

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th June 2024 at 7:30pm at Bisham Abbey.

Attendees: Councillors: Jim Cooke (JC) (Chair), Ged Wylie (GW), Colin Lemmings (CL) Jo Kearsey (JK)

Ward Cllrs: Cllr Mandy Brar

Public Forum

One member of the Public raised the issue of increased parking on Bisham Road following the parking restrictions on Quarry Wood Road, noting that people were restricting the pavements. Cllr Brar reported that she was working with the parking team and the PCSO to increase enforcement, and liaising with Marlow Town Council regarding event parking. GW recommended using the Report It function on the RBWM website whenever there are infringements.

One Member of the Public reported that they had raised a petition in 2022 with residents along Bisham road from the Bridge to White Lodge. RBWM acknowledged the petition but have yet to respond. Cllr Brar stated that the Highways team were looking at possible measures to present to residents. GW noted that any raised platforms would likely lead to increased traffic noise, such as those on Burchetts Green Road.

One Member of the Public reported that there was an issue with parking on pavements on Burchetts Green, as well as parking at night with headlights facing oncoming traffic. A number of local residents park in a way that blocks the pavement, which is exacerbated by overgrown hedges. GW thought it would be worth liaising with the BGVA to inform their members of the issues. Cllr Brar said that if the addresses where infringements were taking place were sent to her, she could ask enforcement to investigate.

Part One

24. Apologies for absence

Cllr Derek Oliver (DO)
Cllr Alan Keene (AK)

25. Declarations of Interest

None

26. Minutes of Meeting 20th May 2024

CL stated that he had not seen the minutes. GW and JC confirmed that they had been sent out. BM to resend to CL.

27. Matters Arising

BM gave an update on the following items:

- Red Cross available for Defibrillator training on 13th, 20th, and 27th July. Cllrs preference is for 13th if still available. BM to follow up.
- Liaison with the Conservation officer regarding a site meeting. Cllrs preference is for 16th July.
- Holfords had agreed to meet CL on 27th June to look at the overhanging branch and will cut it on 28th. CL noted he was unavailable but would send a picture.
- Holfords are trimming the playground hedge.
- Holfords are putting a price together for the flagstones at the footbridge.
- Cllrs comments had been noted for the Temple Footpath Diversion
- The website was being updated with some back end updates having taken place, and further front end updates this week.

28. Planning

Appn. Date: 21st May 2024 Appn No.: 24/01214

Type: Full

Proposal: Installation of a sheetpiled barrier wall to the perimeter of the eastern wing of the hotel, extension of balconies, stoplog barrier and associated landscaping and compensatory floodplain storage.

Location: MacDonald Compleat Angler Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RG

Determination Date: 16 July 2024

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application but asked that the following comments be taken into consideration:

- **That the flood data needs to be updated, and any new Environment Agency report needs to be sought before planning is granted.**
- **That there is a satisfactory management plan submitted for the work.**

Appn. Date: 24th May 2024 Appn No.: 24/01242

Type: Full

Proposal: New front mono pitched roofs, single storey rear extension, raised decking, changes to the external finish and fenestration, detached annexe ancillary to the main dwelling following the demolition of the existing single storey elements, flat roofs, decking and carport.

Location: South Riding Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RL

Determination Date: 19 July 2024

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were negative to this application and objected to this application citing the following concerns:

- **That the flood assessment is out of date**
- **There is no proposed flood mitigation scheme.**
- **The application states that the property is not in the flood plain; this is incorrect.**
- **There were inconsistencies with the information on the ecology checklist, and the application.**
- **That the building is a separate dwelling that is not ancillary to the main building.**

Appn. Date: 5th June 2024 Appn. No.: 24/01315

Type: Full

Proposal: Relocation of front door with new entrance canopy, 2 no. front juliet balconies, ground floor side infill extension, first floor side extension, 1 no. side bay window, single storey rear extension with roof terrace and ballustrade, replacement roof lantern, new PV panels, alterations to fenestration, raising of ridge to existing carport for conversion to garage with accommodation in the roofspace, following demolition of existing elements.

Location: Hockett End Hockett Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UF

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were negative to this application and objected on the grounds that it would overlook the neighbours.

Appn. Date: 5 June 2024 Appn. No.: 24/01254

Type: Full

Proposal: Alterations to fenestration

Location: 3 Rivermead Court Marlow Bridge Lane Marlow SL7 1SJ

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

Appn. Date: 10th June 2024 Appn No.: 24/01380

Type: Full

Proposal: Part single, part two storey side extension, alterations to the external finish and fenestration, new chimney, enlargement of the existing terrace and new steps, A/C unit, solar panels to the rear roof pitch, hardstanding and new boundary treatment with sliding entrance gate following the demolition of the existing car port and shed.

Location: Bridge End Cottage Marlow Bridge Lane Marlow SL7 1RH

Determination Date: 5 August 2024

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were negative to this application and objected on the grounds that there was insufficient information regarding flooding and potential mitigation.

JC asked if GW would be able to attend the Development Panel session on 19th June to speak about the proposed Green Waste Site. AK had been due to attend but was unwell and may not be able to. GW asked if any information could be sent to him prior to the session.

29. Highways

CL informed the Cllrs that he had reported the overgrown vegetation on Bisham Roundabout to RBWM.

30. Parish Land

CL reported that the work on the A404 gullies had been postponed, with no new dates proposed, due to a lack of a license from the Environment Agency. This means that the Bisham Brook work to be undertaken by Cain Bio has also been delayed.

CL reported that the bin inside the playground has not been emptied. BM to raise with Cookham Waste.

BM asked that Cllrs meet with M&J Tree services to start to develop a long term management plan for the trees in the Orchard. JK, CL and AK to form a sub-group to move the issue forward.

31. Playground

Cllrs asked BM to obtain process for a maintenance and cleaning schedule for the playground equipment.

JK proposed cleaning the equipment in the interim. Cllrs agreed.

32. Housing Needs Survey

BM updated the Cllrs on the Defra funding for Rural Housing noting that Bisham was one of four parishes in Berkshire that were eligible for a fully funded Housing Needs Survey, to understand the requirements of local residents.

BM to introduce JC to the Rural Housing Enabler for Berkshire.

33. Interpretation Boards

Deferred to next meeting.

34. Flooding

CL reported on the liaison meeting with RBWM noting that they were to produce a comprehensive report by September to look at the issues that arose earlier in the year, and what could have been done differently. CL will rewrite the Bisham Emergency Plan following publication of RBWM's report and recommendations.

35. Finance

BM gave an update on the BPC finances.

36. Correspondence

None

37. Information Reports

CL highlighted that he had sent out pictures of issues in Bisham Woods including tree felling. JC noted that he had made contact with the new Woodland Trust (WT) area manager, and he had confirmed that they were undertaking a programme of tree removal to combat ash dieback.

JC reported that WT had undertaken work inside the Icehouse, and were undertaking work with bats within the cave, so that there is a possibility that the Icehouse may not be able to be opened this season.

JK noted that there was an opportunity to follow up regarding the loss of parking for the woods. JC confirmed that the Woodland Trust had granted permission to the residents to block off access as a way to combat fly-tipping. JC had reported the impact this had on the residents. WT agreed to look at solutions.

CL suggested that a draft agenda be put onto the noticeboards following the previous meeting to ensure that an up-to-date agenda is in place for the majority of the month, instead of just the 10-day notice period.

38. News Items

Cllrs highlighted the following items to be highlighted:

- Summer Fete
- Brook Works being delayed.

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 21:55

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor