PARISH OF MARSH GIBBON
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs A Lambourne (Chair), J Smith (JS), N Lyon (NL), T Reveler (TR)
Also in attendance: Unitary Cllr Frank Mahon and Carole Jackman (Parish Clerk),

APOLOGIES: Cllr L Cross (LC)

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm
Chair welcomed UC Frank Machon to the meeting and congratulated him on being re-elected to Buckinghamshire Council.

1. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 16 MAY 2024**
   The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

2. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
   There were no matters arising.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**
   Chair's report is at **Attachment 1**.

4. **MARSH GIBBON CHARITIES REPORT**
   The Marsh Gibbon Charities report is at **Attachment 2**.

5. **REPORT FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE (TVP)**
   A newsletter from Thames Valley Police Newsletter is at **Attached 3.**

6. **REPORT FROM BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLOR**
   A report from Unitary Councillors Frank Mahon and Patrick Fealey is at **Attachment 4**.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
   None.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Marsh Gibbon Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 13 May 2025

Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report

Welcome to everybody.

Planning

A challenging year with three proposed developments.

- **Catesby Estates: 94 houses behind Station Road**
  Catesby have not tried to seek a good relationship with either village or council on this application. They are trying to impose this on us without any discussion. We first heard about it by seeing it on the internet and it has been a series of "like it or lump it" conversations since.
  An action group has been formed to oppose this and is very active and has many skilled members who are working hard to stop it. We are awaiting the FIRST decision of many I expect.
- **Land and Partners**
  Ewelme Charity has proposed further developments in the village. After a presentation to the village, they have reduced the number and size of their development.
  Some of these houses will be individual design and size. At present no planning application has been submitted.
  As with Catesby, issues such as sewage, flooding, water supply, increased traffic and schooling dominate the argument against the development.
- **Deanfield Homes**
  Deanfield have been trying to discuss with us for a few years now.
  After the presentation, they are proposing a development of approximately 20 homes including bungalows in Clements Lane.

Financial

The precept for the village has had to be increased by 4.9% due to inflationary pressure. Wages, Street lighting and grass cutting were the main increases.

We still have considerable reserves and feel it is not right to tap into these for day to day costs.

Total 13th May reserves were £32K.

Village Maintenance

Cemetery: The cemetery continues to be kept to a very high standard. We continue to monitor the footpaths and we are doing repairs as and when necessary. Trees have been removed to prevent root damage to the areas.

Street Lighting: The increased cost of electricity has meant that LED lighting is something we shall focus on during the coming year, possibly through grant aid.

Roads: The pot hole problem is forever with us. It seems that it always will be, but we always keep the pressure on Highways to repair our roads.

Parking in Castle Street / Station Road seems at a standstill, with no remedy in sight despite our lobbying for change.

Environment: Ware Pond continues to be maintained by a team of volunteers and a big thank you to all who contribute to our picturesque focal point of the village.

The Horticultural Society have planted many daffodils that we purchased and will continue to provide.

We continue to respond to residents who contact us with concerns over the state of our village and have regular meetings with our Local Area Technician.

Recreation Ground: We have enabled the purchase of a new tractor and mower for the recreation ground. This is an asset owned in part by the council.

Children's Play Area: The summer of 2024 saw the renewal of the children's play area. It has provided new play equipment in a safe environment. This was made available due to an S106 grant.

We were also able to provide a skateboarding centre, where young people can continue their skateboarding at any time, regardless of the adventure time which we also continue to provide.

We have continued to update leisure activities for young people in the sports area. Basketball and Table Tennis have been installed.

Benches: We have purchased 2 memorial benches to commemorate VE 80 Day.

Ewelme: We have met with the Ewelme Trustees and will hope to repeat this at six monthly intervals. They have appointed a communications manager and we hope for improvements in communications.

Christmas Tree: Once again we provided the village Christmas Tree. Many thanks to the team who erect and take it down every year.

The Jubilee Plantation is being used extensively by the school and it may increase if Ewelme succeed with their planning application.

Thank you: Thanks to Frank Mahon, Michael Rand and especially Angela Macpherson for advice and help during the year. Special thanks to Angela as she has now retired but was always there to support us and we wish her a happy retirement.

Finally, a big thank you to all my fellow councillors for their work during the year. Each of us takes a responsibility and contributes to the overall success of this village. A big thank you to Liz Taylor who has retired after many years of work as councillor and clerk to the council.

And finally, no council can operate with a good clerk and we have the best in Carole. Thank you so much for all you do including behind the scenes.

Attachment 2

Marsh Gibbon Charities Report

See separate attachment

Buckingham & Villages, Winslow & Villages, Wing & Ivinghoe & Haddenham & Waddesdon Community Policing Team

Welcome to Our Community Newsletter!

Meet Your Neighbourhood Policing Team

Our dedicated Neighbourhood Policing Team is here to serve and support you. Leading the team are Inspector James Davies and Sergeant David Kuttner, who oversee the Buckingham & Villages, Winslow & Villages, Wing & Ivinghoe, and Haddenham & Waddesdon areas.

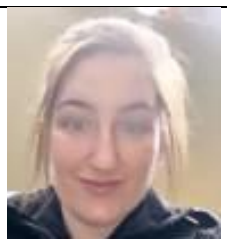
Inspector James Davies	Sergeant David Kuttner

Here's a breakdown of the team members in each area:

Buckingham & Villages:

PC Guy Richards	PC Kaci Deefholts	PC Ashleigh Vendy	PCSO Matthew Sansom	PCSO Emily Blackwell

Winslow & Villages:

			
PC Ian Carter	PC Matt Holman	PCSO Andy Piotrowski	PCSO Georgie Donohoe

Wing & Ivinghoe:

			Awaiting Image
PC Dionne Edwards	PC Jake Bye	PCSO Tina Hobson	PCSO Mike Coker

<u>The Wing team welcomes PCSO Mike Coker who joins us on the 12th April.</u>

Haddenham & Waddesdon:

PC Eleanor Fenemore	PC Holly Newall	PCSO Ken Stephenson	PCSO Danny Fahy

Our neighbourhood officers are committed to addressing local issues and work collaboratively with partner agencies, including the council, housing associations, and other emergency services, to tackle long-term challenges. You might often see them patrolling your area, ensuring your safety and well-being.

***Please note that if you report a crime or incident via '999', '101', or an online report, you will likely be assisted by our response officers or detectives, who are different from the Neighbourhood Team.

Community Priorities

Our teams are focused on community-identified priorities, gathered through an online survey, to direct their efforts over the next three months.

If you would like to have your say on what our next priorities will be, the please use the below QR code to access and complete the survey.

The current issues that have been raised as priorities are as follows:

Buckingham & Villages:	Waddesdon & Haddenham	Wing & Ivinghoe	Winslow
• Anti-Social Behaviour • Speeding issues • Burglary	• Speeding Issues • Burglary • Theft of Motor Vehicles	• Speeding issues • Burglary • Anti-Social Behaviour • Theft of and Theft from Motor Vehicles	• Speeding Issues • Anti-Social Behaviour • Burglary

Other News

The below is just a snapshot of what each of the neighbourhood teams have been doing over the last few months:

Operation Acre: Neighbourhood Police Teams from across the area, along with members of the Rural Crime Task Force, completed three nights of intensified efforts to tackle rural crime and its impact on local communities. Local farmers and

stakeholders were invited to participate. Numerous vehicle stops and seizures were made, and suspects were detained at a rural burglary scene.

Buckingham University and Hunter Street Railway Walk: Buckingham officers responded to reports of anti-social behaviour around the university campus and the Hunter Street Railway Walk bridge. Those involved have been identified and issued with Out of Court Disposals, with a requirement to engage in diversion programmes deemed appropriate by the Youth Justice Unit.

Attempted Child Abduction Arrest: Buckingham officers assisted other departments in identifying and compiling incidents related to the arrest of a male for attempted child abduction offences in Buckingham. The suspect has been charged and remanded to custody.

Anti-Social Behaviour Patrols: Buckingham officers continue to patrol public spaces in and around the town to deter anti-social behaviour. Over March, the team completed seven positive stop searches, issued Out of Court disposals, and referred individuals to diversion programmes as directed by the Youth Justice Unit.

Community Engagement: Buckingham officers attended the Buckingham University Fresher's Fair and local secondary schools to discuss community safety, particularly focusing on violence against women and girls. They also participated in the quarterly Buckinghamshire Contextual Safeguarding Meeting with representatives from local primary and secondary schools to address ongoing safeguarding concerns.

Criminal Behaviour Order Enforcement: Sandra Taylor of Spicers Yard, Haddenham, was sentenced to 8 weeks in prison after multiple breaches of her Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) which had been obtained by the Waddesdon team. Despite numerous warnings and chances to reform, Taylor continued to disregard the conditions set by the order.

Safer Business Week: PCSO Fahy and PCSO Stephenson, along with volunteers from Waddesdon police station, engaged with various businesses across the Waddesdon & Haddenham policing area during Safer Business Week in March 2025. They successfully signed up 22 new businesses to DISC (an initiative

designed to support the fight against shopliftings) and multiple individuals to Thames Valley Alerts.

Shoplifting in Haddenham: Shoplifting remains a priority for our officers. They have been engaging with staff members and dealing with offenders, leading to charges and fines being issued over the past few months.

Speed Enforcement: The Winslow team conducted speed enforcement in Winslow, Whitchurch, and Great Horwood. Several vehicles were stopped, and drivers were advised about their speeding. One driver was reported for driving at 45mph on Oving Road, Whitchurch, and will receive 3 penalty points and a £100 fine. Speed enforcement checks will continue in the town and villages.

Farm Patrols: Following a series of farm thefts in the Winslow, Buckingham, and Wing areas, patrols have been carried out to look for suspicious vehicles and individuals. Several vehicles have been stopped and checked. Proactive patrols will continue to target suspicious activity.

Drug Possession: Anti-social behaviour reports have been low, but patrols have identified individuals in possession of drugs, who have been dealt with appropriately.

Dog Seizures: Officers from the Winslow team have seized several dogs causing issues to neighbours. These dogs have been re-homed.

Housing Association Collaboration: We are working with the local housing association to address anti-social and criminal behaviour within their properties in Buckingham and Winslow. Evidence is being gathered for a closure order on a property.

School Engagement: Winslow Officers have been building relationships with staff and pupils at Sir Thomas Freemantle School. A knife arch was used to search all pupils, and thankfully no knives were found. We also visited Great Horwood Primary School, where we introduced ourselves to the foundation and reception classes and answered their many questions. The Wing team also carried out a knife arch operation at the Cottesloe School with similar positive results.

Arrests: The team has made several arrests, including domestic violence offenders and drink drivers.

TFMV Series Update: At the beginning of the year, there was a noticeable spike in Theft from Motor Vehicle (TFMV) offences, particularly targeting tradespersons' tools across our area. These incidents were linked to similar offences in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, with most occurring in villages near the county borders. Arrests have been made following one report, and the spike in offences appears to have subsided. While we are still experiencing these offences, they are now sporadic.

Stoke Hammond Neighbourhood Issues: The Wing team has been working closely with a housing association to address ongoing issues on Roman Field. This collaboration is resource-intensive but crucial for maintaining community safety and well-being.

If you need to discuss any concerns or issues with your local police team, or if you have local events you'd like the neighbourhood team to attend, please reach out to them via the following email addresses.

Important: Do not use these email addresses to report crimes, as they are not constantly monitored. For emergencies, call 999. For non-emergencies, call 101 or use the Thames Valley Police online reporting portal.

BuckinghamandDistrictNHPT2@thamesvalley.police.uk

WinslowandDistrictNHPT2@thamesvalley.police.uk

greatbrickhillwingivinghoeNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk

WaddesdonNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk

	@TVP Bucks X
	TVP Aylesbury Vale Facebook
	https://communityspeedwatch.org
	https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/thamesvalley
	Giving information anonymously|

Attachment 4

Annual Report for APM

Frank Mahon (Cllr) 3:45 PM (13 minutes ago) 12 May 2025

Dear Councillor,

It has been a challenging year for Buckinghamshire Council, Parish Councils and residents to say the least.

Planning applications are a high priority especially Solar and BESS in our community and everything else that is coming down the line.

We continue to hold EWR, HS2 and the MOJ to account.

One of Buckinghamshire Councils priority last year was to bring child care in-house and to date they have purchased six care homes, the latest in Steeple Claydon which consists of a six bed house which will accommodate four children with twenty four hour care.

We have and will continue to work closely with Helping Hands to provide support for our residents who are experiencing financial challenges during this cost of living crisis.

Over the last twelve months Buckinghamshire Council has repaired over 500,000 potholes and we will continue to push our LAT's and Buckinghamshire Highways to continue to repair the roads and footpaths in our ward.

As we move forward, the new Council will be taking shape over the coming months and we will keep you informed of new developments.

One key change that took place before the elections was a restructure of our local Community Boards. In an effort to streamline and create better cost efficiencies we have reduced the number of boards from sixteen to eight. The new board for our area is the North-West Buckinghamshire Community Board.

The way the boards work will remain as before. They bring the council, groups, organisations and local people together. Their aim is to look at local issues and find ways of improving them together and anyone interested can get involved. To make contact with our local board email: northbuckscb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Cllrs Patrick Fealey and Frank Mahon