

# BISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st March 2022 at 7:30pm in Bisham Abbey**

### **Attendees**

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

### **Public Forum**

One Member of the Public reported that local resident Brian Dormer had passed away.

One Member of the Public asked the council for a Jubilee Lunch on the slipway, with potential access to the school. The Cllrs were supportive of the idea.

One Member of the Public reported that they were concerned about two dead ash trees in the Orchard. BM agreed to get the tree surgeon to look at the trees and provide a cost for removal.

One Member of the Public wanted to update the Council on the proposed Stubbings recycling site. The plant has been changed from Grade 1 (Green waste) to Grade 2 (Industrial waste). RBWM have contravened their own Permitted Development ruling which noted that no site under two hectares is viable for a recycling site, but the planned site is 1.2 hectares.

AK asked about progress of the Local Plan. Cllr Brar confirmed that it was passed in February.

One Member of the Public reported that Littlecroft was in a state of disrepair, referring to the history of Planning applications from the owners, and believes that both parties should engage to develop a suitable solution.

One Member of the Public thanked Colin Lemmings for clearing leaves from the Green.

James Stevenson (JS) from the Woodland Trust gave an update on the Ice House, and discussed future maintenance, which he believes BPC have responsibility towards. BPC have access to the Ice House but not maintenance responsibility.

One Member of the Public asked why the footpath between the A308 and Winter Hill road has been closed, noting that the reduction in parking has made overall access to the woods difficult.

One Member of the Public noted that some local residents had restricted access to the woods, including wire stretched across pathways, which the police were aware of.

JS reported that some of the parking had been moved due to an increase in Anti-Social Behaviour, which was causing difficulties for local residents. JS also noted that the lane in question was a private road, with a right of access for local properties, and is not in WT's remit.

JS highlighted the difficulties on Dungrove Hill, which he believes to be a dangerous junction with the A404 and wanted to look at potential solutions.

AK noted that stopping up the end of the lane at the A404 junction would likely lead to an increase in ASB, fly-tipping etc.

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Cllr Brar asked if it was possible to have a site meeting to look at the issues.

One Member of the Public asked if the WT had a responsibility to provide access to the woodland. JS responded that the WT were not obligated to provide parking but works to make access as safe as possible.

One Member of the Public noted that it was a shame that there was no access to the woods from Bisham without a car.

JS reported that WT were happy to work with local landowners with undesignated and unwooded areas with a view to increasing parking provision. DO noted that a conversation with Longridge would be beneficial.

MRB highlighted that the parking area on Grubwood Lane was marked as a public car park on Google Maps. JS noted that the area in question was National Trust land, and WT were dealing with the rangers on various issues. NT have a small car park that WT will be sharing going forward.

## **Part One**

### **139. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Mary Cooper.

### **140. Declarations of interest**

None

### **141. Minutes of Meeting Held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

GW asked that Section 132 be changed to note that the new Burchetts Green 40mph speed limit was only in place at the stretch that was previously National Speed Limit, and that the 20mph stretch was unchanged.

The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting of the Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

### **142. Matters Arising**

GW reported that there had been litter clearance works on the A404. Cllr Brar confirmed that the work had been undertaken by local volunteers. GW felt that RBWM were abrogating responsibility for clearance.

GW asked about the schedule for clearing the verges. Cllr Brar confirmed that it had been reduced from a six-weekly to a twelve-weekly rotation.

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AK reported on his attendance of the installation of the new vicar in Stubbings.

### **143. Ongoing Actions**

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BM to cover any relevant actions under the agenda items.

## 144. Planning matters

Appn. Date: 17th February 2022 Appn No.: 22/00430

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: Conifers - remove line of Conifers overhanging Marlow Road.

Location: National Sports Centre Bisham Village Bisham Abbey Marlow Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RR

Determination Date: 31 March 2022

**Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs wished to note that this application had already been decided prior to a site visit from the Tree Officer, and that the timeframe was insufficient for comments.**

**The Cllrs were also informed that there was a covenant on the property that required replanting to take place in the event of removal of trees**

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Appn. Date: 22nd February 2022 Appn No.: 22/00434

Type: Variation Under Reg 73

Proposal: Variation (under Section 73) of Condition 4 to substitute those plans approved under 21/02219 for the Enlargement of existing Annex to include a terrace and steps, construction of a new outdoor swimming pool and associated landscaping with amended plans.

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

Determination Date: 19 April 2022

**Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were neutral to this application but were concerned that it included changes to the dimensions of the planned works, not just a change of material. The Cllrs felt that the applicant should be clearer about their intentions and should provide more information about which materials were to be substituted.**

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Appn. Date: 8th February 2022 Appn No.: 22/00271

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: T1 - Willow - Crown Reduction - reducing the height and spread of the tree by up to 2 metres, back to previous reduction points, G2 - x3 Conifers - reduce by 4 m back to previous reduction points, G3 - x6 Corsican Pines - crown thin- removing selected branches in the upper canopy to reduce current density by up to 15%, T4 - Silver Birch - crown reduction - reducing the height and spread of the tree by up to 2 metres, G5 - x2 Limes - crown reduction - reducing the height and spread of the tree by up to 3 metres. remove epicormic growth, G6 - x8 Dead conifer stems - fell, G7 - x2 Conifers - crown reduction - reducing the height of the tree by up to 3 metres, T10 - Conifer - fell

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

Determination Date: 22 March 2022

**Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were neutral to this application subject to Tree Officer approval.**

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Appn. Date: 8th February 2022 Appn No.: 22/00581

Type: Works To Trees Covered by TPO

Proposal: G3 - x6 Corsican Pines - crown thin- removing selected branches in the upper canopy

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to reduce current density by up to 15%, G5 - x2 Limes - crown reduction - reducing the height and spread of the tree by up to 3 metres. remove epicormic growth (017/2007/TPO)

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

Determination Date: 5 April 2022

**Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were neutral to this application subject to Tree Officer approval.**

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Appn. Date: 3rd March 2022 Appn No.: 22/00499

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Consent for the replacement of x39 doors and associated works.

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

Determination Date: 28 April 2022

**Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no comment.**

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Appn. Date: 11th March 2022 Appn No.: 22/00663

Type: Full

Proposal: Enlargement of existing front dormer with Juliet balcony, first floor rear/side extension with undercroft to include x1 dormer to existing side extension and alterations to fenestration.

Location: Little Weir Cottage Quarry Wood Road Marlow SL7 1RQ

Determination Date: 6 May 2022

**Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no comment.**

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Appn. Date: 14 March 2022 Appn. No.: 22/00278

Type: Variation Under Reg 73

Proposal: Variation (under Section 73) of Condition 2 (Matching Materials) and Condition 3 (Approved Plans) to substitute those plans approved under 21/01367/FULL for a single storey rear extension, part single/part two storey rear extension to include a balcony, x2 new windows to rear elevation, x2 rooflight to existing single storey rear elements and alteration to fenestration with amended plans.

Location: Leigh Cottage Darlings Lane Maidenhead SL6 6PB

Parish/Ward: Bisham Parish/Bisham And Cookham

**Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no comment.**

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## Sphere of Mutual Interest

Reference 22/00444/FULL

Application Received Tue 22 Feb 2022

Address Land To The North East of Bigfrith Farm Bigfrith Lane Cookham Maidenhead

Proposal New tractor shed.

**Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no comment.**

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BM gave an update on the existing TPO along Temple Meadow following a conversation with the Head of the Tree Services. The TPO would be resource-heavy to enforce.

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## 145. Highways Matters

GW noted that the proposed traffic calming measures in Bisham Village are signage with no engineering solutions.

AK believed that the proposals didn't take advantage of signage on the road itself.

GW asked if the new measures took the recent petition into account.

Cllr Brar highlighted that the proposal was "Plan A" and had been well received by the residents who set up the petition.

GW said he believed that measures didn't go far enough and a second speed survey would need to take place to evidence effectiveness.

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One Member of the Public noted that HGVs were not deterred from coming into the village towards Marlow.

Cllr Brar offered to speak to Highways to understand the options.

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AK reported that there were leaves in the drains close to Town Farm.

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## 146. Parish Land

MRB thinks that Willow on the Slipway needs a further visit from the tree surgeon.

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BM gave an update on the conversation with the Project Managers from the school construction site regarding the restitution of the Slipway.

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GW gave an update on the quotes for the playground and noted that the climbing frame and the swing need replacing as soon as possible.

AK asked if the contractor needs to be a specialist. GW stated that the specialist surfaces involved required specific expertise.

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GW proposed engaging HAGS to complete the playground works.

AK seconded

Cllrs agreed.

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Future of Playground discussion to be held at a future meeting.

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GW reported that there was debris in the stream towards the end of The Green. Cllr Brar confirmed that this had been reported.

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GW noted that two trees need to be removed from the stream. CL confirmed that they would be removed the following week.

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JC, DO and AK reported on their walkabout on the Parish Land.

AK to forward the notes from the meeting.

AK doesn't believe that the Maintenance specification needs to change, but that a heavy-duty contractor may be needed for some actions.

## **147. Annual Parish Meeting**

The Cllrs discussed the APM with the residents. The residents suggested that the meeting should be informative over entertaining.

Residents also suggested a door-to-door flyer drop to advertise the event.

BM suggested moving the APM to the end of May, which still fits in with the required timeframes.

## **148. Jubilee**

AK proposed supporting the residents' suggestion of a jubilee lunch.

GW seconded

Cllrs agreed.

## **149. Expenses Policy**

JC deferred the discussion to the April meeting.

## **150. Flooding**

Colin Lemmings (CL) reported that the approval on the flood plan had stalled and was still awaiting a response from RBWM.

DO suggested sending RBWM a deadline for a response, assuming no response to be acceptance.

CL reported that the flood boards would be replaced free of charge one more time.

## **151. Finance**

BM gave an update on the year end accounts that would be completed after the end of march.

## **152. Correspondence**

None

## **153. Information Reports**

MRB reported that there was a tent/car covering in the garden of 1 Bisham Village and asked to look into the legality of the structure.

AK reported that he would be attending the jubilee event.

GW reported a powercut in Burchetts Green that also affected devices such as smart watches.

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

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**Date Agreed:**

**Signed:**

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