking to BMKALC to assist in their leadership and considering becoming Deputy Leader.

The Clerk reported she had attended a Future Proof 'Planning Seminar held by BMKALC. The slides of the topics discussed were available in the Council's Planning DropBox. The question was asked when OCU would be back working in Fulmer Common Road?

ACTION:

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

Action: PV

The Chairman also mentioned the Heart of Bucks Community Fund which gave grants to Community projects in the Parishes with a view to applying for KGFF.

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 October and November 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 December.

December Payments

FPC		Budgeted
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (Dec)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	2519.62	Y
HMRC tax & NI	533.86	Y
Employers Pension contribution	55.21	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Allotments water rates	102.00	Y
Training	180.00	Y
Professional Fees - legal	1440.00	Y
Planning Seminar	110.00	Y
Expenses - Chairman	59.18	y
TOTAL	5208.41	

FSCA

The Studio rates	99.00
The Studio electricity	146.98
The Clubhouse electricity	400.94
Water rates	48.55
Floodlights	589.20
TOTAL	1284.67
TOTAL	6493.08

The Clerk reported on the recommendations from the recent meeting of the Finance Committee as follows:

1. There having been no updates to FPC's Standing Orders

The Council RESOLVED to re-adopt the Standing Orders.

2. There having been no updates to the Councillor Code of Conduct
The Council RESOLVED to re-adopt THE Councillors Code of Conduct.

3. FPC Financial Regulations had been reviewed and amended in the light of a new recommended template from NALC.
The Council RESOLVED to adopt the revised Financial Regulations.

4. There being no updates to the Risk Assessment Schedule
The Council RESOLVED to re-adopt the revised Risk Assessment Schedule.

5. Fixed Assets Register. The revised FAR had been circulated having been updated to show assets that had been disposed of and those acquired together with the values of the sums insured as provided by the Council's Insurance Company.
The Council RESOLVED to adopt the revised FAR.

6. There having been no changes to the Financial Reserves Policy
The Council RESOLVED to re-adopt the Financial Reserves Policy.

7. Clerks Employment Contract. The Clerk's Employment Contract had been updated to reflect the new salary recommended by NALC.
With the agreement of the Clerk the Council RESOLVED to adopt the revised Employment Contract.

8. The updated list of suppliers to the Council had been circulated.
The Council RESOLVED to adopt the revised list of suppliers.

9. The proposed dates for Fulmer Parish Council meetings for the Municipal year 2026-27 had been circulated.
The Council RESOLVED to adopt the proposed dates for 2026-27.

10. The grant request from the FSCA had been circulated.
The Council RESOLVED to continue its support of the FSCA and approved the £5000 grant, to be paid in 4 equal quarterly instalments.

The Clerk reported that the Precept calculator promised by Buicks for 5th December still had not been received. However, the precept was discussed on the basis of the first draft of the Budget prepared by the Finance Committee. This included expenditure on a local Plan for Fulmer, a response to a local large planning application, a local consultation for the HGV Weight Restriction through the village, work on the Allotments and increasing the Council's Reserves as recommended in the last Audits. This had resulted in what could potentially be a 25% increase in the Precept. This was discussed at length but a resolution deferred to the next Parish Council meeting.

10. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

It had been reported that the S106 funds resulting from the Planning Application at Pinewood Studios had been handed over to Bucks Council for the work agreed to be carried out to the Highways in Fulmer. The question was asked if they had an obligation to carry out the works?

The Chairman, Cllr Bocock, Clerk, and Pinewood Traffic Consultant James Bevis had all met with Graham Hilary, Bucks Council's Transport Strategy Officer with responsibility for Fright to discuss the options for implementing an HGV weight limit in Fulmer. James Bevis was going to institute the traffic survey and Cllr Bocock would send out a questionnaire to all Fulmer residents asking for their experiences, he was already collecting incidents that were reported to him. Various solutions were discussed all of which came with differing implementation costs so it was all dependant on what Fulmer could afford.

Overall, this had been viewed as a productive meeting with Graham asking to be kept informed of progress.

It was reported that David Rounding Bucks Council's Fly Tipping Enforcement Officer was retiring. David had always supported Fulmer in removal of Fly Tips and the prosecution of the offenders.

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**
- Investigate the placement of litter bins by the Black Park parking bays. **Action: PV**

11. Planning and Enforcement:

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

PL/25/5988/VRC **Upton House, Fulmer Rise, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JL**

Variation of condition 04 (Permitted Development Rights) attached to planning permission 92/00499/FUL (Demolition of existing dwellinghouse and buildings with curtilage of site and erection of replacement dwellinghouse) in order to reinstate Class E permitted development rights for outbuildings.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/5948/SA **Langley Cottage, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JG**

Construction of a new outbuilding.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/5949/SA **Langley Cottage, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JG**

Certificate of lawfulness for Proposed Construction of new Garden Pavilion.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/5643/SA **Langley Cottage, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JG**

Certificate of lawfulness for Proposed Construction of new roof dormer in existing original roof.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/5453/SA **Langley Cottage, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JG**

Certificate of lawfulness for Proposed Construction of new freestanding pergola/canopy.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/4901/SA **Huyton Fold, Windmill Road SL3 6HD**

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed detached outbuilding to garden to be used for swimming pool.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PI/25/4680/NMA **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 correct to wording in condition 1.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.



PI/25/2813/HB

1 Church Row Cottages, Hay Lane SL3 6HW

Listed building application for replacement of existing casement leaves and front door like for like.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/4376/SA

Rhode Cottage, Windsor Road, Gerrards Cross SL9 8SW

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed erection of an outbuilding.

Application Refused by Buckinghamshire Council.

PL/25/4247/FA

Upton House, Fulmer Rise, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JL

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a part-single/part-two storey side/rear extension, alterations to rear roof slope including the addition of a roof terrace and rear dormers, internal and external alterations and hardstanding and landscaping works.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/4228/SA

Penn Wood, Fulmer Rise, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JL

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed erection of a new outbuilding incidental to the enjoyment of a dwelling house (Class E).

Application Granted by Buckinghamshire Council.

PL/25/3898/SA

Huyton Fold, Windmill Road SL3 6HD

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed detached outbuilding to be used ancillary to main dwelling.

Application Refused by Buckinghamshire Council.

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:

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.

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:** The latest statistics had recently been downloaded from the MVAS and were available in the Council's MVAS DropBox. Having recently been successful in securing funding from the TVP PVV Community Grants scheme
The Council **RESOLVED** to purchase a second MVAS.

ACTION:

- Purchase another MVAS.

Action: PV

14. Date of next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 20.00hrs.
There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:37 hrs.

Signed.....

D Brackin

Chairman

Dated.....

6 Jun 2026.