

BISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th August 2021 at 7:30pm at Bisham Abbey.

Attendees

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

District Councillors: Cllr Mandy Brar

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

JC thanked MRB for standing in as Chair in the July meeting.

Part One

43) Apologies for absence

None

44) Declarations of interest

DO declared a non-prejudicial interest in application 21/02338

45) Minutes of Meeting Held on 19th July 2021

The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting of the Council held on 19th July 2021

46) Matters Arising

Cllr Brar had reported the bins on the Slipway and the Green to Waste Services. The bins were supposed to be emptied weekly, and it's likely that it had fallen through the cracks during the transfer of the contract.

DO reported that the school hedge had been cut, but the green waste had been collected in refuse sacks and left nearby.

MRB reported that the verge outside Deepwood had been planted. AK noted that Highways don't have a problem with planting on verges.

MC noted that the new posts on Henley Road have been fitted with reflectors.

MRB noted that the bridge which had been reported as needed repair, was the one across the brook at the end of Green Lane.

47) Ongoing Actions

BM highlighted that further ongoing actions would be covered under other agenda items.

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48) Planning matters

Appn. Date: 15th July 2021 Appn No.: 21/02186

Type: Full

Proposal: Subdivision of existing dwelling to x2 dwellings with allocated refuse and bicycle storage.

Location: 2 Stubbings Farm Cottages Burchetts Green Road Burchetts Green Maidenhead SL6 6QT

Determination Date: 9 September 2021

Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were POSITIVE about this application and had no further comments.

Appn. Date: 23rd July 2021 Appn No.: 21/02219

Type: Full

outdoor swimming pool and associated landscaping.

Proposal: Enlargement of existing Annex to include a terrace and steps, construction of a new

Location: Stubbings Manor Burchetts Green Lane Burchetts Green Maidenhead SL6 3QP

Determination Date: 17 September 2021

Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were NEUTRAL about this application but had the following comments:

- That there should be a bat survey undertaken
- That the Tree Officer is satisfied with the plans
- That replacement trees should be stipulated
- That the annexe cannot be used as a separate dwelling

Appn. Date: 27th July 2021 Appn No.: 21/02338

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: T1 Willow Tree - height reduction by 3m, reduce sides by 2m - 3m and removal of branch overhanging the River Thames.

Location: Lowater Church Lane Bisham Marlow SL7 1RW

Apartment 2 Maidenhead SL6 1JN

Determination Date: 7 September 2021

Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were NEUTRAL about this application but noted that the riverside aspect should have Tree Officer approval to ensure only the necessary trees are cut back.

49) Highways

DO reported that a number of road signs are currently obscured by vegetation.

GW noted that there was a traffic survey being undertaken in Burchetts Green Lane. Cllr Brar noted that the surveys are contracted out, and the Cllrs aren't notified when the surveys are placed.

GW reported a convoy of around 30 vehicles proceeding along Burchetts Green Lane.

MC reported that some of the overgrown hedges in the area had been causing problems for people on motor scooters.

MC reported that land at Stubbings Layby had still not been cut. Cllr Brar to follow up.

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MC reported that there had been a lot of ragwort growing in the area. BM to report to RBWM. Cllr Brar suggested reporting to Naomi Markham.

JC noted that the pathway leading towards the Green is impassable due to the vegetation growth.

JC noted that the Bisham Abbey hedgerow is overgrown near the school.

50) Parish Land

BM asked if GW could attend a meeting with Sovereign Playgrounds to look at removing the old climbing frame.

AK gave an update on the meeting with Braywick in July, noting that

- the path clearance work had not yet been completed to give a 1m x 2m clearance
- that the sight-line across the bridge was much improved
- that chopping the wood-piles hadn't had a significant impact

AK also noted that there was confusion about the responsibility for cutting the vegetation along the bank following advice from the Environment Agency.

JC believes that Braywick should cut up to the lip. AK feels that Braywick don't cut back aggressively enough. BM to speak to Braywick to get the bank cut within the existing contract.

MRB reported that the Church were having a tree survey done which would include the Crack Willow on the Slipway.

51) Reading Museum Coffin Bier

BM reported that the draft agreement had been sent to Serco for comment.

52) IT Equipment

BM gave an update on the purchase of the new laptop.

JC proposed increasing the budget for a new laptop £1000 for a replacement.

MRB seconded

Cllrs agreed

53) Flooding

JC gave an update on the flood forum meeting.

54) Finance

BM gave an update on the Finance software.

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55) Correspondence

BM gave an update on correspondence from a resident who had an issue with a planning application for the property next door.

56) Information Reports

MRB suggested that we should apply for a jubilee oak but that there was only one available per ward, then it may go to Cookham. If we were to be unsuccessful then the Council should purchase one. Cllr Brar suggested it would be worth writing to RBWM to see if there could be two for Bisham and Cookham ward. GW suggested that the tree could be on the border between the Parishes.

GW reported that there had been a recent spate of burglaries in Burchetts Green.

GW asked whether the Council would be commenting on RBWM's Corporate Plan. JC suggested commenting individually.

BM noted that there was no clause that would preclude public attendance at the meetings following the end of Covid restrictions. JC proposed that any members of the public should notify their attendance in advance in order to ensure that we can use an appropriately sized room within the Abbey.

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 21:30

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor