

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 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).

District Councillors: Cllr Mandy Brar.

The Officer of the Council: Barry Malki (BM)

## Public Forum

One Member of the Public asked if there was to be any more training sessions for the Defibrillators. BM noted that the trainer was available and would circulate dates with interested residents when they were agreed.

One Member of the Public noted that recent heavy rains had caused water to drain onto the Green. JC asked if the culverts between the road and the Green had been cleared recently BM to report to Highways.

One Member of the Public Noted that the Playground Car Park is getting worse. BM confirmed that a contractor was looking at the site and would submit options for repair

One Member of the Public asked if there had been any headway with the Woodland Trust regarding the vehicle access to Bisham Wood from Bisham Village, JC in the process of trying to arrange a meeting with James Stevenson from the Woodland Trust.

## Part One

### **62. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Mary Cooper

### **63. Declarations of Interest**

MRB declared a non-prejudicial interest in Planning Application 22/03007

AK declared a non-prejudicial interest in the Waste Removal item, as he is familiar with Shorts, one of the companies named.

### **64. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

BM to redistribute June and July minutes with the changes noted in DO's email.

## **65. Matters Arising**

See Ongoing Actions

## **66. Ongoing Actions**

BM gave an update on all ongoing actions, including:

Interpretation board – noted that this would be a larger project involving design work, and would need to be Budgeted and Planned for.

GW suggested smaller boards that could be attached to the fence or gate.

MRB suggested a simple notice with contact details etc. noting that the Church Interpretation Board cost £4,000.

AK noted that a a more detailed board would be useful to explain the Orchard Management Strategy.

JC stated that the Council needs to look at what needs to be conveyed, before making a decision about style, and asked for volunteers to assist.

AK agreed to assist with content

Slipway Willow – Noted that works had been done according to report, but could get M&J Tree Services to look at the tree during their next visit if needs be.

MRB believed that the branches needed to be cut back a further 12 inches.

Cllrs agreed with asking M&J to cut back.

Jubilee Oak Plaques – BM displayed options for plaques.

Cllrs agreed for up to £50 for Jubilee and Coronation Oak Plaques.

Slipway Strakes – BM has sourced a new contractor to replace the Slipway Strakes and they will present the options prior to the next meeting.

Waste Removal – BM gave an update on the Waste Collections in the Parish Land, and suggested engaging Cookham Waste at the price of their previous quote.

JC Proposed Engaging Cookham Waste

GW Seconded

Cllrs Agreed

School Bin – BM to use Report It portal.

Orchard Trees – BM gave an update on the Ash and Hawthorn that had been removed from the Orchard.

Playground Equipment – GW gave an update on ongoing conversations with contractors, some of which were several thousand pounds cheaper than the Sovereign quote.

GW reported that he had been in conversation with RBWM regarding CIL monies. Cllr Brar recommended speaking to Cllr Howard.

GW to pull together Playground Proposal.

Memorial Bollard – Cllr Brar reported that the bollard was to be replaced.

Temple Meadow Tree TPO – DO asked if Helen Leonard could send details of the TPO covering Temple Meadow.

School Hedge – DO noted that the School Hedge had still not been cut back, and that the street signs were now obscured. Cllr Brar agreed to escalate.

Bisham Abbey – BM gave an update to senior staff changes at the Abbey, including a new General Manager

Speedwatch – GW trying to gauge interest with local groups in Burchetts Green

Community Warden – BM has had no contact with new community Warden. Cllr Brar to send details.

Conservation Report – MRB, DO and GW volunteered to meet with consultant to move project forward.

## 67. Planning

Appn. Date: 14th October 2022 Appn No.: 22/02572

Type: Full

Proposal: Widening of the existing driveway and access and new entrance gates.

Location: Imbers Grubwood Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UD

Determination Date: 9 December 2022

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application, and had no objections, but supported the views of the Cookham Society in terms of design, namely;

*“Gates should generally be of an open design to create a welcoming impression and allow views through to the property, garden, or landscape beyond. The use of tall solid gates should be avoided.”*

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Appn. Date: 11th October 2022 Appn No.: 22/02755

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: (T4) Yew - crown lift secondary limbs to allow 4.5m ground clearance over site in all directions and (T5) Lime - crown lift secondary limbs to allow 8m ground clearance over site in all directions and reduce crown to previous reduction points.

Location: Marlow Rowing Club Marlow Bridge Lane Marlow SL7 1RH

Determination Date: 22 November 2022

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no objection subject to Tree Officer approval

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Appn. Date: 24th October 2022 Appn No.: 22/02831

Type: Works To Trees Covered by TPO

Proposal: Alder Tree - Crown reduce to leave a final height of 8m and spread of 8m. (015/1979/TPO)

Location: 32 Temple Mill Island Bisham Marlow SL7 1SQ

Determination Date: 19 December 2022

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Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no objection subject to Tree Officer approval

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Appn. Date: 24th October 2022 Appn No.: 22/02843

Type: Full

Proposal: Garage conversion, part two storey, part first floor rear extension and alterations to fenestration.

Location: Fernie Cottage Grubwood Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UD

Determination Date: 19 December 2022

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no objection

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Appn. Date: 4th November 2022 Appn No.: 22/02914

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: (T1) - Acer - Reduce in height up to 3.5m and lateral growth by 3m on the longest lateral limbs, leaving a final height of 7m and spread of 5m. Removal of lateral limb back from over the drive.

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

Determination Date: 16 December 2022

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no objection subject to Tree Officer approval

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Appn. Date: 8th November 2022 Appn No.: 22/02975

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: (T1) Willow - pollard to 3m above the main crown break.

Location: 10 Bisham Village Marlow Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RR

Determination Date: 20 December 2022

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no objection subject to Tree Officer approval

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Appn. Date: 14th November 2022 Appn No.: 22/03007

Type: Permitted Development Extended

Proposal: Single storey rear extension no greater than 8m in depth, 4m high with an eaves height of 2.49m.

Location: Pheasant Cottage Hockett Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UF

Determination Date: 26 December 2022

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no objection

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Appn. Date: 17th November 2022 Appn No.: 22/03036

Type: Full

Proposal: Installation of a ground-mounted solar PV system.

Location: Old Pinkneys Lee Lane Maidenhead SL6 6PE

Determination Date: 12 January 2023

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no objection

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### **68. Local Plan**

No update. BM to liaise with Becky Oates at RBWM for latest update.

### **69. Highways**

AK noted that the waste bin on the A404 layby doesn't get emptied. It was reported that the RBWM waste operatives had emptied the bin at the Snack Wagon, but left the public waste bin. AK to forward pictures to Cllrs Brar.

GW reported that there was still a water leak in Burchetts Green that had been reported to South East Water and RBWM.

DO noted that there were regular and periodic road works due to gas leaks between Stoney Ware and the Church, speculating that as each leak is repaired the relative weak point of the system migrates further along. Suggested that it may be less disruptive and cheaper to replace the whole section in one go, rather than continuously patch it.

### **70. Parish Land**

AK proposed accepting the quote from M&J for cutting the dying Ash Tree.

JC Seconded

Cllrs agreed.

BM presented options for the Waste Bins.

JC proposed purchasing four Elipsa bins (£573.32), and one Fido bin (£153.98) with appropriate fixings.

BM to draft a notice board policy.

AK visited Orchard and asked if the following items had been done by Braywick as instructed:

- Severing Ivy – BM to check
- Potholes in Parking Space – Contractor to supply price
- Inspecting Tree across the lane – BM noted that it hadn't been flagged as an issue by the tree surgeons

AK suggested flying the Berkshire Flag for the rest of the year. Cllrs agreed.

JC proposed providing up to £100 for batteries and bulbs for the Christmas lights.

GW seconded

Cllrs Agreed

### **71. Grounds Maintenance Bids**

JC Proposed moving this item to Part 2.

## **72. Flooding**

No update

## **73. Finance**

BM reported that there was to be a support session with the RBS Accounts software to back up and update, so the accounts would be delayed until that took place.

JC proposed providing £150 under S137 to St James the Less Church towards the upkeep of the building.

AK seconded

Cllrs agreed

Cllrs discussed potential “big ticket” items for the 23-24 budget, ahead of preparing the draft.

Cllrs wished to consider the following items for the Budget;

- Willow on the Green
- Playground Contribution
- Car Park repair
- Interpretation Boards
- Replacement Trees for Orchard

BM to look at costs and suggest with budget

## **74. Correspondence**

A letter asking to advertise a local campaign for Ukranian residents was discussed. Cllrs agreed not to advertise until the Notice Board Policy was in place.

## **75. Information Reports**

None

**Part 1 of the meeting closed at 22.30**

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**Date Agreed:**

**Signed:**

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