

# BISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7:30pm in Bisham Abbey, Bisham.**

## **Attendees**

Councillors: Cllr. Alan Keene (Chair) (AK) Cllr. Mandy Robson Brown (MRB), Cllr Jim Cooke (JC) Cllr Margaret Cubley (MCu) and Cllr Iain Steedman (IS)

Officers of the Council: Barry Malki (BM) – Clerk.

## **Public Forum**

One member of the public reported that they were concerned about speeding in the village, and that they would be speaking to Thames Valley Police. The Cllrs agreed to support the resident's actions.

One member of the public believed that there needed to be a clearance of Bisham Brook before winter. AK proposed a further discussion under item 89 (Flooding)

One member of the public asked if the raising of the Bisham Brook Bridge will be expedited as part of the Environment Agency measures in the Orchard. AK proposed a further discussion under item 89 (Flooding)

One member of the public reported that they believe they had been substance abuse activity around Green Lane, suggesting that the police should be informed so they can monitor the area. AK suggestion an informal conversation with the Police in the first instance.

**ACTION** – BM to speak to Neighbourhood Policing Team.

**ACTION** – BM to contact Streetcare to clear up broken glass etc.

## **Part One**

### **82) Apologies**

Cllr Mary Cooper

### **83) Declarations of Interest**

None

### **84) Minutes of BPC Meeting 18-09-17**

Minutes agreed.

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MRB pointed out under Item 77 (Flooding) that the Council HAD previously asked the Environment Agency to dredge the river.

## 85) Matters Arising

See Action List

## 86) Planning Matters

<b>Ward:</b>	Bisham And Cookham Ward	
<b>Parish:</b>	Bisham Parish	
<b>Appn. Date:</b>	28th July 2017	<b>Appn No.:</b> 17/02028
<b>Type:</b>	Listed Building Consent	
<b>Proposal:</b>	To repair the leaking heating system by re-routing the flow and return lines that are currently buried under the Great Hall Floor	
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Bisham Abbey Bisham Village Marlow Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RR</b>	
<b>Applicant:</b>	Mr Mark Rutherford	
<b>Determination Date:</b>	22 September 2017	
<b>Cllrs Comments</b>	The Cllrs wish to complain about the timeliness of the application and associated documents being made available on the website, as it didn't allow enough time to comment.	

<b>Ward:</b>	Bisham And Cookham Ward	
<b>Parish:</b>	Bisham Parish	
<b>Appn. Date:</b>	28th September 2017	<b>Appn No.:</b> 17/03002
<b>Type:</b>	Discharge of Condition	
<b>Proposal:</b>	Details required by condition 2 (tree protection) 3 (details of planting) 9 (noise reduction measures) of planning permission 17/00812 for the erection of six retractable sports-lighting masts to serve the existing 3G artificial-grass pitch.	
<b>Location:</b>	<b>National Sports Centre Bisham Village Bisham Abbey Marlow Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RR</b>	
<b>Applicant:</b>	N/A <b>c/o Agent:</b> Mr Simon Millett Walsingham Planning Bourne House Cores End Road Bourne End SL8 5AR	
<b>Determination Date:</b>	23 November 2017	
<b>Cllrs Comments</b>	No Comment	

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<b>Ward:</b>	Bisham And Cookham Ward	
<b>Parish:</b>	Bisham Parish	
<b>Appn. Date:</b>	4th October 2017	<b>Appn No.:</b> 17/02984
<b>Type:</b>	Full	
<b>Proposal:</b>	Erection of a detached ancillary Granny Annexe	
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Bridge Cottage Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RP</b>	
<b>Applicant:</b>	Mr Sean & Mathew Wheeler & Palmer <b>c/o Agent:</b> Mr Chris Moore Plainview Planning Ltd Clarendon House 42 Clarence Street Cheltenham GL50 3PL	
<b>Determination Date:</b>	29 November 2017	
<b>Cllrs Comments</b>	<p>The Cllrs object to this application on the following grounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is an inappropriate development for the conservation area, particularly as there are already three outbuildings in the plot, an increase in which would be overdevelopment.</li><li>• The new building will negatively affect the street scene.</li><li>• The property has already been significantly extended</li><li>• That the flood risk statement is unrealistic, and whilst outlining flood protection measures, does not give adequate consideration to the displacement of flood water.</li></ul> <p>The Cllrs stated that, if RBWM were minded to approve the application, it should be called in.</p>	

The Cllrs also discussed the proposed Berkshire College of Agriculture (BCA) Care Village, which is currently subject to a Planning Inquiry. It is the Council's hope that the Inquiry reverses the decision reached by RBWM's Planning Panel.

MRB proposed updating BPC's response to the Inquiry. Cllrs approved.

**ACTION** – MRB to provide BM with a draft response to the National Planning Casework Unit.

## 87) Highways Matters

AK gave an update on the proposed detour of Footpath 24, and suggested a different route for the diversion. As the current plans have been withdrawn, AK suggested waiting until the new consultation period to submit the suggested alternative.

## 88) Parish Land

MRB gave an update about the Flag Consultation, which will be published in the November Issue of Bisham Life.

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## **89) Flooding**

AK proposed a site meeting to Bisham Brook, to look at resident concerns regarding flooding. If there are issues, JC will liaise with the Environment Agency (see Public Forum)

JC reported on the recent Flood Liaison Group Meetings.

- A new response plan is being formulated by RBWM. The onus is on Community and Individual responses to flooding. RBWM will only respond to flood threats where they threaten a public building, unless there is a significant severity. There will be funding made available for individuals for flood measures.
- The whole of the River Thames is being remodelled and re-evaluated. RBWM has £10m and will raise an additional £500k per year.

JC gave an update on the Emergency Response Plan and has been liaising with Cookham Parish Council to gain learnings from their “dry run”. Part of the Emergency Plan process will be to identify at-risk or vulnerable properties.

JC reported that the Environment Agency do not believe the Bridge is affecting flood levels in the Brook, but he is challenging them on this. (see Public Forum).

## **90) Neighbourhood Plan/Borough Local Plan**

MRB reported that the Conservation Appraisals are currently awaiting funding. MRB proposed asking RBWM if Bisham can be considered a priority as the current Conservation Statement is over 20 years old.

## **91) Finance**

BM did not give a financial update due to the merging of the bank accounts, which was still in process.

## **92) Correspondence**

BM reported on the Mountain Biking issue in Bisham Woods, as highlighted by a local resident, and had identified a mechanism called Public Space Protection Orders, which would allow rangers to issue fines to individuals not adhering to advertised codes of conduct. The Cllrs asked BM to report findings to the Woodland Trust who own and manage the land. The Cllrs agreed that there were no practical measures that BPC could take at this stage.

MRB expressed sympathy with the resident, and reinforced that there was an issue with Bikers in the woods.

## **93) Information Reports**

MCu reported that some residents were having issues with their television signal in Temple. IS offered to provide links to websites that identify optimal antennae positions based on address.

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AK attended a working part of the Local Access Forum. The LAF has been asked by RBWM to submit major local access actions that could be attached to local developments in the Local Plan.

**MEETING CLOSED – 21.36**

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

**Signed:**

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