

**Minutes of Fulmer Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 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
	Mrs K Robinson (KR)	Councillor
	Mrs L Du Toit (LdT)	Councillor
	Mrs P Vahey (PV)	Parish Council Clerk
IN ATTENDANCE:	Cllr Jaspal Chhokar (JC)	Buckinghamshire Council (BC) Councillor
POLICE:	Not present.	
PRESS:	Not present.	
PUBLIC:	There were no members of the public present until one member came along at 20:30 hrs.	

- 1. Declarations of interest:** Cllr Robinson declared an interest in planning application PA/24/1780/FA. Otherwise, there were no other declarations of interest.
- 2. Apologies:** There were apologies from Buckinghamshire Cllr Santokh Chhokar and Fulmer Parish Cllrs Ian Bocock and Parm Khanghura.
- 3. Police Update:** Eleven notifications had been received from Thames Valley Police and news of Community Safety including police work from BC:
  - TVP South Buckinghamshire Social Media Summaries for the month
  - Appeal for witnesses following a serious assault locally.
  - News Of the TVP Open Day.
  - Information about the new TVP Community Survey.
  - Romance Fraud support guide.
  - Neighbourhood Watch News.
  - 32 million suspicious emails reported by the Public.
  - Opening of Volunteer Recognition Awards.
  - News of work in stopping and convicting loan sharks.
  - An update from the Police & Crime Commissioner.
- 4. Public Quarter Hour:** There were no members of the public present.
- 5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> June 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 the meeting.

**ACTION carried forward from April 9th:**

- Investigate transfer of ownership and responsibility for maintenance of grass verges with BC.

**Action: PV**





6. **Buckinghamshire Councillors Report:** The Chairman drew Cllr J Chhokar's attention to the recent activities at the Mosque and the involvement of BC Officers. The Chairman asked that the Officers take the matter seriously, there having been a record number of complaints from neighbours. Evidence of both the times and levels of the noise had been collected and given to Bucks. The question was what else or more did they need? Despite the Council's efforts there was not a good relationship with the community and the noise and disturbance was now above tolerably acceptable normal levels. Cllr J Chhokar committed to bringing it to the attention of the Cabinet Member responsible, Cllr Mark Winn. Both the Chairman and Cllr J Chhokar agreed that BC needed to act. Gunfire had also been reported to the Police, however the Police had not been able to find any evidence of firearms. Cllr J Chhokar had also contacted Inspector James Ellis and Sergeant Hedley Gabriel and would forward the response when received. The Chairman committed to contact local MP Joy Morrissey and requesting a meeting with her.

**ACTIONS:**

- Ask the BC Officer what else in terms of evidence he needed. **Action: JC**
- Report the activities to the Cabinet Member Cllr Mark Win. **Action: JC**
- Report and request a meeting with local MP. **Action: DB**

Cllr J Chhokar reported on the road repairs scheduled to be carried out during the summer and autumn timeframe this year which included Hawkswood Lane. Stoke Common Road and Windmill Road were due to be patched. He would investigate whether the failed road surfaces repairs were to be added to the capital projects next financial year. The Chairman asked about the 'priority list' for road repairs, where did it exist? Also, w.r.t the road repairs the bigger picture needed to be looked at, did anyone at BC do this? For example, until the ditches were repaired there was no point in repairing the roads being flooded by them. Also, Fulmer Parish Council was not informed about capital projects. Cllr J Chhokar promised to investigate and ensure the Council was informed when they were next discussed.

**ACTION:**

- Investigate Highways capital projects to be carried out in Fulmer and report back. **Action: JC**

Cllr J Chhokar reported that BC were increasing fines for littering and a new reporting system was being implemented including dashcam footage being accepted. A presentation had been given to the Community Board about Project Gigabit, high speed Broadband by the lead at BC Thomas Brown. He reported it looked encouraging for Denham and Fulmer.

**ACTION:**

- Forward information on Project Gigabit to the Council. **Action: JC**

There was a discussion on the recent general election and the stated intent of the new Government to build on Green Belt land and the impact on Buckinghamshire. BC was waiting on the completion of their local plan and were also concerned that BC may have a legal duty imposed to co-operate with neighbouring Councils to allow them to build their housing targets on land in Bucks, in addition to Bucks own targets.

Cllr. J Chhokar reminded everyone it was the Marlian Planning Appeal the following day. The member of the Public asked if they could be offered a lift as they wanted to attend, living very close to the site. The Chairman sent out a request on the WhatsApp groups.



The Chairman reported to Cllr J Chhokar that Fulmer Council would be very interested in a conversation with BC about an HGV limit through Fulmer.

**ACTION:**

- Investigate with BC the process and likelihood of Fulmer getting an HGV limit through the village.

**Action: JC**

- 7. 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 Chairman was attending the forthcoming SBALC meeting next week. He was also going to reinstitute regular catch-up sessions with the local MP.

The Clerk had been unable to attend the recent South Bucks Clerks Forum due broken bone. However, she had submitted question on behalf of Fulmer PC to the BC Footpaths team and had received responses which she was following up on. She had also received useful information on the management of Footpaths in bucks and the new reporting system which were in the council DropBox Footpaths folder.

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

**July Payments**

<b>FPC</b>		<b>Budgeted</b>
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (July)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	2074.10	Y
HMRC tax & NI	441.63	Y
Employers Pension contribution	51.51	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Allotments water rates	17.82	Y
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2793.60</b>	

**FSCA**

eDF electricity The Studio	70.20
The Studio rates	81.47
Water Rates	63.21
Electricity the Clubhouse	797.69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1012.57</b>



TOTAL	3806.17
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### August Payments

#### FPC

#### Budgeted

Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (August)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses (est.)	2000.00	Y
HMRC tax & NI (est.)	450.00	Y
Employers Pension contribution (est.)	50.00	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Allotments water rates (est.)	18.00	Y
Zoom renewal	129.90	Y
Access project (ext.)	19020.00	Y but needs approval
FPC Insurance	3556.49	Y
FCV Insurance (est.)	130.00	Y
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25562.93</b>	

#### FSCA

eDF electricity The Studio (est.)	100.00
The Studio rates	81.47
Water Rates (est.)	65.00
Electricity the Clubhouse (est.)	700.00
FPC as Trustees to KGFF Insurance	2489.44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3435.91</b>

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Although budgeted for the Clerk asked for approval to pay the contractors currently working on the KGF Access Project once the invoice was submitted. BC had already paid half of their promised grant so there would be no cash flow issues.

**The Council RESOLVED to approve the payment of the contractors invoice in full.**

### 9. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

Cllr Bocock had submitted a report as follows:

- The MVAS battery had been changed and was back working. He asked if the data had been downloaded yet?
- Following a FOI request to BC he had been promised a report on the bridge over the Alderbourne at the end of July.

DB



- When carrying out their most recent grass cut the contractor had damaged the end of the planter at the entrance to the village. He suggested replacing for next year.
- W.r.t the grit bin by the Alderbourne which had gone missing. Would BC provide the grit if Fulmer PC bought the bin?

#### **10. Planning and Enforcement:**

Cllr Robinson reported that the Small Acres development under permitted development had been approved.

The certificate of lawfulness submitted at the Thatched Cottage had been refused.

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

##### **PL/24/1899/KA Corner Cottage, 1 North Row, Fulmer Road SL3 6HT**

T1 spruce - fell to ground level, T2 sycamore - prune back branches overhanging boundary by 2m, T3 row of Leylandii reduce to approximately 8ft from ground level and T4 Leylandii - reduce by 50%. (Conservation Area: Fulmer).

**The Council RESOLVED not to object.**

##### **PL/24/2083/SA Huyton Fold, Windmill Road SL3 6HD**

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed two storey rear extension.

**The Council RESOLVED not to object.**

##### **PL/24/2084/PNE Huyton Fold, Windmill Road SL3 6HD**

Notification under The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, Part 1 of Schedule 2 Class A for: single storey rear extension (depth extending from the original rear wall of 7.95 metres, maximum height 3.30 metres, eaves height 2.95 metres).

**The Council RESOLVED not to object.**

##### **PL/24/2175/SA Huyton Fold, Windmill Road SL3 6HD**

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed single storey side extension.

**The Council RESOLVED not to object.**

##### **PL/24/2206/SA Huyton Fold, Windmill Road SL3 6HD**

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed single storey side extension.

**The Council RESOLVED not to object.**

##### **PL/24/2018/SA Fulmere, 18 Dukes Kiln Drive, Gerrards Cross SL9 7HD**

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed outbuilding for swimming pool and gym.

**The Council RESOLVED not to object.**

##### **PL/24/1947/SA Fulmere, 18 Dukes Kiln Drive, Gerrards Cross SL9 7HD**

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed single storey side, part two, part single storey rear extensions and additional windows to the front elevation.

**The Council RESOLVED not to object.**

##### **PL/24/2131/SA Pickeridge Farm Quarry, Stoke Common Road, Fulmer**

Ground based facilities with a grass runway, access and parking for the purposes of flying model aircraft. Steel containers for storage on site for land management equipment including mowers. (Renewal of application PL/20/4465/FA).

**The Council RESOLVED to support the application since the flying group had engaged with the local Fulmer and Stoke Poges communities and their presence deterred ASB in the area. Nor had there been any noise complaints.**



A discussion on the adjoining parcel of land ensued and its derelict state.

**ACTIONS:**

- *Reconnect with Ben Krauze who had shown an interest in developing the land on behalf of his employers.*

**Action: PV**

**PL/24/2134/FA Woodland Court, Fulmer Rise, Fulmer Common Road, SL3 6JL**

Erection of a two-storey detached house, following the demolition of the existing house attached garage and leisure building.

**The Council RESOLVED to support the renewed application.**

**PL/24/1780/FA Land Adjacent to Alderbourne House (Holly House), Fulmer Lane SL9 7BL**

2 no single storey rear extensions.

**The Council RESOLVED not to object.**

**PL/24/1815/FA Small Acre Farm, Stoke Common Road SL3 6HA**

Construction of agricultural access.

**The Council RESOLVED to object due the high volume of very fast traffic on the road which would be dangerous unless the entrance was extremely well sited. It would also entail the destruction and damage to protected woodland.**

**PL/24/1640/FA White House, Windmill Road SL3 6HF**

The erection of a two-storey front extension and alterations to the residential annexe building.

**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](mailto:planning@chilternandsouthbucks.gov.uk).

Cllr Khanghura had also recently contacted the planning team at Bucks Council to confirm that the outstanding old planning applications were still awaiting decisions which they confirmed they were.

**11. Community Matters:**

- **Fulmer Conservation Volunteers and BKV:** Cllr Bocock had submitted a report as follows:
  - He had provided the Clerk with a specification of grass and hedge cutting for the tendering process.
  - He was going to prepare a task list for BKV and endeavour to encourage more volunteers for next year.
  - When he had some idea of when BC were giving him the equipment, he would set dates. He also reported on the lack of volunteers. The Chairman suggested a schedule of regular days throughout the summer as a start.

**ACTIONS carried forward from June 11th:**

- *Draw up a specification for grass and hedge cutting in the village.*
- *Contact Zoe Ford at BC for information as to how FPC could get paid for devolved services.*
- *Contact Rosie Tunnard at BC for BC's grass cutting schedule and the areas cut for Fulmer.*

**Action: PV**

- *Draw up a list of BKV tasks and people willing to help.*

**Action: IB**

- *Draw up a list of tasks and dates including a date for the Bucks Litter Pick.*

**Action: IB**

DB



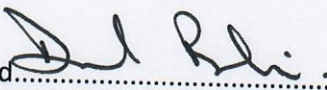
***ACTION carried forward from May 7th:***

- Ask VH Committee for the code for the VH automatic gate. **Action: PV**
- **FSCA & KGFF:** Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the progress of the developments at KGFF and the FSCA. She volunteered to store the hanging basket until needed again. The Chairman suggested that he include the new access project in the next Weekly Briefing. Cllr Du Toit expressed concerns that the GX&FFC were now using the facility during the summer and that thought should be given to the usage of the grounds by both footballers and cricketers simultaneously from a Health & Safety perspective. She was also going to obtain some ideas and quotes for new signage at the grounds.
- **Allotments:** The Clerk reported that an individual had enquired about an allotment in Fulmer who had considerable experience in running allotments elsewhere locally. She suggested a plan for revitalising and refurbishing the allotments. Allotment no 17 had won this year's best kept Fulmer Allotment competition and had been invited to the presentation at the forthcoming Stoke Poges, Wexham and Fulmer Horticultural Society's 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Show. Cllrs Du Toit and Hall-Drinkwater would be attending on Fulmer's behalf.
- ***ACTION carried forward from May 7th:***
- Investigate cherry tree and deer protective fencing. **Action: PV**
- **Speedwatch:** Cllr Bocock had given the Clerk a list of the signs he wanted to order for the village.

**12. Communications:** There were no new communications from residents that had not been dealt with previously in the meeting.

**13. Date of next Meeting:**

The next Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 20.00hrs.  
There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:22 hrs.

Signed   
D Brackin Chairman

Dated 10 Sept 24