

BISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th November 2021 at 7:30pm at Bisham Abbey.

Attendees

Councillors: Cllr Alan Keene (AK) (Chair), Cllr Derek Oliver (DO), Cllr Mandy Robson Brown (MRB), Cllr Ged Wylie (GW).

District Councillors: Cllr Mandy Brar (joined the meeting at 8.35pm).

Public Forum

There was no Public Forum since the Clerk could not attend, and arrangements to set up the Zoom link could not be made in time. No members of the public attended in person.

Part One

82) Apologies for absence

Cllr Jim Cooke (JC), Cllr Mary Cooper (MC).

83) Declarations of interest

DO declared a non-prejudicial interest in 21/02719 and 21/02964. MRB declared a non-prejudicial interest in 21/03144 and 21/02964.

84) Minutes of Meeting Held on 18th October 2021

The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting of the Council held on 18th October 2021.

85) Matters Arising

The Playground: GW has had feedback from Mike Jones (RBWM) about the removal of the climbing frame and the repair to the swing, He has also been talking about both to Sovereign and to a second company in Egham, Hags. GW to go back to Sovereign for a price to remove the old climbing frame. AK mentioned the possible need to "wet pour" after the removal of the frame. DO suggested that the cost of repairs to the playground would be worth taking up with RBWM, to see if some financial support might be offered. Leasing the playground land to the Borough was suggested as an option.

86) Ongoing Actions

As the Clerk could not be present, most ongoing actions from October have to be held over until the next meeting. However, work has begun on the new fencing for The Orchard, although it is higher than was agreed and will need to be lowered to about 900mm. AK had distributed photographs of the current height of the new rails, which were at the height of the gate. A decision is awaited on the application for Tree Works on the Crack Willow on the Parish Land.

87) Planning matters

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Appn. Date: 14th October 2021 Appn No.: **21/02719**

Type: Discharge of Condition

Proposal: Details required by condition 5 (Fenestration details) of Planning permission 20/01095 for the Replacement dwelling with double garage and boathouse, following demolition of all existing buildings.

Location: Lowater Church Lane Bisham Marlow SL7 1RW

Determination Date: 9 December 2021

Cllrs' Comments: The Cllrs wished to make the following comment: Many windows are identified in the application, but provided that the Planning Officer is satisfied that Condition 5 has been completely met according to the specifications in the approved 20/01095 planning application, they have no objection. The Cllrs' view was NEUTRAL to this application.

Appn. Date: 26th October 2021 Appn No.: **21/02766**

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Consent for the scope of Phase 2 Bridge Refurbishment works for parapets and bridge bearings, walkway and the Stone towers. 1. Remove timber rails, cast iron post & rails off-site for refurbishment at High Street and Bisham Road, 2. Remove existing paintwork and then apply protective paint systems to the parapets over the river course, 3. Bearing replacement, 4. Repair Stone towers, 5. Patch repair to walkway and carriageway, 6. Access method will be using Mobile Elevating Work Platforms and barge from the River Thames, 7. Section of the parapet will be enclosed whilst work is undertaken, 8. Temporary traffic management consists of Road Closure with diversion routes. 9. Access method to the parapet section at High Street and Bisham Road will be using scaffolding encapsulating the paintwork.

Location: Bisham Side Marlow Bridge Bisham Road Bisham Marlow

Determination Date: 21 December 2021

Cllrs' Comments: The Cllrs wished to make the following comments: Cllrs are surprised that work has already begun on the Bisham side of the bridge before RBWM Planning consent has been obtained. They ask the RBWM Conservation Officer to look very carefully at the detail of the application, to ensure that it satisfies all Borough requirements. The application has a very wide-ranging scope but has little actual detail of the extensive work to be done on this Grade I Listed building (eg 'Repair Stone towers'). The Cllrs' view was NEUTRAL to this application.

Appn. Date: 5th October 2021 Appn No.: **21/02964**

Type: Works to Trees in Conservation Area

Proposal: T1 - Yew - remove fallen stem, crown reduction by 2m to a final height of 9.5m and spread of 11m,

Location: All Saints' Church Church Lane Bisham Marlow SL7 1RW

Determination Date: 16 November 2021

Cllrs' Comments: The Cllrs wished to make the following comments: Note that the Determination date for the application is 16th November 2021. Since this application was first submitted, which was unfortunately linked in error to the additional application 21/02797 on behalf of Bisham Parish Council for necessary works to a Cracked Willow on the Parish Land, there has been extensive rain, and one of the now two fallen boughs of the Yew tree has sagged further to the ground, causing much more damage to several gravestones in the churchyard. The Parish Council additionally asks the Borough for approval to carry out the necessary emergency work, on the grounds of public safety on this church land, at least to the outer ends of the branches of the two boughs. The Cllrs' view was POSITIVE to this application subject to the Tree Officer's approval.

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Appn. Date: 28th October 2021 Appn No.: **21/03144**

Type: Works to Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: x1 Acer tree - Crown reduction by 3.6m in height to match Acer on other side, x1 Silver birch Crown reduction by 4m to match other trees and cut back branches on the silver birch which overhang the public pavement and road by approximately 1.2m. Location: Tamarind Quarry Wood Road Marlow SL7 1RE. Determination Date: 9 December 2021

The Cllrs' view was POSITIVE to this application subject to the Tree Officer's approval, since pollarding has been carried out before and the shape of the trees will be improved.

Appn. Date: 2nd November 2021 Appn No.: **21/02816**

Type: Full

Proposal: New entrance steps, part single part two storey extension on the South elevation, new covered area on the ground floor East elevation, single storey extension on the North elevation, new rear outbuilding with glazed link, alterations to external finishes and alterations to fenestration, following demolition of the existing covered area on the South elevation, the single storey element on the West elevation and the existing rear barn.

Location: Park Farm Winter Hill Road Cookham Maidenhead SL6 6PJ

Determination Date: 28 December 2021

Cllrs' Comments: The Cllrs wished to make the following comments. The original property was only the very small cottage forming one end of the old, long wood-clad barn on which a proposed open patio lean-to side extension is now shown in the new plans, and did not include any of the modern building at the rear of this barn, so the property has already been very extensively enlarged. In the Design and Access Statement three areas of Permitted Development are shown. Only the rear extensions apply in this case under approved PD applications 19/03308/PDXL and 19/03309/PDXL. The Parish Council asks that the RBWM be satisfied that the new proposal plans accurately represent the current situation, and if the RBWM is minded to approve this new application which will provide another extensive enlargement to the property, request that Permitted Development rights be cancelled. There is reference to CIL documentation in the statements but this seemed not to be applicable. The Cllrs' view was NEUTRAL to this application taking into account the comments made.

Appn. Date: 29th October 2021 Appn No.: **21/03237**

Type: Works to Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: T85 - Yew - fell.

Location: Stoney Ware House Stoney Ware Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RN Determination Date: 10 December 2021.

The Cllrs OBJECT to this application as no reason has been given for the removal of this tree.

88) Highways Matters

DO expressed concern that the notices at the several pairs of brick entrance gates on the drive to Park Farm, which is a public footpath, are deterring walkers from using the footpath along the length from Winter Hill Road, past Park Farm and on to Marlow Hill. The notices say that it is private property and that horses are not permitted. **The Clerk will ask Anthony Hurst, the RBWM Footpath and Rights of Way officer to visit the site again and to walk right along the track, to ensure that the footpath is clear all the way from Winter Hill Road to Marlow Hill, since it has been reported that at the moment at one place walkers must climb over a fence. The Parish Council asks that the RBWM is completely satisfied that the footpath remains clearly open.**

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The Parish Council has received a request from one of the Borough's Public Rights of Way Officers concerning two footpaths in the parish. AK had provided illustrative photographs.

- 1) Footpath 21: This is a footpath which leads past Stable Cottages in Temple and then continues over farmland into Hurley parish. This concerns cyclists, who should not be using the footpath at all, speeding along the path and into the road at Temple. The Borough had installed some signage and a new gate where the footpath meets a track, in addition to another gate already in place near Stable Cottages where the slate fence starts, but the new second gate had to be removed because it was the wrong size. Currently there is no second gate. AK had taken photographs to show exactly where the stretch of pathway is and the position of the two gates. This has been discussed before, as cyclists have used the path illegally for many years. MB reported that she had visited the site with Anthony Hurst for the Borough. There are 'Cyclists dismount' signs but the Parish Council felt these should be changed to 'Cyclists Prohibited' to avoid confusion about the legal status of the footpath. It was decided to ask the Borough for more robust gates to be put in place with 'No cycling on this footpath' signs.
- 2) Footpath BR2: This footpath is where Quarry Wood, (as distinct from Quarry Wood Road), which is a Restricted Byway, becomes a Bridleway and then leads into the woodland at the junction of the lane next to the gateway of a private house. The Borough has installed a metal gate but riders find it very difficult to use, as this gate is hard to open widely enough to allow a horse to pass through. The gate is hinged to open both ways but in practice the path rises quite steeply and the gate therefore cannot open very wide uphill. After some discussion it was agreed that AK would speak to the Borough Pathways officer with a proposal that the fencing at the beginning of the Bridleway be extended for a short distance but at an angle, to restrict the width of the route and thus improve the visibility for the householder, but at the same time allowing safe access for horses and slowing the speed of cyclists riding downhill.

AK raised a problem he had noted at Parole Bridge and again he had provided photographs. There is a metal duct on the field side which should be attached to the wall of the bridge and which protects cabling. The metal duct has partly broken away and needs to be put back in place as the white cabling is now unprotected. **The Clerk will contact the RBWM to ask them to look at this, as the Council is not sure whose responsibility it is. The missing capstones on Parole Bridge have still not been replaced after some months.**

A member of the public has complained that the double yellow lines in Quarry Wood near its junction with Parole Bridge have still not been repainted. MRB reported this, with photographs, in the autumn last year and **will resend her email to the Clerk so that the Borough is reminded of the need for repainting the double yellow lines again.**

MRB reported that there has still been no action from RBWM about the solid wooden fencing at Hideaway, Quarry Wood, which is on both sides of the narrow lane. The Planning application (20/01516/FULL (Retrospective) was Withdrawn, rather than being Refused as we had incorrectly remembered, so the fencing has no planning consent. **The Clerk is asked to raise this again with RBWM.**

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The Parish Council has received complaints about leaves on pavements and in the street. **This will be reported to the Borough.**

MC had reported to MRB that her concerns about various problems in Burchetts Green had still not been resolved. MB confirmed that one item from the list, that 'the surface of the layby at Stubbings Church is deteriorating and presenting a trip hazard', was due to be resolved in the next couple of days when the potholes would be filled in.

AK reported that he understood that cameras were due to be placed on Marlow Bridge to monitor the traffic. This would be for traffic information only, not enforcement.

89) Parish Land

AK has looked into the reported fallen Berkshire flag in The Orchard and this has happened because part of the flag has worn out, although he has managed to make an interim repair; it may be necessary to buy a new flag. The Union flag was raised to mark Remembrance Sunday. Although some of the Christmas lights for The Orchard are no longer working, there should be enough to decorate the area as before, as we still have about 10 sets of lights. AK will buy new batteries which are likely to cost about £30.00.

MB reported that she had received an email from the Bisham Brook Restoration Group asking whether the RBWM might be willing to take away the spoil from the clearing of the brook some weeks ago as a goodwill favour, and it would be helpful if the Borough could give their support. This is quite a large amount which is currently piled near the playground car park area. MB will forward this request.

90) Flooding

In the absence of JC there was no Flooding report.

91) Finance

As the Clerk was absent, no details of Finance could be given other than that we currently have the sum of £19,603.53. **At next Month's meeting it will be necessary to discuss the Precept budget** with special consideration concerning the playground.

92) Correspondence

Requests from the Bisham and Stubbings churches have been received, for £150.00 each for financial support under Section 137, as a contribution towards their maintenance of the two churchyards. MRB declared a non-prejudicial interest in this matter. It was agreed that the amounts would be paid to each church and the proposal from AK was seconded in each case by GW and agreed by DO and MRB.

93) Information Reports

DO reported that nothing has yet been done about the reinstatement of the Slipway. **The Clerk will be asked to pursue this commitment.**

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Concerning Henley House, the property on the Henley Road, it was reported that the posts on the verge have not yet been removed and there are now lights on the gateposts. **It will be necessary to establish whether planning permission is required for these lights.**

The Members thanked MB for forwarding the RBWM newsletters to them.

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 21:15

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor