

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th December 2022 at 7:30pm at Bisham Abbey

Attendees

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

District Councillors: Cllr Mandy Brar.

The Officer of the Council: Barry Malki (BM)

Public Forum

One Member of the Public gave an update on the previous Planning Applications for Little Croft, handing out a statement covering the history of the site and the long-term plans. Noted that the current application was being withdrawn with a view to resubmitting and getting it called-in to the Planning Development Panel with certain tweaks advised by the Conservation Officer.

Explained why it was impossible to rebuild with a thatched roof due to insurance issues, and the raising of the ridge height above the neighbours. Stated that it's not possible to raise the property as a flood resilience measure and maintain a low enough ridge height when compared to the lowest point of the neighbour's ridge height.

Cllr Brar offered to send the Conservation comments to the Cllrs.

AK asked if the objections were from the Planning Officer. Cllr Brar stated that the only objections are with the Conservation Officer.

The resident explained that, due to health issues, they were unable to live downstairs.

Cllr Brar recommended escalating the issue within planning.

GW asked if the Conservation Conditions were onerous. The resident explained that they had agreed to them all.

GW asked how long the building would last, in its current condition, without intervention. The resident explained that it was already deteriorating.

GW felt that the thatched roof is a "nice-to-have" but shouldn't supersede the other issues.

DO suggested challenging the lower ridge height of the neighbours extension as being the benchmark for their own ridge height.

Colin Lemmings (CL) noted that neighbouring houses had received government funding for flood mitigation in previous years as part of the issue had been the raising of the road. The previous Little Croft resident didn't receive the funding.

DO suggested that elements of the conservation report were conflicting.

CL asked for an update on a number of items;

Green Waste in The Orchard - JC explained that there had been several conversations with the Maintenance company regarding the removal of the waste, but that it wasn't being attended to quickly enough.

Bins in Orchard and Playground – JC explained that the bins had been ordered and would be delivered at the end of January.

Playground Car Park – JC update that we had had quotes for the work.

Climbing Frame removal – GW noted that this was on hold whilst he worked on the funding. One bid was rejected but was in the process of re submitting. Applications were also in for CIL funding. There would be some funding in the budget, and he would start to engage the contractors with the first phase of the work.

Part One

79. Apologies for absence

None

80. Declarations of Interest

MRB declared a non-prejudicial interest in Planning Application 22/03294

AK declared a non-prejudicial interest in Planning Application 22/03294

81. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of 20th June 2022 – agreed

Minutes of 18th July 2022 – agreed

Minutes of 15th August 2022 – agreed

Minutes of 21st November – TBD in Part 2.

82. Matters Arising

See Ongoing Actions

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BM gave an update on the quotes for restoration of the car park, the replacement strakes on the slipway and the replacement railings on the footbridge.

MC said it wasn't appropriate to spend too much on the car park area as there is only limited benefit for the wider parish.

MRB Proposed accepting the quote of £685+Vat quote for a gravel finish.

AK seconded

Cllrs agreed

AK proposed accepting the quote of £112+Vat for the Slipway Strakes

DO seconded

Cllrs agreed

AK proposed accepting the quote of £152+Vat for the footbridge spindles
MRB seconded
Cllrs agreed
JC asked BM to arrange a site meeting with the new contractor.

DO asked BM to chase Helen Leonard for details of the TPO along Temple Meadow.

JC reported that there had been a lot of scrub clearance on Temple Lane that may have included trees.

DO reported that the school hedge had been cut, but the bottom of the hedge hadn't been cut back sufficiently. BM to report to highways.

DO also noted that a sign had been damaged during the cutting. BM to report.

AK reported that the litter bin on the A404 layby had been emptied, but that surrounding litter hadn't been cleared.

BM reported that RBWM were satisfied with the state of the bollards around the memorial, but was to go back to them regarding the missing bollard.

84. Planning

Appn. Date: 1st December 2022 Appn No.: 22/02615

Type: Full

Proposal: Replacement balustrade to first floor front balcony.

Location: 60 Temple Mill Island Bisham Marlow SL7 1SQ

Determination Date: 26 January 2023

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

Appn. Date: 2nd December 2022 Appn No.: 22/02931

Type: Full

Proposal: Alterations to fenestration on the first floor rear and side elevation.

Location: 25 Rivermead Court Marlow Bridge Lane Marlow SL7 1SJ

Determination Date: 27 January 2023

Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no objections subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer

Appn. Date: 1st December 2022 Appn No.: 22/02977

Type: Works To Trees Covered by TPO

Proposal: (T1) - Willow - Prune limb extending to boathouse by 1m and lateral limb over water by

2m. Crown lift canopy by 2m over water, matching canopy level over grass and dock

area. (T2) - Hazel - Reduce in height by 3m to previous pruning points, leaving 3m

height and spread. (T3) - Hazel - Reduce height by 2m, leaving 3m height and spread.

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(T4) - Hazel - Reduce height by 2m, leaving 2.5m height. Prune extending limbs over drive back towards main stem leaving 2m spread. (T5) - Yew - Fell. (T6) - Yew - Crown reduce by 2m, leaving final height of 6m and prune lateral limbs by 1.5m, leaving final spread of 3m. (T7 _ T8) - Ash - Fell. (G1) - Crown reduce tree group by: (a) - 1.5m, leaving 10m height and 4m spread. (b) - 2m, leaving 10m height and 3m spread. (c) - 1.5m, leaving 10m height and 3m spread. (d) - 2.5m, leaving 6m height and 1.5m spread. (e) - 2.5m, leaving 6m height and 1.5m spread. (f) - 2m, leaving 10m height and 4m spread. (001/1951/TPO)

Location: Quarry Clyffe House Quarry Wood Bisham Marlow SL7 1RF

Determination Date: 26 January 2023

Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no objections subject to the Tree Officer being satisfied that the proposed works do not contravene the TPO.

Appn. Date: 2nd December 2022 Appn No.: 22/03224

Type: Full

Proposal: New front entrance gates and gate posts

Location: Cliveden Cottage Quarry Wood Road Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UA

Determination Date: 27 January 2023

Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were neutral to this application provided that the design of the gates allows some visibility.

Appn. Date: 8th December 2022 Appn No.: 22/03281

Type: Full

Proposal: Side infill extension, new roof to the north facing elevation, new roof lantern to the existing flat roof and alterations to fenestration.

Location: Quarry Bank Quarry Wood Bisham Marlow SL7 1RF

Determination Date: 2 February 2023

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

Appn. Date: 12th December 2022 Appn No.: 22/03294

Type: Variation Under Reg 73

Proposal: Variation (under Section 73) of planning permission 19/00919 without complying with

Condition 5 (dismantling of timber frame) and Condition 6 (Use of oak frame).

Location: The Long Barn Hyde Farm Marlow Road Pinkneys Green Maidenhead

Determination Date: 6 February 2023

Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no objections subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer

85. Highways

MC reported that the Burchetts Green Roundabout was flooded.

MC noted that two signs had been knocked down on the the motorway approach from Stubbings.

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MRB gave an update on the proposed Yellow Line markings on Quarry Wood, and the representations that the residents had made to the Local Authority with a preference for double yellow lines. MRB suggested that a single yellow line leading up to the A404 bridge, enforced seven days per week would be an alternative.

GW believes that the rowing club would need to be engaged, as there is a suggestion that many of the cars belong to their members.

AK noted that the discussions with RBWM were positive.

JC noted that RBWM had previously reported that parking restrictions in the area were not enforceable.

DO suggested looking at the opportunity to add parking bays into the verges.

MRB also noted that an extension of the 30mph speed limit would improve safety on that stretch of road.

AK noted that a holistic understanding of the impact on surrounding roads is imperative, so should ensure that the officer is modelling the situation before any decisions are made.

Cllr Brar suggested that consulting people who park on Marlow Road.

GW reported a water leak on Burchetts Green Road and Burchetts Green Lane, which had since been repaired, but was unimpressed by the attitudes of drivers ignoring and moving the signs. One driver noted that the satnav hadn't flagged the road as closed.

GW noted that the RBWM reporting system worked really well.

GW noted that the ironworks on Burchetts Green Road were noisy again when driven over.

DO noting that the rolling gas works along Marlow Road were moving towards the school.

JC reported that the works to the north side of the bridge were complete, with the south-side works starting in May

JC reported that the plans for Marlow Roundabout had been scrapped, which may have an impact on the proposed Film Studio works.

86. Parish Land

AK suggested that it would now be possible to replant the area that had been cleared for the flood barrier. BM to confirm with the Environment Agency.

AK reported that he had put the Christmas Lights up.

AK reported that the Berkshire Flag had been raised.

AK reported that a sign and a floodlight had been placed on BPC-owned trees.

Cllrs agreed that the sign and the light should be removed.

GW asked if there was any further works on the Crack Williw. BM reported he was getting a proce as it wasn't included in the original works.

JC reported that that funded had been secured for the Brook, and a bio-engineer had been engaged.

AK gave an update on the proposed wording for the interpretation boards, and would circulate for feedback. BM to get price for boards.

87. Grounds Maintenance Bids

BM gave an update on the mobilisations of the new contract.

AK asked that they remove the green waste from The Orchard as quickly as possible.

88. Flooding

CL reported that the Environment Agency was shelving its plans to erect temporary flood barriers in The Orchard to protect Bisham Court in the event of a flood.

CL reported that excess water run-off from the A404 causes flooding on The Green.

One Member of the Public raised the issue of the footbridge at the end of The Green, which was incorrectly sited according to the environment agency.

CL gave an update on the Emergency Plan, including the phone numbers, and explained that sandbags would be available.

89. Finance

No update due to IT issue

90. Budget 23-24

No update due to IT issue

91. Governance Statement

No update due to IT issue

92. Annual Return

No update due to IT issue

93. Correspondence

None

94. Information Reports

JC updated that he was due to have a meeting with Bisham Abbey in January to discuss the Coffin Bier and the Fence

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 22.20

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor