

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th August 2022 at 7:30pm at The Orchard, Bisham

Attendees

Councillors: Cllr Jim Cook (Chairman), Cllr Alan Keene (AK), Cllr Mary Cooper (MC), Cllr Derek Oliver (DO), Cllr Mandy Robson Brown (MRB), Cllr Ged Wylie (GW).

District Councillors: Cllr Mandy Brar.

The Officer of the Council: Barry Malki (BM)

Public Forum

One member of the public noted that there had been four Speedwatch sessions and that around 5% of motorists were caught speeding. Some drivers have been nasty and abusive to the group. The current plan is to expand the project onto other roads.

One member of the public reported that they were standing down as the Poppy Appeal Coordinator, but arrangements have been made for the Council to order wreaths.

A representative of Bisham Brook Restoration Group reported that they had raised £10k for a survey of the stream which had since been completed, identifying two sites for restoration (Parole Bridge and Bisham Village). £30k has been raised to undertake the works with a contractor visiting the site on 25th August to begin compiling an action plan.

They also noted that, during a recent walk along the river, they met someone collecting water samples as part of a larger scheme which will involve closing boreholes along the brook's course. JC congratulated the group on raising the funds for the work.

One member of the public said that a number of local residents had complained that the village was looking "shabby", particularly with a number of overgrown hedges, and issues such as the bund along the Church and the damaged slipway ground. They also noted that the works to the school were not appropriate in the conservation area. It was recommended that BPC should deal directly with the school Governors.

MRB mentioned that the school works were done with no planning approval.

Cllr Brar offered to speak to the Chair of Governors and reported that Highways were currently dealing with the school regarding the hedge, but would escalate this with Cllr Coppinger.

JC noted that there might be value in dealing with the diocese as the land owner.

Cllrs also noted that there should be better wording on the slipway sign, and that the Jubilee Oak memorial plaque should be reinstated.

DO also reported that the bin on Church Lane is not being emptied.

One member of the public reported that the Abbey fence near to the school is very overgrown.

JC currently trying to liaise with the Abbey manager.

DO noted that there was a lot of hidden debris behind the fence.

AK suggested that a village association may have a stronger lobbying voice when dealing with outside organisations such as the Abbey.

Part One

47. Apologies for absence

None.

48. Declarations of Interest

MRB declared a non-prejudicial interest in application 22/02184.

49. Minutes of the meeting of 18th July

DO asked that there be more detail on “updates” within the minutes and asked that Item 39 be expanded.

DO asked that the comments under Applications 22/01409 and 22/01408 state that the decision should be based on the approval of the Conservation Officer and Historic England.

BM to amend the Minutes.

DO asked that the June Minutes be amended to position his reference to living on Church Lane within Item 29 (Highways), not within 24 (Declarations of Interest), and to note that the matter under discussion was specifically Church Lane, not Lowater.

GW pointed out that, under Item 26, he had reported on the third company, not the second.

GW clarified that, under Item 30, he was noting that the Borough hadn't said they wouldn't support the playground works, just that he had sought clarification on their budgets.

BM to amend the Minutes

50. Matters Arising

BM gave an indication of the process of new bins for the Parish Land, noting that they were more expensive than expected, particularly wooden ones.

JC suggested that there may be a rental opportunity with the contractor.

BM updated on the Ash tree, explaining that the existing contractor had been unable to complete the works as they needed an access platform to complete. BM had engaged another company who were visiting the site to cost out the job with an access platform.

BM updated that the Grounds Maintenance Tender Specification had been sent out to 14 firms. Cllrs set a separate session on September 14th to discuss proposals

51. Ongoing Actions

See above items under Matters Arising

52. Planning

Appn. Date: 19th July 2022 Appn No.: 22/01644

Type: Full

Proposal: Change of use of the commercial land to residential with demolition of the existing kennel and outbuildings and creation of a detached summer house. New front porch with canopy, two storey front extension, part single, part two storey rear extension and a single storey rear extension to the existing annexe.

Location: Linden And Annexe Linden Boarding Kennels Burchetts Green Road Burchetts Green Maidenhead

Determination Date: 13 September 2022

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application and asked that permission is subject to the condition that the use of the annexe is ancillary with the main dwelling.

Appn. Date: 19th July 2022 Appn No.: 22/01886

Type: Full

Proposal: Detached outbuilding.

Location: 2 Hall Place Lane Burchetts Green Maidenhead SL6 6QY

Determination Date: 13 September 2022

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no objections.

Appn. Date: 19th July 2022 Appn No.: 22/01960

Type: Full

Proposal: New front entrance canopy, single storey front/side extensions, x1 additional dormer to the South West elevation, enlargement of the accommodation in the roof space and alterations to fenestration to include relocation of the front entrance door.

Location: 2 Norwood Cottage Temple Lane Temple Marlow SL7 1SA

Determination Date: 13 September 2022

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no objections.

Appn. Date: 21st July 2022 Appn No.: 22/01998

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: (Tree 1) Crab Apple - crown reduce by 1.5m, to leave a final crown height of 6m and (Tree 2) Wild Cherry - thin by 20% to leave a final spread of 5.5m.

Location: Rivermead Court Marlow Bridge Lane Marlow SL7 1SJ

Determination Date: 1 September 2022

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application subject to the approval of the Tree Officer

Appn. Date: 21st July 2022 Appn No.: 22/01997

Type: Reserved Matters

Proposal: Reserved matters (all matters) for the erection of a 5-bedroom house and new access (pursuant to extant planning permission 1100/53 dated 25th February 1953).

Location: Land North of Old Well House Gibraltar Lane Cookham Maidenhead

Determination Date: 15 September 2022

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs objected on the grounds that it should not be dealt with as a Reserved Matter as more than three years had elapsed since the completion of the previous phase of the works permitted under 1100/53.

Cllrs were concerned about the proximity to the boundary, the fact that the land is in the flood plain, and the loss of trees.

Cllrs also believed that the legal arguments need to be re-examined.

Appn. Date: 29th July 2022 Appn No.: 22/02091

Type: Full

Proposal: x1 rear juliet balcony, x1 rear dormer and alterations to fenestration.

Location: 44 Temple Mill Island Bisham Marlow SL7 1SQ

Determination Date: 23 September 2022

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no objections.

Appn. Date: 9th August 2022 Appn No.: 22/02109

Type: Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed garage conversion, and single storey rear extension with accommodation within the roofspace is lawful.

Location: Fernie Cottage Grubwood Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UD

Determination Date: 4 October 2022

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no objections. Cllrs considered that this is a question for RBWM to determine whether the proposed works fell within the categories of permitted development

Appn. Date: 9th August 2022 Appn No.: 22/02184

Type: Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the two storey rear extension and single storey side extension is lawful.

Location: Hockett Corner Hockett Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UF

Determination Date: 4 October 2022

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs considered that this is a question for RBWM to determine whether the proposed works fell within the categories of permitted development but were of the view that RBWM should not consider the matter at present as the applicant had not provided any information or evidence that would allow the question to be determined.

Cllrs also considered that the proposed works should be dealt with under separate applications.

Cllrs asked that the RBWM's officers ensure that any works that may be carried out as permitted development are carried out in accordance with the existing conditions placed upon this property

DO to draft a letter to RBWM to ask for the criteria employed for "special circumstances" when looking at planning application.

53. Highways

MC asked if there had been any updates on the raised grates in Burchetts Green Road.

Cllr Brar had visited the site with Highways, and reported that the work was to be carried out during the summer holidays.

GW reported that Burchetts Green Road will be closed to provide a power supply to Greetwell and suggested that the grate works should take place concurrently to reduce disruption.

GW reported that RBWM had sent out a notice of closure to Shurlock Road, but stated that this was an error, and should refer to the aforementioned power supply works.

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GW contacted RBWM and SSE for further information but had had no response.
Cllr Brar agreed to follow up.

AK reported that there had been a traffic monitoring device on Henley Road, and suggested that the Council contact RBWM for the results.

54. Parish Land

GW had received a further quote for the playground works and would circulate to Cllrs.
GW confirmed that the Parks department don't have any budget to offer, but that we may be eligible for other pots of funding such as Community Infrastructure Levy.

DO noted that the boundary between the church and the slipway needed to be tidied.

55. Flooding

No update

56. Finance

BM had circulated Finance Report, noting the Council had £12.649.38

57. Correspondence

None

58. Information Reports

DO reported that there had been an outdoor wedding at Bisham Abbey, but that neighbouring residents had not been informed. This needs to be broached with the management of the Abbey.
JC will speak to the Abbey manager when he can arrange a meeting.

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 21:47

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor