

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st October 2024 at 7:30pm at Bisham Abbey.

Attendees: Councillors: Alan Keene (AK) (Chair), Ged Wylie (GW), Jo Kersey (JK), Colin Lemmings (CL)

Ward Councillors: Cllr Howard, Cllr Brar

Officer of the Council: Barry Malki

Public Forum

Several members of the public put questions to Neil Walter under Item 87.

Part One

83. Apologies for absence

Cllr Derek Oliver (DO)
Cllr Jim Cooke (JC)

84. Declarations of Interest

None

85. Minutes of Meeting 16th September 2024

It was resolved that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

86. Matters Arising

Update on the following item that would not be covered under the agenda:

- BM reported that a email of support had been sent to the resident looking to get traffic calming measures on Henley Road.
- BM reported that the cost to refurb the phone box was £850, but would get a further quote from a local supplier using paint that comes in the official shade of red.

87. Parking

Neil Walter (NW), RBWM's Parking Officer, gave an update regarding parking concerns in the area, highlighting the following points raised by residents:

- There is a difference between "illegal parking" and "parking contraventions", noting that illegal parking was a criminal matter, and should be referred to the police.
- That parking lines/restrictions will start 10m from the centre point of a bend

- That there are around 20 enforcement officers covering the whole borough.
- That displacement will always be an issue and suggested that you would get parking up to 500m from the end of the restrictions.
- Cllr Howard confirmed that there was an agreement between the Rowing Club and Compleat Angler for the club to use 20 spaces at the hotel.
- Cllr Howard stated that there had to be some allowance for local residents to park.
- That residents could request double yellow lines in other parts of the Parish, and would need to satisfy the consultation requirements.
- That residents could apply for Access Protection Marking in the RBWM website to stop parking outside driveways. This would be at a cost to the resident and isn't legally enforceable and is intended to be advisory.
- That alternating parking along a stretch of road is likely to be easier to obtain than physical traffic calming measures.
- Parking Permits is an option but could be a hinderance to residents and their visitors. The frequency of enforcement is the same for double yellow lines.
- That RBWM is happy to work with neighbouring authorities when they have events and would liaise with Marlow Town Council to look at future events. Cllr Brar to liaise with Bucks Council's lead member for parking.
- That there is a Parking Policy being developed that will inform planning and licensing to look a parking provisions. There is no holistic approach to parking as there are too many competing opinions and desires amongst local residents, and it can be an emotive issue.
- That whenever parking is requested for safety reasons, a Highways Engineer will be consulted to gauge risks.
- That Covid got in the way of a Parliamentary Bill that would ban pavement parking across England and Wales.
- That double yellow lines extend from the centre of the carriageway to the verge and footway. If there are lines, then parking on the verge is not allowed.
- There are not enough bodies to enforce all parking restrictions in the Borough at all times. Officer resourcing is based on strategic need, such as areas that are busy during summer etc.

NW gave an update on the two parking proposals put forward to restrict parking at the Marlow Bridge end of the village. Option One leaves the single yellow lines currently in place but changes the times of the restrictions to extend from 8am to 6pm. Option Two will put double yellow lines along Bisham Road. Residents, businesses, community groups etc with a base withing 200yds of any part of the restrictions would be consulted, but RBWM wouldn't undertake the consultation, but would produce leaflets etc to be distributed. If more than 50% of respondents (not consultees) approve of a proposal, then it will go ahead. Cllr Howard asked how the Rowing Club and Compleat Angler would be considered. NW confirmed that each would count as a single respondent. NW stated that liaising with BPC was a first step, but that it wouldn't have the power of veto to any proposal and would count as a respondent.

GW proposed supporting the plan for double yellow lines, and recommended extending further along towards the A404, with occasional gaps to allow islands of parking.

AK Seconded
Cllrs Agreed

88. Planning

Appn. Date: 13th September 2024 Appn No.: 24/02223

Type: Full

Proposal: Garage conversion, single storey side/rear extension with canopy, 1no. rear dormer, alterations to fenestration and external finish

Location: Magnolia Cottage Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RL

Determination Date: 8 November 2024

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were Neutral to this application no objection, subject to approval of the Conservation Officer with regards to the finish.

Appn. Date: 16th September 2024 Appn No.: 24/02246

Type: Discharge of Condition

Proposal: Details required by Condition 2 (Fixing Of Glazed Screen/Doors); Condition 3 (Fixing Of Cabling); Condition 4 (Colour Reference Of Redecoration Works) and Condition 5 (Detail Of Ramp) of listed building consent 23/02181/LBC for the consent for internal decoration works inclusive of minor alterations to improve upon poor historic modern additions, alongside fire safety improvements.

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

Determination Date: 11 November 2024

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were Neutral to this application no objection, subject to satisfactory inspection of retained cabling.

Appn. Date: 19th September 2024 Appn No.: 24/02208

Type: Full

Proposal: Proposed two storey side extension.

Location: Temple Weir House Temple Lane Temple Marlow SL7 1SA

Determination Date: 14 November 2024

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were negative to this application and object on the grounds of insufficient flood mitigation information.

Appn. Date: 23rd September 2024 Appn No.: 24/02259

Type: Full

Proposal: Ground floor side infill extension, first floor side extension, 4 front roof lights, 2 no. side windows, 1 roof light in the side roof, replacement roof lantern, new PV panels, alterations to fenestration, 3 no. rear juliet balconies, garage door alteration, carport and chimneys removal.

Location: Hockett End Hockett Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UF

Determination Date: 18 November 2024

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were Neutral to this application had no objection

Appn. Date: 23rd September 2024 Appn No.: 24/02280

Type: Discharge of Condition

Proposal: Details required by Condition 1 (Commencement), 2 (Glazed tile lights), 3 (Roof tiles), 4 (Insulation) and 5 (Approved plans) of Listed Building Consent 24/00726/LBC for Consent for the removal and replacement of existing roof tiles and battens, stripping and disposing of the felt roof to the flat roof of dormer, repair timbers where required and repair/upgrade fire break walls, cover roof and overhaul of rainwater goods.

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

Determination Date: 18 November 2024

Cllrs Comments: No comment

Appn. Date: 24th September 2024 Appn No.: 24/02290

Type: Works To Trees Covered by TPO

Proposal: T1 - Ash - pollard tree at 3.5m from ground level, to reduce the height from 15m to a final height of 3.5m, G1 - Yew and Hazel x2 - reduce spread by 1m to a final spread of 3m, T2 - Beech - reduce spread towards garage by 1m, to a final spread of 1.5m, T3 - Yew - pollard tree at 3.5m from ground level, reduce height from 9m to a final height of 3.5m, T4 - Twin stemmed Yew - pollard tree at 3.5m from ground level, reduce height from 9m to a final height of 3.5m, T5 - Yew - pollard tree at 3.5 metres from ground level, reduce height from 9m to a final height of 3.5m, T6 - Yew - crown reduction by 1.5m to a final height of 7m and spread to 3m (001/1951/TPO).

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

Determination Date: 19 November 2024

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were Neutral to this application no objection, subject to satisfactory inspection of retained cabling.

89. Highways

CL reported that the culvert works were still ongoing, and there had been no responses from the Environment Agency or National Highways regarding the questions raised. CL noted that he would raise the question at the approaching Flood Liaison Meeting.

Cllr Brar reported that Burchetts Green roundabout has been resurfaced. AK and GW reported that joyriding was occurring in the area.

Cllr Brar reported that the Speed Indicator Device was due to be repaired. CL noted that the obscuring vegetation had been cleared.

GW reported that the speed bump on Burchetts Green road had been repaired.

90. Parish Land

BM updated on the prices for additional waste collections but was waiting on a price to move one of the Orchard bins to the Playground.

Cllrs thanked JK for tidying and cleaning the playground.

BM noted that the fencing contractor had been instructed, but that the work had not yet been completed. CL asked if the playground gate was included. BM reported that it was.

CL noted that National Highways were due to finish on 1st November. JK reported that the bank had been damaged by heavy goods vehicles. CL stated that the contractors were aware of the damage and were obliged to rectify it.

91. Tree Works

BM displayed the two quotes from M&J Trees. Cllrs pointed out that the trees identified on the quotes had improperly numbered.

CL proposed accepting the two combined quotes subject to the individual trees being correctly marked on a map.

GW seconded.

Cllrs agreed.

CL noted that there must be at least a week's notice before using the crane to avoid disruption.

JK asked if the logs can be left for residents.

92. Website Changes

BM demonstrated what the new Meetings page of the website would look like.

AK asked that the Governance page be updated with the latest documents.

GW recommended removing the planning tracker from the Cllrs area.

Cllrs asked that the website be updated before the next meeting.

93. Playground

GW presented the highlights of the recent Playground Inspection, noting the following items:

- That a second gate would be favourable as a measure to reduce instances of bullying and intimidation. AK stated that if it becomes an issue, we can look at a potential solution.
- That the gap under the roundabout still needed to be reduced. GW proposed asking the inspectors if a flexible skirt would be a suitable solution.

BM to follow up on quotes for annual maintenance and cleaning of the playground.

BM to upload the Inspection Report onto the website.

94. Flooding

CL reported that there was no progress on the report from last January's flooding. The Officer said that the report would be unlikely to be published until the end of 2024, and it may not contain the answers to questions that have been asked in Bisham. CL noted that the is angst locally as the local emergency plan needs to be based on the RBWM's plan and any support that would be available.

Cllr Howard noted that the report was only from the point of view of RBWM, and not JEPU, and would highlight the causes of flooding, rather than looking at failures in processes. CL reported that 20 houses were flooded and many residents feel let down by the response of RBWM.

CL reported that RBWM would no longer be providing sandbags, but noted that there were 50 sandbags in Bisham.

GW reported that RBWM's Flood Officer had stated that the Flood Team were not responsible for flood response at the point of incident, but for investigation after the event.

Cllr Howard suggested submitting a Freedom of Information report asking for the information. CL offered to work on a question to submit to RBWM.

CL and Cllr Howard reported that there was unlikely to be any future support from the Armed Forces due to available resources, but an alternative support mechanism hasn't been discussed.

Cllr Howard stated that he would get answers to the following questions, prior to a freedom of information request.

- Has there been incident response review?
- How do all the JEPU plans and responsibilities link together?
- What is the contingency if there is no Armed Forces support?

CL reported that he had quotes for new flood board inserts, and recommended going with BAM, the Environment Agency supplier, to supply the aluminium boards at a price of £156.40

GW seconded

Cllrs agreed.

95. Finance

BM update the Cllrs on the latest Accounts and gave an updated on the new Bank Account, asking that Cllrs respond to the email regarding personal details required by the bank.

96. Budget Preliminary

Cllrs discussed potential "big ticket" items for the 25-26 budget

CL suggested getting an idea of pending tree works.

GW suggested getting a price for a space/cargo net for the playground and would look at options for external funding.

GW suggested a basket ball hoop as a cheap alternative.

97. Correspondence

JK gave an update on the consultation for the Woodland Trust management plan for Bisham Woods, and recommended that BPC provide a response citing the following concerns:

- That the wood is meant to be a public amenity, but parking provision has reduced considerably.
- That pedestrian is restricted by the A404.

AK asked that JK draft a response for circulation.

98. Information Reports

GW gave an update about a sophisticated phone scam that had targeted residents.

CL reported that a local resident had passed away the previous week.

JK reported that she had met with a local resident who had been engaging with Bisham Abbey with a view to them being more supportive of the community.

99. News Items

CL asked that the Parking Consultation be posted on the website.

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 22:55

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor