

Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2022 at the Cricket Pavilion, King George V Fields, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JN at 8.00pm

PRESENT:	Mr D Brackin (DB)	Chairman
	Mr I Bocock (IB)	Councillor
	Mrs L du Toit (LdT)	Councillor
	Mr P Khanghura (PK)	Councillor
	Mrs K Robinson (KR)	Councillor
	Mrs P Vahey (PV)	Parish Council Clerk

POLICE: Not present.

PRESS: Not present.

PUBLIC: Two members of the public joined some of the meeting using the Zoom videoconferencing platform.

- 1. Declarations of interest:** The Chairman declared a personal interest, but not a pecuniary interest, in Planning Application PL/22/3854/FA. home.
- 2. Apologies:** There were apologies from Fulmer Parish Cllrs Francesca Hall-Drinkwater and Susie Simkins and from Buckinghamshire Cllr Paul Bass.
- 3. Police Update:** The following updates and information from TVP Police had been circulated:
 - a. Appointment of Thames Valley Police new Chief Constable.
 - b. Become a Rural Spotter in South Buckinghamshire.
 - c. Online Burglary Event by Thames Valley Police.
 - d. Operation Sceptre Results.
 - e. Policing Issues Forum Survey.
 - f. Thames Valley Police releases Half Year Statistics.The Chairman reported there would be a reminder about burglaries and thefts at this time of year in the forthcoming Weekly Briefing.
- 4. Public Quarter Hour:** A member of the Public asked when the new Pinewood Planning Application would be going to Strategic Site Planning Committee (SSPC). [Post meeting note: the next SSPC was scheduled for 19th January 2023]. The member of the public also reported that neither they nor the close neighbours had been notified by Pinewood of the revised dates and schedule for approval of the application. The member of the public asked that their neighbours were also kept informed.

ACTION:

- *Update the member of the public with the revised dates.* **Action: PV**
 - *Give Pinewood Studios feedback about the lack of communication.* **Action: DB**
- Cllr Robinson reported that the residents at Site 1 Fulmer Lane had left in the middle of the night and the property had been for sale with Savills Auctions, listed as selling at £580,000. Cllr Robinson asked if given the history of enforcements at the property had

they been disclosed? Cllr Bocock suggested getting the legal pack which would have been available before the sale.

5. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 11th October 2022:** 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 previously circulated his report as follows:

- a. My actions are all in hand including the recovery of the action regarding latent council tax. This now has traction and the officers have made first moves. Since then, I have supplied them with more detail (thanks) and I do expect a follow up. It could be complex (for them). One thing I'm taking to committee is the issue about cross function working. I'll keep you in the loop.
- b. Bins. Still issues. Residents should have received a 2-month green bin extension to their account, if applicable. If this is not the case, please let me know.

ACTION:

- *Flag in the Weekly Briefing that residents should have received a sticker for their bins for the above extension.* **Action: DB**
- c. Local Government boundary. The deadline has passed, and the BC recommendation in response to the review was a 3-member ward that is basically a full merging of the current Denham, Fulmer and GX wards.
- d. You'll have noted the parliamentary review - Fulmer and Gerrards Cross East remain in Beaconsfield – Gerrards Cross to Chalfont and Amersham. There is opposition to that in Gerrards Cross.
- e. Fulmer Road - daytime delays, but for a good reason.
- f. LAT. Alison is leaving this week. Amersham will be covering Fulmer and we have a good link with the local LAT lead. Please use FixMyStreet for any immediate issues with roads, gullies, and pathways. Any extant and concerning ones please pass direct to me - I will push from this side. The local lead is very good so I'm not too concerned but Alison will be missed.

ACTIONS carried forward from 11th October:

- *Approach planning officers and ask them to engage with the Fulmer Chairman directly.* **Action: PB**
- *Ensure the residents were on the planning department's mailing list.* **Action: PB**
- *Approach Community Liaison officers and ask them to engage again on the noise issue in the centre of Fulmer.* **Action: PB**

7. Finance & Governance:

The draft Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting 5th November 2022 together with the proposed budget for the financial year 2023-24 and proposed increase in the Parish Precept had previously circulated.

- a. **The Council RESOLVED to approve a 3% increase in the Parish Precept for 2023-24.**
- b. **The Council RESOLVED to approve the 2023-24 budget.**

- c. The Council RESOLVED to approve the payment of regular suppliers to the Council where the value of any single invoice was below the threshold of £5000.
- d. The Council RESOLVED to approve the payment of regular suppliers to the FSCA where the value of any single invoice was below the threshold of £5000.
- e. The Council RESOLVED to review the contracts for grass and hedge cutting and also street light maintenance. The Council RESOLVED to approve the supplier lost was approved subject to some dates being added.
- f. The Council RESOLVED to approve the amendments to the Clerk's Employment contract and recommend for signature.
- g. The Council RESOLVED to re-adopt its Governance documents. Namely: Standing Orders, Councillor Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment Schedule, Fixed Assets Register, and Financial Reserves Policy.
- h. The Council RESOLVED to approve the dates for Parish Council meetings from September 2023 to July 2024.
- i. The Council RESOLVED to approve budget for £150 for payment as a contribution to the plaque for the tree planted by Stoke Poges, Wexham and Fulmer Horticultural Society to commemorate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- j. The Council RESOLVED to approve the purchase of the MVAS subject to answers to whether the MVAS software could be installed on a regular PC and how long the batteries took to charge.
- k. The Clerk had previously distributed the Financial Summaries, Budget Reports and Bank Reconciliation Reports for all the Fulmer Parish Council Accounts for the periods ending November and December 2022 which were accepted by the Parish Council. Copies of the Bank Reconciliation reports for each account are appended to these Minutes. The payments were as follows:

November Payments

FPC		Budgeted
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (Sept)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	2202.25	Y
HMRC tax & NI	582.08	Y
Employers Pension contribution	51.36	Y
September payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Water rates the allotments	10.28	Y
Grass & hedge cutting	546.94	Y
TOTAL	3601.45	

FSCA

Water rates the Studio	10.49
EDF electricity The Studio	85.20
The Studio rates	76.00
Cricket pitch maintenance	1890.53
Tractor equipment hire	1200.00
Football Pitch maintenance	494.10

TOTAL 3745.83

TOTAL 7347.28

December Payments

FPC Budgeted

Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (Sept)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	2705.96	Y
HMRC tax & NI	1159.41	Y
Employers Pension contribution	89.17	Y
September payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Water rates the allotments	10.28	Y
Newsletter print	420.00	Y
Allotments maintenance	105.00	
Allotments skip hire	240.00	Y
SLCC membership	236.00	Y

TOTAL 5174.36

FSCA

Water rates the Studio	10.49
EDF electricity The Studio	126.76
The Studio rates	76.00
Traffic Management Fireworks evening	1743.60
Fireworks	2640.00
Pavilion alarm annual monitoring fee	395.00

TOTAL 4981.36

TOTAL 10155.72

DB

8. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

Cllr Bocock had produced a comprehensive report on the Highways in Fulmer which had been previously circulated. Cllr Bocock said he would add ditches, drain sand verges to it for the next meeting. Although the LAT had been informed of the situation at the bottom of Cherry Tree Lane with the overflowing ditches the LAT was leaving. It was also reported that the trees around the boundaries of Fulmer Hall were still dangerous. The Clerk had written to the residents but had not received a reply.

ACTIONS:

- Write again to the residents of Fulmer Hall. **Action: PV**
- Contact whoever would be looking after Fulmer when the current LAT left re the ditches and the culvert under the road. **Action: PB**
- Cover the Speedwatch Report at the next Council meeting. **Action: IB**

9. Planning and Enforcement:

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

PL/22/2445/FA Site of the Birches, Windmill Road SL3 6HF

Erection of a detached dwellinghouse and garage, retention of new access from Stoke Common Road.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/22/3625/FA The Woollets, Cherry Tree Lane SL3 6JE

Erection of a single storey rear extension to incorporate roof over outdoor swimming pool and a new gymnasium.

This had subsequently been withdrawn.

PL/22/3769/DE Fernacres Cottages, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JW

Approval of reserved matters following outline approval of PL/22/1036/OA – Outline application for demolition of 7 dwellings and erection of 4 dwellings (matters to be considered appearance and landscaping).

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/22/3826/CONDA Fernacres Cottages, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JW

Approval of condition 7 (Bat Mitigations Strategy) of planning permission PL/22/1036/OA – Outline application for demolition of 7 dwellings and erection of 4 dwellings (matters to be considered access, layout and scale).

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/22/3854/FA Mandeville, Cherry Tree Lane SL3 6JE

Demolition of existing side port and garden shed and erection of a first floor over exiting ground floor rear extension.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/22/3993/FA Dukes Kiln Farm, Windsor Road SL9 8SP

Conversion of agricultural building into dwelling house including external and internal alterations, alterations to access, entrance gate and associated boundary fencing, and laying of hardstanding.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

It was suggested that templates be created for responses to Planning Applications where the Council resolved not to object, i.e., supported or was neutral and that all planning Applications were responded to.

The Chairman asked for 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:

- *Contact Bucks Council Enforcement Team re above.*

Action: PK

Following the meeting the previous evening between the Council and the Pinewood Studios team regarding the new planning application a discussion was had among the Council regarding their proposals.

The Chairman summarised the discussions as follows:

- a. The Council needed clarity of purpose for the Fulmer Nature Reserve to act as a buffer between further development and Fulmer village.
- b. Provide a Nature Reserve as an amenity for residents and neighbours.

He also asked the Council to consider whether it was going to support the application or otherwise. When the application went to the Strategic Planning Committee what did the Council want to say?

Cllr Khangura 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.

10. Community Matters:

The Chairman started the part of the meeting asking that a concerted focus was put on volunteering in Fulmer during the next year. He suggested that following the pandemic restrictions and people moving out the residents had fallen out of the habit of volunteering.

- **Allotments:** Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the recent activity of tidying up and restoring the Allotments site, including the planting of 42 new saplings in the gaps in the hedging provided by Bucks Council for free.

ACTION carried forward from May 10th:

- *Draw up a map of the allotments, chase up the dormant allotments and investigate local rents for allotments. Claim maintenance contribution for Gerrards Cross Town Council.*

Action: PV

- **Trees:** Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the state of the trees on both the Allotments and KGFF together with a proposal to have the trees inspected every three years with an informal inspection in the intervening years. She also asked the Council to fund £800 for a tree survey on the allotments site. There were also dead, dying and dangerous trees on the Council land part of the car park. Cllr Du Toit asked for funding of £1280 to carry out the works.

The Council RESOLVED to move £2080 from General Reserves to budget for the tree survey and removal and approved the payment for both.

- **Beeches Way Footpath:** Cllr Du Toit reported the remedial work had been carried out. She highlighted the overgrown rhododendrons growing over the path from the adjacent property.

ACTION:

- *Write to the donor thanking him for the funds to complete the repairs and the adjacent property asking for the overgrowth to be cleared.*

Action: PV

- **FSCA & KGFF:** Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the progress of the developments at KGFF and the FSCA covering the success of the recent AGM, positive response from Bucks Planning to the Padel initiative, on-going income from the Studio, lights for the rear car park, and the success of the Fireworks Event. Cllr Du Toit reported the number of Trustees now on the FSCA Executive Committee for GX&FFC had dropped for three to one.

ACTION:

- *Discuss in detail the plans for the Padel Courts at the next Council meeting.* **Action: LdT**

ACTIONS carried forward from 11th October:

- *Enquire of Gerrards Cross the cost of painting white lines.* **Action: DB**
- **Village Christmas Party:** The Chairman reported that the village Christmas party had been a success and enjoyed by all who attended.

11. Communications:

- A communication from a resident of Bradbury Gardens re the reroofing of the properties had been followed up with Bucks Enforcement team. However, the properties were outside the Conservation Area so no action could be taken.

The Chairman asked everyone to think about what the 'world's best Parish Council website' would look like for the next meeting.

The Chairman reported he had organised the production of draft logos for Council. Communications had been received from parents whose children attended the village school.

ACTION:

- *Write to co-heads of the School to let the Council know if there was anything the Council could do to assist.* **Action: PV**

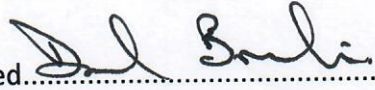
ACTION carried forward from February 8th:

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

12. 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. In particular the Chairman asked the Council to resolve whether it wanted to remain a member of the South Bucks Association of Local Councils (SBALC) and pay the annual subscription fee of £20. If so who did the Council nominate as their voting member and up to two observer members. **The Council RESOLVED to remain a member of SBALC and pay the annual subscription. The Council RESOLVED to appoint the Council Chairman as the voting member and Cllrs Khanghura and Robinson as observers.**

13. Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 20.00hrs. There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:57 hrs.

Signed.....
D Brackin Chairman

Dated.....10 Jan 23.....