

BISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th November 2020 at 7:30pm via Video Conference.

Attendees

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

Cllr Mandy Brar (RBWM)

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

Public Forum

One member of the public reported that the area Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator had agreed that a Bisham Village group would be set up, but has since resigned meaning that the project had stalled.

ACTION – Cllr Brar agreed to speak to the Community Warden.

One member of the public reported a number of instances of fly-tipping, including Vansittart Road and near to the Compleat Angler. The rubbish at Vansittart Road has now been removed.

One member of the public gave an update on the working party clearing Bisham Brook, including a meeting with a senior officer of Thames Water with a view to funding the clearance of the stream between Temple and Bradenham Lane. The next working party will take place in December near the Parole Bridge, removing vegetation and adding gravel.

One member of the public reported that the Orchard Gate was damaged and needed repair.

ACTION – BM to source a contractor to repair the gate.

One member of the public reported that the bollards at the junction between Marlow Road and Temple Lane had been moved back from the road. AK suggested that this was possibly a result of increased traffic from heavy goods vehicles along Temple Lane.

One member of the public reported that there had been a car accident along Temple Lane resulting in damage to road signs and a fuel spill. The signs had since been repaired by RBWM.

One member of the public reported that there were branches on the bank from work to the playground hedge. AK asked why the debris hadn't been taken away when that had been requested.

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ACTION – BM to meet with Braywick to discuss.

One member of the public asked if there was any update to the Village Gateway project. Cllr Brar reported that it was still on the list for next year, and the budget was still available.

One member of the public asked if the minutes could have more detail, particularly with the current situation meaning that many people are unable to attend meetings.

ACTION – BM to change format of the future minutes.

Part One

78) Apologies for absence

None

79) Declarations of interest

DO declared an interest in 20/02965

80) Minutes of Meeting Held on 19th October 2020

The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting of the Council held on 19th October 2020.

81) Matters arising

DO reported that Waste Collections had declined since the previous improvements, possibly related to the amended routes. Cllr Brar commented that there are now six rounds, including Saturdays. AK reported that this had been discussed at the Clerks and Chairs Meeting, and that whilst the system was not perfect, RBWM were being robust in their management of the contract. There had been an unexpected increase in tonnage since the start of the contract.

Background – The recent rollout of the Waste Collection contract with Serco had been beset by problems, leading to missed collections. Cllr Clerk reported (16/11/20) that the rounds had been moved to a two-week rotation due to Covid, but that there was a new series of amended rounds.

DO reported that some of the planning comments were not showing on the RBWM website. Cllr Brar explained that there had been IT issues at the Planning Department, and this had led to missing information.

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MRB asked for an update on the Event Parking situation at Bisham Abbey. BM reported that he had been unable to make contact with James Carpenter.

Background – There had been issues with a recent event at Bisham Abbey, causing parking and traffic problems at the Green. This had been a previous issue, but the Abbey management had ensured that future events would be managed appropriately.

82) Covid 19 Update

Cllr Brar noted that the Borough website's Covid page was updated weekly with the latest guidelines.

BM reported that the playground would stay open under the current guidelines for Tier 2.

Background – Cllrs voted (21/09/20) to give BM the authority to close the playground if the guidance changed, without waiting for a subsequent meeting.

83) Planning Matters

Appn. Date: 19th October 2020 Appn No.: **20/02745**

Type: Works To Trees Covered by TPO

Proposal: (T1) - Magnolia - reduce height by 1.25 metres to suitable points. Reduce spread over boundary line and drive by up to 3 metres for clearance. Balance remaining canopy with a reduction of up to 1 metre. Remove deadwood to leave a final height of 4-4.5m and final width of 8m (TPO 8 of 2007)

Location: Little Holme Winter Hill Road Cookham Maidenhead SL6 6PJ

Determination Date: 14 December 2020

Cllrs Comments: No objection subject to Tree Officer approval

Appn. Date: 22nd October 2020 Appn No.: **20/02758**

Type: Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed two single storey rear and two single storey side extensions, 1 No. rear and 2 No. side dormers, front porch and alterations to fenestration is lawful.

Location: Pallium Quarry Wood Road Marlow SL7 1RE

Determination Date: 17 December 2020

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs believe that the Borough should request a flood risk assessment. Cllrs were also concerned that the number of previous extensions would impact on Permitted Development.

Appn. Date: 19th October 2020 Appn No.: **20/02769**

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Consent for the recording, dismantling and reconstruction of the chalk and brick wall

Location: Bisham Abbey Bisham Village Marlow Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RR

Determination Date: 14 December 2020

Cllrs Comments: No Comment

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Appn. Date: 30th October 2020 Appn No.: **20/02876**

Type: Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed single storey rear extension is lawful

Location: The Thatched House Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RL

Determination Date: 25 December 2020

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were concerned that there is no indication of how this proposal fits within the parameters of Permitted Development. Cllrs also noted that this extension is in the flood plain and asked that the Borough consider the flood risk assessment for the property.

Appn. Date: 6th November 2020 Appn No.: **20/02820**

Type: Full

Proposal: Alterations to the front entrance, new rear bi-fold doors and 2no. windows to the side elevation.

Location: 41 Temple Mill Island Bisham Marlow SL7 1SQ

Determination Date: 1 January 2021

Cllrs Comments: No objection

Appn. Date: 11th November 2020 Appn No.: **20/02960**

Type: Full

Proposal: Replacement garage following demolition of existing garage and outbuilding.

Location: Temple Weir House Temple Lane Temple Marlow SL7 1SA

Determination Date: 6 January 2021

Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were concerned that the existence of a window and a balcony on the building is not commensurate with the building's use as a garage and asked that the Borough stipulate that it does not get separated from the main dwelling as a separate property.

Appn. Date: 6th November 2020 Appn No.: **20/02965**

Type: Discharge of Condition

Proposal: Details required by Condition 2 (Wall materials) and Condition 4 (Details of external goods) of planning permission 20/01095/FULL for a replacement dwelling with double garage and boathouse, following demolition of all existing buildings.

Location: Lowater Church Lane Bisham Marlow SL7 1RW

Determination Date: 1 January 2021

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs had no comments provided that the Officer was satisfied that all the conditions are met.

AK commented that he believed that the rights of Permitted Development should be removed from properties in the flood plain.

Cllr Brar reported that the notices that are typically placed on lampposts signalling a nearby planning application were no longer required by the Planning department. This is compounded by the Know Your Neighbour website no longer working, meaning that local residents will have fewer avenues to understand what is happening in the area.

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ACTION – DO to draft a letter to RBWM outlining the Council’s concerns to changes to the Planning process

84) Highways matters

MRB noted that many of the signs in the parish were overgrown with vegetation.

GW reported that there had been an increase in traffic, and noticeable abuse of the limits along Burchetts Green Road following the recent lifting of Covid restrictions. There was an issue around commercial vehicles using the road, but there had been a reduction during recent roadworks and diversions. Some of the difficulties in managing the issue, such as Community Speedwatch were complicated by the road crossing the boundary with Hurley Parish. Some local residents have suggested it would be beneficial for Burchetts Green to be wholly included within Bisham Parish. JC stated that it would be a long process to change Parish Boundaries.

BM noted that the Speedwatch Programme was organised by Thames Valley Police, so shouldn’t be restricted by Parish Boundaries.

Cllr Brar gave an update on the Speedwatch programme, which was temporarily suspended due to Covid restrictions, and suggested that the four ward Cllrs for Bisham and Hurley should arrange a meeting to discuss the issue. The first step would be to build data around the issue.

GW stated that there was enough data to support new traffic restrictions.

ACTION – Cllr Brar to make contacts with the Hurley Ward Cllrs.

ACTION – BM to research the process for Parish Boundary changes.

JC reiterated the need for deer signs along Burchetts Green Road and Hurley Road. MRB also mentioned the need for signs on Winter Hill Road and Grubwood Lane.

Background – Residents had reported an increase in the number of incidents of car accidents involving deer.

85) Parish land

DO reported that there had been large vehicles accessing the Slipway without Council permission. Whoever had been crossing the site has been able to unlock the gate using the code as the lock hadn’t been damaged.

ACTION – BM to write to RBWM regarding deer signs.

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MRB stated that the vehicles were not accessing the church's land.
Cllrs agreed to replace the lock or change the code.

ACTION – BM to replace lock and try to find out who had been accessing the site.

DO reported that there were frequent problems around the school and church with parked cars and traffic, particularly during pick-up time.

JC noted that there was a car park in the school grounds that was consistently under-utilised.

ACTION – BM to liaise with the school.

AK reported that he would not be changing the flags during the current period of restrictions, which had included Remembrance Day.

AK asked if the Cllrs would still like to have the Christmas Lights in the Orchard.
Cllrs agreed

86) Flooding

JC reported that a local resident was now involved with the development of the Emergency Flood Plan and will be acting as Assistant Flood Warden. The plan still needed to consider a variety of issues such as the creation of a Bronze Hub, potentially at Bisham Abbey. Cllr Brar stated that she would facilitate an introduction with Cllr Coker (Cookham Parish Council) who has considerable experience in this area.

JC reported that, following the work of the Bisham Brook Restoration Group, the stream was noticeably flowing better.

87) Finance

BM reported that the council had £13,363.92.

BM reported that he had been working with Rialtas Business Solutions to upgrade the finance software.

MRB proposed donating £70 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal under Section 137.

AK Seconded

Cllrs Agreed.

88) Correspondence

BM reported that there was an RBWM Housing Strategy consultation meeting. DO offered to attend.

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89) Information reports

MRB reported that there had been a formal request from a resident to reinstate the single yellow line on Quarry Wood

BM reported on the cancellation of the Parish Equalisation Grant. Cllrs agreed not to challenge the decision, but if the other Parishes were to put together a combined challenge, BPC would support them.

Background – The Parish Equalisation Grant is a small some of money given by RBWM every year. The figure is usually very low for BPC (£157.73 in 20/21), so won't impact on the Parish finances.

AK reported on the Clerks and Chairs meeting, including an update on:

- Covid – Current guidelines and restrictions
- Finance – RBWM budget still to be published, so not lining up adequately with the Parish Budget setting timeframes
- Community Infrastructure Levy Payments – no payments are due to BPC
- Operation Bridges – in the event of the death of a senior Royal. To be discussed at a future meeting.
- Waste Collection – Christmas route changes are unclear
- Parish Liaison meetings will restart as remote meetings

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 22:27

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor