

# BISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> December 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 representatives of Thames Water, The Environment Agency and the Wild Trout Trust would be conducting a full walkabout of Bisham stream on Friday 4th Dec. South East Water are currently surveying flow and depth. The next work party of the Bisham Brook Restoration Group has been cancelled due to Tier 4 restrictions.

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One member of the public reported that offal had been dumped near Bradenham Lane.

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One member of the public reported that RBWM was looking to appoint a new Neighbourhood Watch coordinator. There will be no local group established until the appointment is confirmed.

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One member of the public wanted to thank BPC for its support with its objections to the Hurley House planning application and felt that the Borough Cllrs on the planning panel did not approach the application with an open mind.

AK reported that a number of local Residents that they felt that Cllrs on the panel had predetermined the outcome of the application without referring to any of the speakers.

AK stated that he felt that the behaviour of some of the panel members was "disgraceful".

AK suggested writing to the Borough to raise a formal complaint.

JC stated that it was disappointing to have this situation, particularly in light of proposed changes to the Panels.

AK does not understand how the building can satisfy building regulations which allow a temporary building to be exempt, but the marquee has already been in place for 3 years (the limit for a Building to be considered temporary is 2 years)

DO Believes that this is a key point to highlight to the Borough with regards to an objection and does not believe that it is beyond the powers of the planning authority to impose conditions regarding the building regulations.

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One member of the public had spoken to the local landowner with regard to walking the footpaths with Cllr Brar.

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One member of the public reported that a telegraph pole had been removed and had to complain to BT CEO to get it replaced which took one week instead of the one day published.

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One member of the public thanked AK for putting up the Christmas lights in the Orchard.

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One member of the public informed the Cllrs that they were starting a podcast of local History, initially focused on WW1 based on the contemporary Bisham Parish Reports. The first episode will be available around Christmas.

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## Part One

### 90) Apologies for absence

None

### 91) Declarations of interest

DO declared a non-prejudicial interest in application 20/03022 and 20/03094  
MRB declared a non-prejudicial interest in application 20/03135

### 92) Minutes of Meeting Held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting of the Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

### 93) Matters arising

BM reported that the Bridge and Gate repairs in the Orchard had been completed.

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DO asked if there had been a response to the letter sent to RBWM's Head of Planning highlighting BPC's concerns about Permitted Development, Article 4 etc.  
JC asked BM to chase RBWM for a response.

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DO proposed contacting the tree officer to give consideration to putting a TPO on trees along riverbank from Bisham Abbey to Temple.  
AK seconded  
Cllrs agreed.

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### 94) Covid 19 Update

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Cllr Brar highlighted that the Borough was now in Tier 4 and would let BM know about changes to playground guidelines.

**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.

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## 95) Planning Matters

Appn. Date: 18th November 2020 Appn No.: **20/03079**

Type: Full

Proposal: Single storey extension to the existing garage, following demolition of the existing greenhouse and store.

Location: Glenmead Quarry Wood Road Marlow SL7 1RE

Determination Date: 13 January 2021

***Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were concerned that the proposed building could be made into one dwelling. Cllrs also noted that there was an increase in the surface area in the flood plain, but the statements regarding the footprint were contradictory.***

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Appn. Date: 23rd November 2020 Appn No.: **20/03101**

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Consent for the dismantling and repair of the stable clock tower at Bisham Abbey

Location: English Institute of Sport Performance Centre Bisham Village Bisham Abbey  
Marlow Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RR

Determination Date: 18 January 2021

***Cllrs Comments: Cllrs concerned that the address does not include the full, existing property history. Cllrs believe that Historic England should be consulted.***

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Appn. Date: 17th November 2020 Appn No.: **20/02999**

Type: Full

Proposal: Replacement and raising of the roof to create second floor accommodation with outdoor terrace and balustrade.

Location: 31 Rivermead Court Marlow Bridge Lane Marlow SL7 1SJ

Determination Date: 12 January 2021

***Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs object to this proposed development on the grounds that it would result in a significant loss of the privacy enjoyed by the other residents of Rivermead Court whose properties would be overlooked from the extensive balcony area envisaged in the application.***

***The Cllrs also note with concern that the Applicants have failed to provide any evidence that:***

- ***their interest as leaseholders of 31 Rivermead Court gives them the legal right to carry out the proposed work;***
- ***each and any consent that may be required to be given by the freehold owner of Rivermead Court or any other party in relation to the proposed works has been obtained in writing;***

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- *the proposed works would not cause any structural damage to other properties that are contiguous to 31 Rivermead Court or otherwise have an adverse impact on or require works to be carried out to those properties to secure their structural soundness; and*
- *the Applicants have complied with their obligations under legislation governing works of this kind including provisions relating to party walls and that all necessary consents by the owners of any affected property have been duly given in writing.*

***The Council considers that the failure to address these issues renders the Application materially incomplete and urges the RBWM to inform the Applicants that it will defer consideration of this Application until these matters have been confirmed to its satisfaction.***

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Appn. Date: 12th November 2020 Appn No.: **20/03022**

Type: Variation Under Reg 73

Proposal: Variation (under Section 73A) of condition 15 (approved plans) to substitute those plans approved under 20/01095/FULL for replacement dwelling with double garage and boathouse, following demolition of all existing buildings.

Location: Lowater Church Lane Bisham Marlow SL7 1RW

Determination Date: 7 January 2021

***Cllrs Comments: Cllrs had no objection but supported the Environment Agency's recommendations.***

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Appn. Date: 19th November 2020 Appn No.: **20/03094**

Type: Discharge of Condition

Proposal: Details required by Condition 3 ((Roof tile details) and Condition 11 (Ecology) 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: 14 January 2021

***Cllrs Comments: No objection provided the conservation officer is satisfied.***

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Appn. Date: 30th November 2020 Appn No.: **20/03135**

Type: Full

Proposal: Replacement dwelling and new vehicular access.

Location: Hockett Corner Hockett Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UF

Determination Date: 25 January 2021

***Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs object to this planning application for the following reason.***

- *The design of this house and the materials and finish as described would be entirely out of keeping in this area where the buildings are composed of brick or render with tiled roofs, and almost all of the local houses were built many years ago. A slate roof would also be completely out of keeping in this area where red tiles are generally used.*
- *The feature window on the first floor of the property's proposed front elevation in Hockett Lane would seriously overlook the windows of the single floor Hockett Cottage opposite, as has been clearly described in the letter of objection from the owner of that house. Even though this property has a well-established hedge, this is not high enough to protect their privacy from the proposed first floor room of Hockett Corner; their privacy at all times of the day would be much affected by this large overlooking window.*

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- *Hockett Corner's hedges, both on Winter Hill Road and round the corner into Hockett Lane, as well as the hedge outside Hockett Cottage opposite, have to our knowledge been in place since at least the 1940s. Hockett Corner already has a safe Winter Hill Road vehicular access, which will continue to be used to serve the substantial double garage and office/gym which is being built on this small plot under the 2020 Permitted Development certificate of consent. To remove the part of this hedge in Hockett Lane in order to provide a second quite unnecessary vehicular access would reduce the charm of the narrow lane; to have such a vehicular access with a very difficult turning space so close to the very sharp corner (more than 90 degrees) of Winter Hill Road and the continuation of Hockett Lane, would be potentially very dangerous, as this road often carries quite heavy traffic at certain times of the day.*
- *The reference to the Cookham Village Statement is not a consideration, as this property is not in Cookham Parish - it is in Bisham Parish.*

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AK Proposed writing a letter of complaint regarding the Hurley House Development Planning Panel.  
MRB Seconded.

Cllrs agreed

JC said it was important to register our disapproval as well as looking at mitigating the decision.  
MRB was deeply disturbed by the conduct of the Cllrs, noting that the split was broadly along political lines.

JC thanked MRB and AK for attending the panel session.

MC and MRB thanked Cllr Brar for supporting the objections of the local residents.

**ACTION** – AK to draft a letter to RBWM outlining the Council's concerns regarding the Panel process.

## 96) Highways matters

GW thanked Cllr Brar on behalf of the local residents for taking up his concerns regarding the traffic on Burchetts Green Road to the Highways Department.

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MC reported that the bollards had been knocked down at the end of Henley Road.

**ACTION** – BM to report issues to RBWM

## 97) Parish land

JC thanked AK for putting up the Christmas Lights.

AK reported that would be unable to change the batteries due to Tier 4 restrictions.

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AK reported that the cable near to the playground was drooping.

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MC reported that Lee Lane was flooded again

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DO reported that there had been rutting from heavy vehicles on the Slipway.

**ACTION** – BM to contact the School regarding access to the building site across the Slipway.

## 98) Flooding

JC reported on the updated emergency flood plan and highlighted an expenditure of around £500 necessary to purchase equipment such as PPE and radios.

MRB asked where the equipment would be stored.

JC explained that he had been in contact with the General Manager of Bisham Abbey regarding storage.

## 99) Finance

BM reported that the council had £10,956.74.

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BM presented the draft budget for 21-22 (see Appendix).

JC proposed budgeting £1000 for replacing the Orchard fence

AK seconded.

Cllrs agreed.

BM to amend budget to reflect fence replacement to be agreed in the January meeting.

## 100) Coffin Bier

BM reported that Reading Museum had been in contact looking to divest a Victorian Coffin Bier, originally owned by All Saints Church, from its collection, asking if BPC would be able to find a permanent home.

JC suggested Bisham Abbey might be able to provide storage.

MC suggested Berkshire College of Agriculture might be able to provide storage.

Cllrs agreed that Bisham Abbey and Berkshire College of Agriculture should be approached as a potential storage solution.

AK offered to store the Bier temporarily until a permanent home could be found.

BM suggested that the Council would need more information about long term storage implications

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from the Museum before moving forward.

**ACTION** – BM to progress discussions with Reading Museum, Bisham abbey and Berkshire College of Agriculture.

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## 101) Operation Bridges

BM proposed moving to January meeting.

## 102) Correspondence

None

## 103) Information reports

MRB gave an update on the footpaths that cross Park Farm, and that pictures had been forwarded to Cllr Brar.

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AK reported that there was graffiti on the telecom cabinet on Burchetts Green Road.

**ACTION** – BM to contact Call Flow (cabinet owners)

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MC reported that there were building materials being stored on the land outside Crossroads Cottages. AK reported that this was RBWM Highways Land.

**ACTION** – Cllr Brar to report to Highways

**Part 1 of the meeting closed at 22:20**

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**Date Agreed:**

**Signed:**

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