

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7:30pm at Bisham Abbey.**

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

**Ward Councillors:** Cllr Brar (from item 109).

## Part One

### **100. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Derek Oliver (DO)

### **101. Declarations of Interest**

None

### **102. Minutes of Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

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

### **103. Matters Arising**

AK noted that the new website updates were working well but asked that all documents be uploaded as PDFs as DOCs didn't work well for everyone.

GW reported that the Tree Works were already taking place. JC noted that the orchard tree works had been completed, but the next stage was the ash trees that required the crane. CL noted that the tree overhanging the resident's shed had been dealt with.

CL reported that someone had been staying at the Orchard overnight, but he was being supported by the Church.

CL reported that the latest Playground Report was not on the website and that the finances only went back as far as April 2024. GW noted that there should be some narrative alongside the report that details that maintenance work was to be undertaken in line with the recommendations. (Note that the report is [here](#))

### **104. Planning**

Proposal: (G1) Alder - reduce height by 3m to leave a height of 2m and spread of 3m. (T1) Birch

- Reduce by approximately 0.5m, leaving 3m height and 3m spread. (T2) Willow - Reduce back to previous points (approximately 2.5m), leaving 8m height and 5m spread. (T3 - T5) Elm trees - Fell. (024/1990/TPO).

Location: 2 The Boathouse Temple Lane Bisham Marlow SL7 1RS

Determination Date: 9 December 2024

**Cllrs' Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application subject to Tree Officer approval.**

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Appn. Date: 11th October 2024 Appn No.: 24/02421

Type: Certificate of Lawful Use

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the use of the existing 2no. outbuildings

for agricultural purposes is lawful.

Location: Challen's Chickens Land Adjacent Honey House Winter Hill Road Cookham Maidenhead SL6 6PJ

Determination Date: 6 December 2024

**Cllrs' Comments: Cllrs were negative towards this application.**

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Appn. Date: 1st November 2024 Appn No.: 24/02612

Type: Full

Proposal: The addition of gutter and associated downpipe to the front elevation (Roof K), replacement and repair of existing rainwater goods including downpipes and gutter runs hoppers.

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

Determination Date: 27 December 2024

**Cllrs' Comments: Cllrs were positive to this application and had no objection.**

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Appn. Date: 29th October 2024 Appn No.: 24/02613

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Consent for the addition of gutter and associated downpipe to the front elevation (Roof

K), replacement and repair of existing rainwater goods including downpipes and gutter runs hoppers.

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

Determination Date: 24 December 2024

**Cllrs' Comments: Cllrs were positive to this application and had no objection.**

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Appn. Date: 18th October 2024 Appn No.: 24/02537

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: Lime trees - Crown lift 5m from ground, cut branches to give 1m clearance from boundary fence.

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

Determination Date: 29 November 2024

**Cllrs' Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application subject to Tree Officer approval.**

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Appn. Date: 12th November 2024 Appn No.: 24/02701

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: T1 Apple Tree - crown reduction to a final height of 4m and spread of 4. T2 - (Holly Tree) reduce height to fence height, T3 - Fir Tree - fell.

Location: 7 Bisham Village Marlow Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RR

Determination Date: 24 December 2024

**Cllrs' Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application subject to Tree Officer approval.**

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Appn. Date: 11th November 2024 Appn No.: 24/02738

Type: Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the relocation of the front entrance door

with new canopy, garage conversion, single storey rear extension, side electricity meter unit and alterations to fenestration is lawful.

Location: Tommerhytte Quarry Wood Bisham Marlow SL7 1RF

Determination Date: 6 January 2025

**Cllrs' Comments: Cllrs were positive to this application.**

## **105. Highways**

CL reported that the culvert works were now complete, but that the Environment Agency still hadn't responded with an explanation regarding the design aspects, but that a local resident had submitted a Freedom of Information request to ask for flow data and capacity changes. JC asked that BM liaise with the EA regarding a follow-up meeting.

CL reported that a lot of the overgrowth had been removed on the adjacent land. JK noted that it is imperative that the ditch is cleared of debris. JC asked that BM liaise with Highways Agency to ask about clearing the ditch.

GW reported that he had been corresponding with Burchetts Green Village Association and Cllr Howard regarding the increase in recorded traffic in the village.

GW reported that Cllrs Brar and Howard had met to look at joy-riding at Burchetts Green Roundabout, and were looking at residents keeping a diary of occurrences.

CL asked if there was any follow up to the Parking meeting in October. JC reported that BM had written to RBW to express support for the option of double-yellow lines, with potential to extend to Town Farm. CL believed that Cllrs needed to draft a consultation proposal for residents. BM to forward correspondence to Cllrs.

## **106. Parish Land**

JC reported that the fence had been replaced, and the gate to the playground would be attended to in the following week.

BM to instruct Holdfords Landscapes to move the Orchard bin to the Playground.

JK noted that the commemorative oak was being looked after by a resident.

CL noted that the Church's waste area was impinging on the Slipway and had been cleared. There was some surface damage to the Slipway from the vehicle employed. CL wishes the council to liaise with the Friends of Bisham Church group to find a better solution as the waste pile is very close to graves and agreed to make contact.

#### **107. Tree Works**

GW noted that the tree contractor's price included the sale of logs, but if they were left for residents then this may increase the price. BM to speak to contractor for costs.

#### **108. Playground**

GW reported that he had asked PlaySafety whether or not a flexible skirt, or an addition layer of bark, under the roundabout would be an acceptable solution. GW noted that a cubic metre of the bark would be around £200.

GW noted that there was an excess of moss on the surfaces. CL noted that BM was getting quotes for maintenance.

GW looked at the potential for a second gate and felt that the only options would be more dangerous, leading users to the surrounding roads.

#### **109. Flooding**

CL reported that an interim flood report had been circulated, but didn't make any recommendations or look at concerns. CL noted that the emergency contact numbers were different for different types of flooding.

CL highlighted disappointment at the Flood Liaison meeting regarding the lack of JEPU correspondence following the flooding. The officer had promised to get back to the council with a response, but this was still pending.

CL reported that the new flood boards have been inserted.

CL would like to order badges for the Flood Volunteers. CL suggested adding flood warnings to the notice boards to increase visibility.

CL reported that the Met Office had predicted one or two flood events within the next 45 days.

#### **110. Finance**

JC reports that the finances are now live on the website.

JC reported that several Cllrs had yet to submit their details for the new bank account.

#### **111. Budget**

JC reported that BM was working on the proposed Budget for 25-26 and that the Tree Works were the only large item to be on there.

AK suggested giving a steer onto the levels of reserve the Cllrs want to maintain. Cllrs asked BM to work to a target of £15k reserves for the draft Budget.

**112. Correspondence**

None

**113. Information Reports**

Cllr Brar reported that the Police were due to attend Burchetts Green Roundabout over the weekend to monitor the joyriding occurrences and asked that local residents contact her when the issue is occurring.

Cllr Brar reported that a local resident was liaising with local residents near the Bridge regarding the proposed parking restrictions.

Cllr Brar reported that RBWM's finances were due to be discussed as there was a reported £16m unaccounted for.

Cllr Brar reported that there were discussions within RBWM regarding devolution of the services.

AK reported that he had placed a Poppy Wreath at Stubbings Church on Remembrance Day.

AK reported that he was due to attend the Rural Forum.

CL reported that a local resident had been liaising with Bisham Abbey to attend to the overhanging vegetation near the school.

GW noted that a large piece of machinery had been brought into Stubbings Nursery which may be related to the green waste application.

JC reported that there would be major work taking place on Marlow Bridge but had no dates.

**114. News Items**

None

**Part 1 of the meeting closed at 21:20**

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**Date Agreed:**

**Signed:**

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

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