

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th February 2023 at 7:30pm at Bisham Abbey

Attendees

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

District Councillors: Cllr Mandy Brar.

Public Forum

One member of the public noted that there did not seem to have been any progress with the matters he had raised at the December Meeting and also noted that the litter bins in The Orchard had not been emptied since Christmas. On these matters it was noted that the Council had resolved at the December meeting to engage new contractors to maintain the Parish Land and also to order new bins and to secure the services of Cookham Waste to empty the bins on the Parish Land. Action Point: The Clerk to confirm that the new arrangements have been concluded and to report on the schedules for the respective works to be carried out during 2023.

Bisham Polling Station

Cllr Brar noted that a proposal was to be put forward to transfer the Polling Station used for elections from Bisham School to All Saints Church. This was subject to final confirmation.

Part One

Public Forum

A group of residents from Quarry Wood Road gave an update on the ongoing negotiations for parking restrictions, highlighting that the road is regularly used as a parking area, and this has a number of safety implications. It was also noted that:

- There had been an increase in illegal activity.
- That there were instances where the footpath was impassable.
- There was significant damage to the verges.
- That there is an increased risk to cyclists and pedestrians having to negotiate the parked cars (and there had been two separate incidents of pedestrians being struck).

The group's spokesperson presented a report featuring photographs of the issue, noting that their ideal outcome would be an extension of the double yellow lines, and to include both sides of the road.

The spokesperson highlighted that RBWM's parking team were in favour of increasing restrictions along Quarry Wood Road.

AK asked if the group felt that the proposed measures were enough, or should they extend further. The group's spokesperson stated that they felt the proposed measures were adequate.

GW raised a concern that the measures may have an impact further up the road towards Longridge, and asked if the problems occurred all day, or during specific times. The group's spokesperson said that the issue occurred all day at weekends, but at other times coincided with use of the Rowing Club. This was compounded by an increase in local, public events.

JC asked if the group were satisfied with RBWM's proposals. The group's spokesperson said that they were, but were asked to seek BPC's backing. JC stated that the matter would be discussed under Item 117.

One member of the Public gave an update on the Little Croft application, and reiterating the reasoning for the resubmission, having made the tweaks asked for by the Conservation Officer. The resident asked that the Cllrs request a call-in to the Development Control Panel.

JC asked if the increased footprint in the application would be off-set by not following through with the permitted development, and whether the residents would commit to abandoning the permitted development. The resident agreed that they would not be following through with the permitted development if this application was granted.

One member of the public reported that the Bisham Church Friends group was interested in holding a coronation event at the slipway and asked the Council for permission. JC stated that the matter would be discussed under Item 118.

One member of the public reported that a car had been parked for a long period of time on The Green and had had no response from RBWM after reporting. Cllr Brar stated that she would look into it.

One member of the public highlighted that Bisham Road and Marlow Road had been cleaned recently, and thanked Cllr Brar and the volunteers for their efforts.

One member of the public reported that the damaged fence, where the vehicle had crashed, had still not been repaired. BM to chase contractor.

110. Apologies for absence
Cllr Derek Oliver (DO)

111. Declarations of Interest
None

112. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting of the Council held on 16th January 2022.

113. Matters Arising

See Ongoing Actions

AK noted that he had yet to make contact with BCA regarding the stewardship of the Coffin Bier, and that he thought Maidenhead Heritage Centre might be more appropriate.

114. Ongoing Actions

BM gave an update on action list items;

- Orchard Footbridge – BM had spoken to company that installed bridge, and they had arranged a survey of the bridge. Awaiting report.
- Grounds Maintenance – New contractors, Holford's, had started on site, and would be working in Feb and March on an interim basis, with an annual contract beginning in April to align with municipal year.
- Waste Contractors – regular collections to be undertaken following exact locations of bins being supplied for the contract.
- Bins – BM liaising with Holford's to install new bins.
- Temple Meadow TPO – This had been requested from RBWM but still not received.
- Missing Bollard at memorial – had been re-reported to RBWM following their conclusion that there was no issue.
- Temporary Flood Defence - Environment Agency confirmed that the Council could replant in areas marked for the Temporary Flood Defence.
- Unauthorised Light on The Green – BM dealing with the resident directly.
- Crack Willow – BM reported that additional work would be £400.
- Signage – BM displayed the draft signage.
- Memorial Cutting – BM reported that Holford's had agreed to cut.
- PCSO Liaison – BM reported that future meeting dates had been sent to the PCSO.
- Precept – BM conformed that all paperwork had been submitted for the 23-24 Precept.
- Jubilee Oak Plaques – BM reported that the plaques had been arrived and awaited placement.

115. Planning

Appn. Date: 18th January 2023 Appn No.: 22/03434

Type: Full

Proposal: Two storey side extension to provide 20 additional bedrooms, new entrance to existing

lower ground floor, alterations to existing courtyard, new balustrades to existing retained walls, alterations to extend existing patio, 2no. outbuildings, landscaping and alterations existing car park.

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Location: Apple Hill Henley Road Hurley Maidenhead SL6 5LH

Determination Date: 15 March 2023

Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs believe that this application constitutes overdevelopment of the site, and would have a detrimental impact on the openness of the Green Belt.

The Cllrs recommended that this application be called in to the Development Control Panel

Appn. Date: 3rd February 2023 Appn No.: 23/00021

Type: Full

Proposal: Relocation of existing entrance, single storey side extension with extension to the habitable accommodation within the roofspace, 1no. front dormer, 1no. refurbished front dormer, 1no. refurbished side dormer, 1no. side bay window, raised terrace with steps and balustrade, front and rear canopies, alterations to the external finish and fenestration and detached car port following the demolition of the existing detached garage.

Location: High Rising Gibraltar Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9TR

Determination Date: 31 March 2023

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

Appn. Date: 13th February 2023 Appn No.: 23/00220

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Consent for new detached double garage with access off existing driveway.

Location: Land Rear of 1 And 2 Bisham Village Marlow Road Bisham Marlow

Determination Date: 10 April 2023

Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs objected to this application due to concerns about the status of the Warren.

The Cllrs recommended that this application be called in to the Development Control Panel

Appn. Date: 13th February 2023 Appn No.: 23/00219

Type: Full

Proposal: 1no. detached double garage with access off existing driveway.

Location: Land Rear of 1 And 2 Bisham Village Marlow Road Bisham Marlow

Determination Date: 10 April 2023

Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs objected to this application due to concerns about the status of the Warren.

The Cllrs recommended that this application be called in to the Development Control Panel

Appn. Date: 13th February 2023 Appn No.: 23/00323

Type: Full

Proposal: Replacement dwelling

Location: Little Croft Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RL

Determination Date: 10 April 2023

Cllrs Comments: The councillors reiterated their previous comments that they were supportive of this application, as its scale and design were an improvement on previous

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applications concerning the property and were more sympathetic to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. The councillors considered the application should be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- That to preserve the appearance of the existing building and its character within the Conservation Area, the external walls of the proposed house should be painted white.
- That, in order to provide proper mitigation against the risk of flooding, the finished floor levels of the proposed house should be set at a minimum of 0.6 metres above the corresponding floor levels of the existing dwelling.
- That no outbuildings or structures of any type, whether permanent or temporary, may be erected on the site without express planning permission including, for the avoidance of doubt, the buildings that were contemplated as permitted development under Application 18/03629CPD, or any variation or modification thereof, and further, that the owners of the property irrevocably relinquish all and any present or future permitted development rights or similar entitlements that might otherwise apply to the erection of any outbuildings or other structures within the curtilage of the property.
- That having regard to its setting within the Conservation Area and, in order to preserve the heritage value of the site, the roof of the replacement dwelling should be of a thatched construction using traditional materials.
- That, in all other respects, the development is carried out strictly in accordance with the documents, plans, statements and other reference materials submitted in connection with this application.

The Cllrs asked that, if the application were to be approved, that the permitted development rights should be removed (including those previously applied for).

The Cllrs recommended that this application be called in to the Development Control Panel

Appn. Date: 9th February 2023 Appn No.: 23/00327

Type: Works To Trees Covered by TPO

Proposal: Ash Tree - Crown reduction by 1.5m and Crown lifting by 2m to 9m from ground level,

x2 Fir Trees - fell, Acacia Tree - Crown reduction by 1.5m (01/1951/TPO).

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

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

Appn. Date: 14th February 2023 Appn No.: 23/00399

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Consent to repair 2no. internal timber posts.

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Location: Tithebarn Bisham Grange Temple Lane Bisham Marlow SL7 1RS

Determination Date: 11 April 2023

Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no objection subject to Conservation Officer approval.

Reference 22/03270/OUT

Application Received: Tue 06 Dec 2022

Application Validated: Fri 09 Dec 2022

Address: Maidenhead Office Park Westacott Way Littlewick Green Maidenhead SL6 3QH

Proposal: Outline application for access only to be considered at this stage with all other matters to be reserved for demolition of the existing buildings and redevelopment of the site for industrial and logistics use within Use Classes E(G)(iii), B2 and B8, with surface car parking, landscaping, and associated works.

Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were extremely concerned that this item had only just been brought to their attention, despite the potential impact on the parish; particularly in terms of air and road traffic movements.

The Cllrs asked that, before the application is considered, a thorough impact analysis of air and road traffic movements is undertaken and reported to the affected parishes.

116. Highways

MC reported that the road signs at the Stubbings/Burchetts Green exit are still unrepaired. GW asked if the sign could be moved to a place where it was less likely to be damaged. AK noted that the sign was intended as a visual back-stop to indicate that vehicles were approaching a junction.

MC reported that there had been fly-tipping at Henley Road in Stubbings.

GW noted that there was a noticeable decrease in litter as you move towards Buckinghamshire and would put a report together detailing this.

MC thanked Cllr Brar for getting the pot hole on Lee Lane attended to.

Cllrs Brar noted that there was an application to divert Footpath 21 in Temple.

AK stated that he would like to see the path become a multi-user path.

One Member of the Public noted that the Slate Fence, and various Cycleway signs, had been removed. AK noted that the fence is a listed monument, and would need permission for removal.

BM to report removal of the fence to the Conservation Officer via Enforcement.

117. Quarry Wood Parking

GW believed that the double yellow lines should be extended further along Quarry Wood Road, with intermittent gaps for parking.

GW suggested liaising with the Compleat Angler and the Rowing club, to see if there was an opportunity to build a solution through partnership.

AK noted that the Council had consistently supported the proposals, and suggested emphasising that support to RBWM to expedite the plans.

MRB noted that the issue has become worse over time

MRB proposed that the Council offer support to the plans but would like to see the measures extended as far as the A404 bridge.

AK seconded.

Cllrs agreed.

MRB proposed suggested a 30mph speed limit to be continuous from Bisham Roundabout all the way to the junction with Grubwood Lane in Cookham Dean.

GW seconded.

Cllrs agreed.

118. Parish Land

AK proposed letting the Bisham Church Friends group hold the coronation event on the slipway, assuming appropriate insurance and safety measures are in place.

JC seconded.

Cllrs agreed.

119. Playground

GW stated that he was concerned that he was spending significant time on an issue that may not have Council Support, as some Cllrs had previously spoken against maintaining a playground. The current priorities were:

- Replacement of the twin swing.
- Removal of old climbing frame (and eventual replacement).
- Cleaning of existing equipment

This would come to around £6k, but was in the process of compiling quotes.

JC noted that, as the Chair, he was not under the impression that the Council would object to maintaining a playground facility, and noted that any decision to spend money on the equipment would come down to a majority vote.

JC asked that the playground be included in the March agenda.

AK thinks establishing a long-term strategy for the playground is important.

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AK proposed that the Council should commit to the position of maintaining a playground facility.

GW seconded.

CLLrs agreed.

MC abstained.

120. Flooding

AK noted that the brook was overflowing on private land in Temple. Colin Lemmings noted that a survey was being undertaken to see what the cause was.

CL reported that the Environment Agency had confirmed that the Temporary Flood Defence is to be scrapped.

121. Finance

BM reported that the Council had £12,049.79.

122. Correspondence

BM noted that there had been a series of posters and flyers sent highlighting the need for ID when voting at the next election.

Stubbings Church had asked for a donation of £150 towards upkeep of the churchyard.

JC proposed provided £150 under section 137

MRB seconded

CLLrs agreed

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CLLrs agreed

123. Information Reports

None

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 22.32

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor