

Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd July 2025 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	Councillor
	Mrs F Hall-Drinkwater (FH-D)	Councillor
	Mr P Khanghura (PK)	Councillor
	Mrs P Vahey (PV)	Parish Council Clerk
IN ATTENDANCE:	Cllr D Moore (DM)	Buckinghamshire Council (BC) Councillor
POLICE:	Not present.	
PRESS:	Not present.	
PUBLIC:	There were three members of the public present. One member of the public joined using Zoom but eventually left after the discussions on Highways.	

- 1. Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 2. Apologies:** Apologies were received from Buckinghamshire Cllrs Dev Dhillon and Thomas Hogg and Fulmer Cllr Susie Simkins.
- 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.
- 4. Public Quarter Hour:** Representatives from the OCU Group carrying out the civil engineering project in the village talked about the forthcoming road closure programme. New electricity cables were to be installed as part of an upgrade to the electricity supply for the new electricity substation at Uxbridge Moor. The cable would eventually run from Uxbridge Moor to Slough. The first section of Fulmer Common Road to be closed was between the junction with Alderbourne Lane and the Bridgettine Convent. The closure would be 24 hours and manned by traffic management company Keltic who offered a 24x7 response time to any issues. Letters informing householders of the arrangements had been dropped to properties in Fulmer Common Road. They explained they would be maintaining access at all times to properties in Fulmer Common Road. Whilst it was a seven-day working week they would endeavour to be quieter on Sundays. The workers would be on site from 7 to 7.30 am in time for an 8 am start and continuing to 4.30 to 5pm. The trench being dug was 1.5 m wide and 1.35 m deep. They only had permission to dig from Buckinghamshire Council during the school holidays. It would be a rolling 100m stretch of road being closed. They would be available to speak to residents on a daily basis. The roadworks would eventually turn left towards Slough down Framewood Road in 2028. The OCU representatives expressed their wish to be good neighbours and to demonstrate

that by putting something back into the community. For example, litter picking; digging out the ditches near the allotments was suggested. OCU was a member of the Bucks Berks & Oxon (BBO) Wildlife Trust so would consider environmental; projects too; carrying out tree inspections was suggested. The council decided to come up with a list of potential projects for discussion with OCU.

ACTION:

- Draw up a list of potential projects around Fulmer where OCU's expertise and resources could help.

Action: Council

The member of the public attending reported unapproved development at a neighbouring property.

ACTION:

- Inform Buckinghamshire's Enforcements team of the unapproved development.

Action: PV

5. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10th June 2025:** 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 with the change of the word 'refurbishing' with 'repainting' Agenda item 7 last paragraph, and were recommended for signature by the Chairman of the meeting.

6. **Buckinghamshire Councillors Report:** Cllr D Moore reported he had walked the Alderbourne with resident Charlie Gray to investigate a fly tip beyond the watersplash. He was supportive of bringing together both volunteers and the conservation organisations including BBO to protect the chalk streams which included the Alderbourne. He had asked Buckinghamshire Council to pass a motion supporting the preservation of chalk streams in buckinghamshire. He had also spoken with eth bucks Heritage team about Fulmer Hall. Bucks have a statutory process that it can exercise w.r.t buildings such as Fulmer Hall. Bucks had already been in touch with the owners of Fulmer Hall. As reported last time a temporary footbridge had been installed at the Watersplash and he was pressing for the permanent replacement to be installed. There was a discussion about the new NPPF changes, specifically paragraph 156 and the 'golden rules and sustainability tests. What constituted a town and how did a settlement become a town? Cllr Moore mentioned Bucks Council had a design code for development already in place.

ACTION:

- Draw up a draft Neighbourhood Plan for Fulmer.

Action: PK

Now that Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Community Boards had been announced it was time to engage with the CBs for political support for the HGV weight limit in Fulmer.

7. Planning and Enforcement:

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

PL/25/1661/FA

Huyton Fold, Windmill Road SL3 6HD

Two storey front extension with ground floor front portico, new side windows to side elevations.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/2030/UA Land at Hawkswood Lane SL9 7BN

Notification under Regulation 5 of the Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Restrictions) Regulations 2003 (as amended) to utilise permitted development rights for the replacement of 3No existing antennas with 3No new antennas, the installation of 1no 300m dish, internal cabin works and ancillary works.

PL/25/1958/NMA Plot 4 Fernacres Cottages, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JW

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 h4 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 allow changes to windows, doors, lightwells, design of front and rear bays, and position of chimney.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/1576/FA Huyton Fold, Windmill Road SL3 6HD

Part two storey front extension, ground floor porch, alterations to fenestration including Juliette balcony above porch.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/1493/SA Watersplash farm, Alderbourne Lane SL3 6JB

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed stationing of mobile home for ancillary residential occupation.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/25/1661/FA Fulmere 18 Dukes Kiln Drive, Gerrards Cross SL9 7HD

Replacement dwelling.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

The proposed Hawbridge housing development was discussed. The Chairman had joined the Duke's Wood Action Group. He commented that Gerrards Cross had a Neighbourhood Plan, one aim of which was to prevent the sprawl of Gerrards Cross to other settlements and vice versa. The proposed development was still at a very early stage, there being no preapplication consultation with Buckinghamshire Council yet. It was believed the application would be submitted in August. The Chairman was also going to join the Duke's Wood WhatsApp group. It was also suggested that Oneill Homes be approached to represent Fulmer once the application was submitted for a professional objection. The chairman had also been informed of ONH who had successfully beaten proposed large housing developments in Newport and Stoke Poges and was looking into whether they could help.

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

8. Community Matters:

ACTIONS carried forward from June 11th:

- Draw up a specification for grass and hedge cutting in the village. **Action: PV FSCA & KGFF:** Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the progress of the developments at KGFF and the FSCA and reported in more detail on some of the items.,



the Munchbox initiative which was suspected of losing money for the FSCA. The Council was keen to support the initiative so asked for the loss to be quantified and suggested more marketing to the community. A discussion on changing the day when lunch was available was discussed. It was also accepted that the space needed refurbishment and coffee should be offered, especially to users of the Studio next door.

Cllr Du Toit asked for a contribution from the Council towards the cost of the lighting for the rear car park which the Parish Council owned half of. The amount asked for was above £3000. The Council agreed to consider a contribution ending a review of the budgets available.

Allotments: A volunteer day That was being organised for Sunday 6th July had been postponed to September when people returned from their holidays.

ACTION carried forward from June 10th:

- Review PC budgets for proposed expenditure. Write to the allotment holders whose allotments fell below the standards expected and prescribed in their tenancy agreements. Ask the Scouts to join the volunteers. Set up a WhatsApp group for the volunteers.

Action: PV

St James Church Fulmer: Cllr Hall-Drinkwater reported that the Sunday [REDACTED] Services at St James would start at 10am from September.

Best Kept Village: Cllr Bocook reported that there had been sporadic cleaning and clearing in the village in preparation for the BKV judging. He was going to clear the footpaths next having retrieved the volunteers strimmer. There followed a discussion on the general lack of volunteers and what the solution might be. One suggestion was getting paid help after a public discussion as residents need to know what they were paying for and why.

- 9. Speedwatch:** The Chairman pointed out an interesting report and statistics on speeding from TVP. Fulmer MVAS statistics had also been placed in the DropBox. It was decided it was time to move the MVAS The Chairman was in the process of discussing with James Beavis, Pinewood's traffic advisor to write a traffic strategy for Fulmer
- 10. Communications:** There had been no communications from residents that had not been addressed earlier in the meeting.
- 11. 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 reported he had met with representatives of Pinewood Studios regarding the consultation on the proposed building of a data centre on their site. The Chairman had also been given fifty tickets for the forthcoming screening Saturday 14th June, of the latest Marvel film for the residents of Fulmer.
- 12. 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 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 July and August.

July Payments

FPC		Budgeted
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (July)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	2110.69	Y
HMRC tax & NI	527.59	Y
Employers Pension contribution	52.95	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Allotments water rates	17.82	Y
Planter	257.98	Y
Plants	97.38	N
Grass cutting	546.94	Y
Allotments signs	300.00	Y
Newsletter printing	405.00	Y
Watersplash duties	76.42	N
Election charges	171.00	N
TOTAL	3272.95	

FSCA

Electricity The Studio	36.86
The Studio rates	99.00
Water Rates	63.21
Electricity the Clubhouse	238.32
Pitch maintenance	188.40
Ecology Method Statement - rear car park	840.00
NMA Planning conditions - rear car park	1200.00
TOTAL	2665.79

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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
FPC Insurance	3680.05	Y
FCV Insurance (est.)	130.00	Y

TOTAL 6666.49

FSCA

eDF electricity The Studio (est.)	100.00
The Studio rates	99.00
Water Rates (est.)	65.00
Electricity the Clubhouse (est.)	300.00
FPC Insurance	2588.48

TOTAL 3152.48

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13. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

Cllr Bocock reported that the repaired granite sets on Fulmer Road had already been dislodged because of the HGVs coming round that particular bend. He had also reported some fly tipping on FixMyStreet. The public waste bins in Fulmer were full to overflowing. It had been established that the bins should be emptied weekly. It was suggested that a request for another bin was sent through FixMyStreet and also a request for bins on the laybys by Black Park in Fulmer Common Road.

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**

14. Date of next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Parish Council to be held Tuesday 9th September 2025 at 20.00hrs. There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:56 hrs.

Signed.....
D Brackin Chairman

Dated..... 9th Sept 25