

BISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19th August 2019 at 7:30pm at Bisham Abbey.

Attendees

Councillors: Cllr Jim Cooke (JC) (Chair), Cllr Alan Keene (AK) Cllr Ged Wylie (GW), Cllr Mandy Robson Brown (MRB), Cllr Mary Cooper (MC)

District Councillors: Cllr Mandy Brar

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

Public Forum

One member of the public asked about the next round of defibrillator training and asked that the location of the units be placed on the noticeboards. BM gave an update on the training and advised that interested parties would be contacted.

One member of the public expressed concern about the signage on the new Bridleway alongside the A404 and asked that the signage be consistent on both portions of the path.

One member of the public reported that there was difficulty passing the footpath by the school, due to the overgrown hedge.

One member of the public asked if there had been an update on the issue concerning Bisham Stream. JC would provide an update under Item 69.

Part One

59) Apologies for absence

None

60) Declarations of interest

None

61) Minutes of Meeting Held on 15th July 2019

Minor change to item 53 to clarify the location as Hall Place Veterinary Surgery, Lee Lane.

The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting of the Council held on 15th July 2019.

62) Matters arising

BM gave an update on the action list

AK highlighted that although the hedges along Burchetts Green roundabout had been cut back, the footpath itself is still not visible.

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MRB suggested writing to the Member for Transport highlighting concerns about the lighting on the A404.

ACTION – BM to write to Cllr Johnson following update from RBWM/Highways England.

ACTION – BM to reiterate objection to Stubbings Compound in the Waste and Minerals Plan.

63) Planning matters

Appn. Date:	25th July 2019	Appn No.: 19/02044
Type:	Non-material Amendment	
Proposal:	Non-material amendments to planning permission 19/00005/FULL for fenestration changes to the ground floor North West elevation, alterations to rooflights above the single storey side element, removal of solar panels, alterations to external finishes and relocation to the front boundary treatment and entrance gate, following removal of the chimneybreast.	
Location:	Grange Cottage Temple Lane Bisham Marlow SL7 1RS	
Determination Date:	22 August 2019	
Cllrs Comments	No Comment	

Appn. Date:	1st August 2019	Appn No.: 19/02067
Type:	Works To Trees In Conservation Area	
Proposal:	(2820) Fir, Douglas - remove deadwood greater than 25mm (2825) Spruce, Norway - remove deadwood greater than 25mm (2826) Maple, Norway - remove deadwood greater than 25mm (2834) Ash, Common - fell (2840) Lime, Common - fell (2853) Ash, Common - fell and (2872) Apple - fell.	
Location:	Bisham CE Primary School Church Lane Bisham Marlow SL7 1RW	
Determination Date:	12 September 2019	
Cllrs Comments	No objection subject to Tree Officer Approval	

Appn. Date:	12th August 2019	Appn No.: 19/02042
Type:	Works To Trees Covered by TPO	
Proposal:	(T1) - Yew - reduce height to 4.00m and shaped to suit reduction. (TPO 017 of 2007)	
Location:	The Thatched House Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RL	
Determination Date:	7 October 2019	
Cllrs Comments	No objection subject to Tree Officer Approval	

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Appn. Date:	12th August 2019	Appn No.: 19/02063
Type:	Works To Trees In Conservation Area	
Proposal:	(G1) - Leylandii - reduce height to 4.00m _ spread to 1.50m, (G2) - Cypress - reduce height to 4.00m _ spread to 1.50m, (G3) - Cypress - reduce height to 4.00m _ spread to 1.50m, (T2) - Hornbeam - fell, (T3) - Yew - reduce height to 4.00m _ shape to suit reduction, (T4) - Cherry - fell, (T5) - reduce height to 4.00m _ spread to 1.50m.	
Location:	The Thatched House Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RL	
Determination Date:	23 September 2019	
Cllrs Comments	No objection subject to Tree Officer Approval. The Cllrs were concerned about the amount of tree cover being lost at this location.	

64) Highways matters

AK reported a diversion of Footpath 13 and proposed making an objection that the move has been altered from its historical route, without the appropriate permission.

GW seconded
Cllrs agreed.

AK suggested contacting the Ramblers' Footpath Officer about the issue.

ACTION – BM to organise a meeting with the Rights of Way officer, and to contact Stephen Gillions of the East Berks Ramblers.

MC reported that the drains and gutters have been blocked following local farm activity. GW has taken pictures following a report from local residents and highlighted that a local farmer had refused to clear the debris. GW suggested writing to the farmer and the borough regarding the clearance.

ACTION – GW to draft letter regarding the clearance of farm debris.

JC gave an update on the consultation regarding new bollards on Marlow Bridge.

GW gave an update on a variety of issues on Burchetts Green Road.

AK confirmed that the designation of the road is "Classified Unnumbered".

GW asked about policing of the 7.5 tonne weight limit. AK talked about the difficulty of evidencing that the vehicle was acting illegally due to access rights.

MC suggested that one issue that exacerbates the traffic is the traffic flow through the roundabout at the A4, as vehicles from Burchetts Green Road have the right of way over vehicles traveling along the A4, making it an attractive option for drivers.

GW suggested reinforcing the 20mph with extra signage or road-markings.

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ACTION – BM to find out about the legislation regarding speed signs and markings.

GW reported that there were inconsistencies of the road markings on Burchetts Green Roundabout and suggested that the borough's Highways officers undertook a review of the markings and priorities.

ACTION – BM to liaise with Highways regarding a future site meeting.

Cllr Brar agreed to raise the issues at the September Liaison meeting.

AK suggested that BGVA could collect evidence of traffic infringements to build a case for RBWM.

65) Parish land

BM gave an update on meetings with residents of the Green. Main concern was the state of the stream and the banks (see item 69).

BM also reported on options with parking on the verge, suggesting that it may be possible that the area is part of the adopted highway.

ACTION – BM to look into adoption agreement.

66) Council Boundaries

BM presented possible options around divisions within the Parish Boundaries, following comments by residents that some areas are underrepresented on the Council, suggesting that there could be two wards.

MRB and MC were opposed to the idea.

Cllr Brar confirmed that Cookham Parish Council had a ward structure.

AK proposed looking into the suggestion further for a future discussion.

JC asked that the item be put onto a future agenda and a paper prepared with more detailed information.

ACTION – BM to investigate ward divisions within Parish Councils.

67) Training and development

BM presented training options for Cllrs, with a view to establishing a development programme of recommended courses.

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AK approved of the idea of upskilling Cllrs and Officers to provide a more effective service to the parish.

ACTION – Cllrs to identify any training they would be interested in taking from the Hants and Bucks ALCs catalogues.

68) Future Capital Projects

Cllr Brar discussed available funding for capital projects from RBWM and asked for a list of potential schemes that could be submitted.

A number of schemes were proposed;

- New fencing for The Orchard
- Works to improve flow of traffic along Burchetts Green Road
- Electrical output to The Orchard
- Playground in Burchetts Green
- Resurfacing of The Green/Green Lane
- Clearance of Bisham Stream

69) Flooding

JC gave an update on conversations with the Environment Agency (EA) and confirmed that Tina Donaldson would be attending the September meeting with a presentation.

JC reported that the EA would be developing a management plan for the stream and the banks, with work to place in late October.

JC reported that there were no plans for a temporary flood barrier for The Green, but that sandbags would be available in the event of a flood.

70) Finance

BM gave an update on current financial position

71) Correspondence

BM displayed an advert for an open day with South Central Ambulance Service

72) Information reports

GW gave update on meeting with BGVA

GW suggested hosting a semi-formal social event to build relationships with local residents.

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Part 1 of the meeting closed at 22.45

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor