

BISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 25th April 2022 at 7:30pm in Bisham Abbey

Attendees

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

Public Forum

One Member of the Public reiterated issues raised the Woodland Trust regarding access to Bisham Woods for residents of the village, noting that the available routes add around 25 minutes on to the journey. The resident believes that the automated barriers blocking vehicular access have been erected "by stealth" and impacts too many people.

AK asked for clarification on what is actually closed. The resident pointed out the track on the map and explained that the road is closed to vehicles. AK noted that the track in questions is designated as a footpath and closing vehicular access doesn't contravene any laws.

One Member of the Public reported that they had spoken to a number of contacts to see if there is an appetite for sponsorship of playground equipment.

GW asked for clarification as to what they would be interested in sponsoring. The resident said that sponsorship could cover capital costs and maintenance.

Part One

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Derek Oliver.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Minutes of Meeting Held on 21st March 2022

AK asked that the item regarding access to Bisham Woods notes that the track is closed to vehicles specifically.

The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting of the Council held on 21st March 2022.

4. Matters Arising

BM noted conversation with the Tree Surgeon regarding the Ash Trees in the Orchard.

AK noted that the group that erected the Owl Box will need to be informed to re-site the box.

GW reported that he was impressed the litter removal by the volunteers on the A404, noting his concerns that RBWM are abrogating their authority by looking for further volunteers.

Cllr Brar confirmed that the initiative is a cost saving exercise, and that groups must provide their own training and insurance.

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Cllr Brar noted that the proposed changes to the Planning Development Panels, which BPC had previously objected to, were up for ratification at the following evening's full council.

GW proposed writing to RBWM to express the Council's objections to the proposed changes.

MC seconded

Cllrs agreed

Cllr Brar noted that the objection must be sent by the following morning, in order to be read before the evening's meeting.

5. Ongoing Actions

BM gave an update on the action list.

BM reported on the issue of the Temple TPO, and that RBWM are unable to enforce issues in the area due to budget constraints.

AK suggested that it would be useful to have an up to date record regarding the current state of the trees in the area.

Cllrs Brar will liaise with BPC and other groups to identify volunteers for the Speed Watch programme.

BM to liaise with DO and MRB regarding a meeting with Laura Morel from Bisham School.

6. Planning matters

Appn. Date: 31st March 2022 Appn No.: 22/00885

Type: Full

Proposal: Remove existing boathouse, touring caravan, stores, hard-standing and fencing, repair river wall, erect replacement boathouse and jetty.

Location: 3 The Boathouse Temple Lane Bisham Marlow SL7 1RS

Determination Date: 26 May 2022

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

Appn. Date: 23rd March 2022 Appn No.: 22/00752

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Consent to install a toilet in the existing outbuilding incorporating a water saving GrandeSys (AquaDue) toilet cistern with integrated sink and a Saniflo Up macerating pump via a 32mm pipe into the existing sewer pipe.

Location: 15 Bisham Village Marlow Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RR

Determination Date: 18 May 2022

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

Appn. Date: 21st March 2022 Appn No.: 22/00757

Type: Full

Proposal: Single storey rear infill extension with replacement doors and roof lantern, and 2no.

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pitched rooflights and 1no. flat rooflight to the main roof.

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

Determination Date: 16 May 2022

Clrs Comments: The Clrs were neutral about this application and had no comments.

Appn. Date: 21st March 2022 Appn No.: 22/00760

Type: Full

Proposal: Relocation and enlargement of existing front rooflight and 1no new rear rooflight.

Location: The Brackens Winter Hill Road Cookham Maidenhead SL6 6PJ

Determination Date: 16 May 2022

Clrs Comments: The Clrs were neutral about this application and had no comments.

Appn. Date: 29th March 2022 Appn No.: 22/00753

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Consent for alterations to an existing storage block to include a new roof, a new wall opening and construction of a new WC and storage block with covered link, following demolition of an existing office block.

Location: Stubbings Estate Stubbings Lane Maidenhead SL6 6QL

Determination Date: 24 May 2022

Clrs Comments: The Clrs were neutral about this application and had no comments.

Appn. Date: 29th March 2022 Appn No.: 22/00750

Type: Full

Proposal: Alterations to an existing storage block to include a new roof, a new wall opening and construction of a new WC and storage block with covered link, following demolition of an existing office block.

Location: Stubbings Estate Stubbings Lane Maidenhead SL6 6QL

Determination Date: 24 May 2022

Clrs Comments: The Clrs were neutral about this application and had no comments.

Appn. Date: 24th March 2022 Appn No.: 22/00813

Type: Works To Trees Covered by TPO

Proposal: Willow - repollard. (015/1979/TPO).

Location: Lower Mill Stream Bank Between 44 And 45 Temple Mill Island Bisham Marlow

Determination Date: 19 May 2022

Clrs Comments: The Clrs were neutral about this application and had no objection subject to the approval of the Tree Officer. The Clrs wished to note that there should have been more information on the application.

Appn. Date: 14th April 2022 Appn No.: 22/00982

Type: Full

Proposal: New rear garden shed.

Location: Lowater Church Lane Bisham Marlow SL7 1RW

Determination Date: 9 June 2022

Clrs Comments: The Clrs were negative about this application and wish to object noted the following concerns.

- **That the address information regarding the property is incorrect**
- **That this is a new building, not a replacement, and should require a full flood risk assessment**

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Appn. Date: 13th April 2022 Appn No.: 22/01003

Type: Discharge of Condition

Proposal: Details required by condition 6 (details of joinery) of planning permission 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: 8 June 2022

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

Sphere of Mutual Interest

Reference 22/00449/AGDET

Application Received Tue 22 Feb 2022

Application Validated Thu 24 Mar 2022

Address Berkshire College of Agriculture Burchetts Green Road Burchetts Green Maidenhead SL6 6QR

Proposal Notification to determine whether prior approval is required for the construction of a new building.

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

Reference 22/00773/FULL

Application Received Tue 22 Mar 2022

Application Validated Tue 22 Mar 2022

Address Holm Oak Grubwood Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UB

Proposal Renewal of permission 19/00980/FULL for a part two storey, part single storey side/rear extension, first floor rear extension, basement and loft conversion with front and rear dormers and alterations to fenestration.

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

7. Highways Matters

MC noted that the surface of the layby at Stubbings church is still in a poor condition. GW offered to send pictures to Cllr Brar

GW noted that Burchetts Green Road would be closed for a period in June. MC reported that the closure was due to electrical works to a development.

AK raised the issue of access to Bisham Wood and proposed approaching the Woodland Trust to look at options.

JC seconded

Cllrs agreed.

8. Parish Land

AK reported that he had raised the George Cross for St George's day.

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AK reported that the Orchard looked untidy. MRB noted that the maintenance has deteriorated needs to be improved. BM reported that he had been liaising with the new contract manager.

AK reported that the potholes in the car park next to the playground needed to be filled. BM to get a quote.

GW to chase HAGS for an update on the work to the playground, and the removal works need to be done urgently following the RoSPA report.

Future of Playground discussion to be held at June meeting.

9. Annual Parish Meeting

The Cllrs discussed the APM and decided not to hold one this year due to lack of response from residents.

10. Expenses Policy

BM gave an update on the proposed Expenses and Allowances.

The Cllrs agreed that the following draft policy recommendations

- That there be no sum allotted for an allowance.
- That there be no cap to pre-approved expenses.
- Mileage be included at 45p per mile outside of the Parish Boundary.

11. Flooding

Colin Lemmings (CL) reported that he had attended the Flood Liaison meeting, but that the Environment Agency (EA) have no firm dates for any works to take place. The EA have been asked to organise a meeting to provide a timeframe for proposed flood works.

CL confirmed that the EA had agreed the plans to replace the Flood Warning boards.

JC asked if this was a good opportunity to look at re-siting the boards.

CL noted that the EA said the siting of the boards was at the Flood Warden's discretion.

CL reported that the new plans will specifically stipulate that the insurance for volunteers needs to be provided by the individual Parishes.

12. Finance

BM gave an update on the year end accounts reporting that the Council had £9292.93

13. Correspondence

BM noted that a student had been in touch regarding archive materials regarding the Dovecote in Bisham Abbey.

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AK suggested the Berkshire Records Office and recommended a notebook kept by the Lord of the Manor.

MRB gave an update on a local resident who had asked about the siting of a plaque in the abbey.

14. Information Reports

None

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 21:57

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor