

# BISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7:30pm in Bisham Abbey, Bisham.**

## **Attendees**

Councillors: Cllr. Alan Keene (Chair) (AK), Cllr. Mary Cooper (MCo), Cllr. Iain Steedman (IS), Cllr. Mandy Robson Brown (MRB).

Officers of the Council: Mr Tabish Wazir (Acting Clerk) – TW.

Members of the public: Seven members of the public attended the meeting.

## **Public Forum**

A member of the public attended the meeting to voice their grievances regarding planning application 17/00812. They stated that they opposed the 3G flood lights, and highlighted that the proposal had already been turned down twice. Furthermore, that they believed nothing had changed, and that the lights would be taller than most of the surrounding buildings and trees.

The resident went on to state that the semi-rural character of the Village would be disturbed, and it would set a precedent for similar applications to follow, especially as it was only the first pitch of three. Also, that if facilities were increased then it would compound the parking issues. Additionally, the proposal was viewed to contribute towards urbanisation within the green belt and the conservation area, both which it was incompatible with. The resident added that the lights would present greater issues during the winter months, as there would be no leaves on the surrounding trees, allowing more light will seep through on to residents' properties.

AK thanked the member of the public for attending the meeting. The Council acknowledged that the points made by the resident were all valid, and they agreed that the proposal was ill advised.

A member of the public added to the previous matter by stating that there was no street lighting in the village, and Bisham Abbey would be significantly illuminated if the application was to be accepted. Therefore in the interest of protecting the character of the area, the plan had to be objected to.

A member of the public queried the neighbourhood plan and whether Bisham Abbey would be included in it. AK responded that it was not a BPC matter, and that BPC's involvement in the plan spanned as far as providing the funding for it, and having three representatives from the Council as members of the steering group. Also, that it was a community led scheme. Therefore, BPC did not have any policies or statements to form on the matter.

A member of the public stated that Bisham Abbey was a grade 1 listed building, and therefore natural grass areas had to be retained. The resident felt that there was too much artificial surfacing and increased expansion at the site. As a result of that, the added traffic, most notably coaches and marshals, caused issues. The resident also mentioned that he had seen marshals from the coaches stopping and directing traffic to suit them. MRB informed the resident that only the police had the authority to carry out such tasks, and that any future occurrences should be reported.

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A member of the public stated that Annual Parish Meeting was not advertised in the Parish newsletter. AK apologised but informed the resident that it was however advertised on the website, and on noticeboards around the village.

A member of the public asked the Council to request a brief summary from Bisham Abbey on what they did for the Community, as there was uncertainty among residents. The resident mentioned that they would not be able to attend the Annual Parish Meeting themselves due to prior commitments. AK stated that the Council would request clarity on the matter from Bisham Abbey.

A member of the Public asserted that if a consultation on Marlow Bridge was to be held then residents should be involved. AK requested the resident to reiterate the statement in the Annual Parish Meeting.

A member of the public mentioned the A4 Burchetts Green Roundabout proposals, stating that it was not worth supporting. They added that there were objections to the scheme previously, and that it wouldn't directly affect the problem at the school, and the reduction in traffic would only be marginal.

MCo stated that the school in question was located in the Parish of Hurley. AK added that the Council would decide whether or not to comment shortly.

A member of the public enquired whether there had been any news on the big A404 roundabout. AK informed the resident that there hadn't been but the Council would keep residents updated on the case.

## **Part One**

### **150) Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Margaret Cubley and Cllr. and Cllr. Jim Cooke.

### **151) Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Alan Keene declared a personal interest regarding a planning application (17/01284) submitted for the Parish Council's consideration, specifying that he knew the applicant.

### **152) Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were signed as a true record.

### **153) Matters Arising**

TW updated the Parish Council on developments relating to action points highlighted during the previous meetings. See Action List (attached).

### **154) Planning Matters**

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**Ward:** Bisham And Cookham Ward

**Parish:** Bisham Parish

**Appn. Date:** 7th March 2017 **Appn No.:** 17/00812

**Type:** Full

**Proposal:** Erection of six retractable sports-lighting masts to serve the existing 3G artificial-grass pitch.

**Location:** **National Sports Centre Bisham Village Bisham Abbey Marlow Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RR**

**Applicant:** Serco Leisure Operating Limited **c/o Agent:** Mr Simon Millett Walsingham Planning Bourne House Cores End Road Bourne End SL8 5AR

The Council **OBJECTED** to the proposal, stating that it was highly inappropriate and against the interests of the community. It was also felt that the lighting would overlook dwellings, and have an adverse effect on their amenity by spoiling the outlook from them. Furthermore, it was noted that the 3G pitch was only initially approved on the basis that there would be no flood lighting installed, and that this application contravened that. Additionally, that whether the lighting was retractable or not it still caused significant light pollution to the surrounding area, which was located within the Green Belt and Conservation Area. The surrounding area also included listed buildings, which would suffer from the detrimental impact, including the added noise due to extended usage of the site. The proposal would also increase traffic due to the greater volume of users of the site; the site car park was often insufficient in terms of capacity, and this pushed cars on to external roads such as Marlow Road, with many residents faced with blind spots as a result. The Council stated that if the proposal was to be accepted then it would be vital to enforce strict hours of operation to minimize the negative effects of it. However, the Council concluded that the proposal was largely incongruous with the semi-rural character of the area, and advised that it should not go ahead.

The Cllrs requested that the application be called in.

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**Ward:** Bisham And Cookham Ward  
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**Appn. Date:** 17th March 2017 **Appn No.:** 17/00823  
**Type:** Works To Trees In Conservation Area  
**Proposal:** (T2) - Western Red Cedar - cut back branches overhanging property to give a clearance of 2m from the roof and 1m clearance over the telephone lines, remove any decayed branches, tip back branches overhanging pavement and 10% crown thinning  
**Location:** **Abbey Lodge 29 Bisham Village Marlow Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RR**  
**Applicant:** Mr Hamish Hunter

The Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS**, subject to the approval of the Tree Officer.

**Ward:** Bisham And Cookham Ward  
**Parish:** Bisham Parish  
**Appn. Date:** 22nd March 2017 **Appn No.:** 17/00851  
**Type:** Full  
**Proposal:** Addition of balcony to the rear of the property  
**Location:** **White Walls Quarry Wood Road Marlow SL7 1RE**  
**Applicant:** Mr Williams **c/o Agent:** Mr Jeremy Evans Bowen Evans Consultancy 48A High Street Marlow SL7 1AW

The Parish Council **OBJECTED**, as it believed the proposed development would harm the amenities of the adjacent dwelling, through the potential loss of privacy. The partial use of full height frosted glass on the design was seen as redundant, as the remaining part of the balcony remained largely transparent. Therefore, the revised design did little to mitigate the intrusiveness aspect.

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**Appn. Date:** 21st March 2017 **Appn No.:** 17/01033  
**Type:** Full  
**Proposal:** Single storey rear extension.  
**Location:** **Forest Lodge Gibraltar Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9TR**  
**Applicant:** Ms Heather Adams **c/o Agent:** Jonathan Heighway Heighway Associates 34 West Street Marlow SL7 2NB

**The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS.**

**Ward:** Bisham And Cookham Ward  
**Parish:** Bisham Parish  
**Appn. Date:** 22nd March 2017 **Appn No.:** 17/01054  
**Type:** Full  
**Proposal:** Single storey side extension. Replacement of windows and rear conservatory door.  
**Location:** **Cherry Tree Cottage Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RL**  
**Applicant:** Mr Tony Fearnough **c/o Agent:** Mr Graham Nicholls Nicholls Architecture And Design 17 Switchback Road South Maidenhead SL6 7QE

**The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS, but wished to highlight that the property was located within the flood plain.**

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**Appn. Date:** 23rd March 2017 **Appn No.:** 17/01115  
**Type:** Works To Trees In Conservation Area  
**Proposal:** (T1) Ash - Lift crown to a height of 4m over ground level, retaining primary branches and crown thin by no more than 15-20%  
**Location:** **Compleat Cottage Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RL**  
**Applicant:** Mr James McFarlane

**The Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS, subject to the approval of the Tree Officer.**

**Ward:** Hurley And Walthams Ward  
**Parish:** Hurley Parish  
**Appn. Date:** 24th March 2017 **Appn No.:** 17/00943  
**Type:** Full  
**Proposal:** Siting of 8 No. data antennas and associated equipment for a temporary period of 7 years.  
**Location:** **Telecommunication Mast To South West of Hall Place Reservoir Burchetts Green Road Burchetts Green Maidenhead**  
**Applicant:** Mr Ronald Supply **c/o Agent:** Miss Emma Thomas Pike Smith And Kemp The Old Dairy, Hyde Farm Marlow Road Pinkneys Green Maidenhead SL66PQ Berkshire

**The Parish Council OBJECTED, as they deemed the proposal to be incongruous with the surrounding environment; it was felt that it was unsuitable for the equipment to be located at a historical park and garden.**

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**Ward:** Bisham And Cookham Ward  
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**Appn. Date:** 12th April 2017 **Appn No.:** 17/01090  
**Type:** Full  
**Proposal:** Part increase in roof space, together with a slight increase in roof height to provide 12 additional bedrooms, 8 storage rooms, 2 assisted bathrooms, 2 assisted general rooms, a nursing station, a drug store, extension of stairs/lift, provision of a new escape staircase and extended car park.  
**Location:** **Apple Hill Henley Road Hurley Maidenhead SL6 5LH**  
**Applicant:** Windsor Clinical And Home Care Services Group Ltd **c/o Agent:** Mr Douglas Bond  
Woolf Bond Planning The Mitfords Basingstoke Road Three Mile Cross Reading RG7 1AT

The Parish Council **OBJECTED**, stating that the proposal would entail the intensification of the area, and lead to overdevelopment by virtue of its scale. This was especially relevant when the size of the site was taken into consideration. Additionally, the Council noted that the site was located within the Green Belt, where it was felt that further development should be restricted.

Furthermore, the Council highlighted their concerns that the applicant could possibly combine the application with the work permitted in 2016.

The Council also noted that Temple Golf Club was not made aware of the application, when it should have as it was located within the vicinity of the proposal.  
The Cllrs requested that the application be called in.

**Ward:** Bisham And Cookham Ward  
**Parish:** Bisham Parish  
**Appn. Date:** 4th April 2017 **Appn No.:** 17/01191  
**Type:** Works To Trees In Conservation Area  
**Proposal:** (T1) Austrian Pine - fell.  
**Location:** **Archway Cottage 24 Bisham Village Marlow Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RR**  
**Applicant:** Mr Peter Colclough

The Parish Council had **NO OBJECTIONS**, subject to the approval of the Tree Officer.

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**Ward:** Bisham And Cookham Ward  
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**Appn. Date:** 19th April 2017 **Appn No.:** 17/01284  
**Type:** Agricultural Determination  
**Proposal:** Notification to determine whether prior approval is required for an agricultural building.  
**Location:** Lee Farm Lee Lane Maidenhead SL6 6PE  
**Applicant:** R.Hutt And Partners **c/o Agent:** Mr Douglas Simon Holly Lodge Kennylands Road Sonning Common RG4 9JX

**The Parish Council REQUESTED that the applicant submit a planning application for the proposal to be properly considered.**

## 155) Highways Matters

MCo reported that the grit bin located at Burchetts Green Road near BCA had been tipped over.

The Council discussed the Littlewick Green Roundabout; IS and MRB stated that if it affected the flow of traffic in to Bisham then it should be considered. MRB added that she disliked the bits in the middle of the road as it narrowed the carriageway. IS mentioned that option 2 could possibly reduce the volume of traffic, but would inconvenience locals.

MRB asserted that whilst the scheme could affect the Parish of Bisham to some extent, it was best suited for Hurley Parish Council to comment on the matter, as it was located there. Additionally, that option 1 was simply reverting the set-up to what it was years before, and was therefore viewed to be regressive. AK supported the proposal made by MRB for BPC not to comment on the matter.

## 156) Parking

TW informed the Council that there were no updates on parking matters.

MRB requested for BM to chase up the issue of further parking restrictions on Bisham Road. The Council recalled that Neil Waters was contacted to discuss extending the existing yellow lines, but BPC had not received a response.

**ACTION – BM to request an update from NW/RBWM.**

## 157) Parish Land

MRB stated that a replacement bin was needed, located between Bisham CE Primary School and All Saints Church.

MCo mentioned it was understood that RBWM was supposed to cut around the war memorial in Stubbings but this had not taken place.

**ACTION – BM to enquire about the frequency of cuts, and the scheduled dates for them.**

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## 158) Flooding

TW informed the Council that JC would provide an update at the next meeting.

## 159) Neighbourhood Plan/Borough Local Plan

IS informed the Council that there were no updates on the Neighbourhood Plan or Local Plan. However, that Tom Denniford (Chair of the Bisham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group) would be attending the Annual Parish Meeting to provide an update.

AK stated that he had met with the Chair of Cookham Parish Council (Andrew Nye) to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan. They had discussed the possibility of a joint Neighbourhood Plan between Cookham and Bisham. AK added that collaborating with Cookham could bolster the success of the plan and increase resident participation.

IS stated that it could indeed be a good idea as one of the major issues was that there was no development plan for Bisham, but there was one for Cookham.

MRB agreed that the two Parishes shared many of the same needs and developmental concerns so it could prove to be successful.

AK stated that he would update the Bisham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on his meeting with Mr. Nye.

## 160) Finance

TW gave an update on the Council's finances shown below.

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Lloyds Bank Instant Access	14/03/2017	49	15,915.28
Lloyds Bank Current Account	24/03/2017	94	3,488.17
			<hr/> 19,403.45
<b><u>Unpresented Cheques (Minus)</u></b>		<b><u>Amount</u></b>	
20/03/2017 001750 Braywick Heath Nurseries		509.60	
			<hr/> 509.60
			18,893.85
<b><u>Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus)</u></b>			
		0.00	
			<hr/> 0.00
			18,893.85
		<b>Balance per Cash Book is :-</b>	<b>18,893.85</b>
		<b>Difference is :-</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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There was no correspondence to report on.

**162) Annual Parish meeting**

The Council noted the date of the Annual Parish Meeting as Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. MRB stated that she had received a complaint from a resident that the APM had not been advertised in the Parish Magazine. MRB mentioned that she informed the resident that the magazine was published by the Church and not the Parish Council.

**163) Information Reports**

There were no information reports given.

**MEETING CLOSED – 21:39**

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**Date Agreed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:**

**Position:** – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor