

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7:30pm at Bisham Abbey.**

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

**Ward Councillors:** Cllr Brar.

## Public Forum

One member of the public reported that there had been a large plume of smoke from the roundabout end of Burchetts Green on 6<sup>th</sup> February. Investigation showed that a contractor was burning waste behind Pond Cottage and left the fire unattended. The resident contacted BGVA and that there had been several complaints that were relayed to the owner of the property. The resident noted that the fire was still active the following Sunday. The resident has contacted RBWM, and the environmental protection officer didn't believe that any rules had been breached, although guidance says that they shouldn't be left unattended. GW offered to follow up with RBWM. GW recommended calling the fire brigade during any future occurrence if concerned about safety.

One member of the public suggested that width restrictions be placed in Burchetts Green to control the traffic passing through the village. GW reported that such restrictions had been in place but had been removed due to a number of accidents.

## Part One

### **145. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Derek Oliver (DO)  
Cllr Jo Kersey (JK)  
Barry Malki (BM)

### **146. Declarations of Interest**

None

### **147. Minutes of Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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

### **148. Matters Arising**

GW reported that he had met with RBWM regarding the verge maintenance tender, finding the meeting informative, but was unsure about all of the issues. GW noted that some areas where he had previously noted issues had been dealt with. GW suggested that a systematic reconnaissance is what's missing, and more thorough communication with BPC. JK noted that he had raised concerns with Cllr Howard regarding boundaries, as there was

uncertainty regarding what was in and what was out of the remit. GW noted a management issue as other Tivoli-maintained areas outside of the Borough were a much higher standard. AK suggested that the Cllrs need to clarify position. CL noted that BM had written to RBWM saying that BPC needed more information before a decision could be made. Cllr Howard responded at meeting with Cllrs stating that they were also after more information and would invite BPC to a future meeting. BM to liaise with Cllr Howard regarding future meeting.

GW gave an update on the report of the recent traffic survey in Burchetts Green, noting that in some areas the limits were being exceeded by 60% of the traffic. Met with the local PCSO, BGVA and local residents, but wasn't impressed that the authorities were happy to tolerate these figures. Reported that Speed Indicator Devices had been installed. Thames Valley Police have recommended that RBWM could look at changing the road surface that precludes issues such as drifting. GW reported that there was still a Speedwatch group being formed. BM to write to RBWM Highways Engineer to convey concerns about the issue and copy Cllrs Howard and Brar.

GW noted that the tree surgeon had contacted him about the last tranche of tree works, noting that he'd left a stump in order to inhibit vehicles accessing The Orchard, but recommended that the two remaining stumps be ground down to remove the trip hazard. GW thinks they are ok as they are but recommended keeping an eye on them.

GW reported that BGVA were looking into introducing street lighting into the area, which might make more of a "residential atmosphere". GW stated that they're also looking at village gates.

AK noted that the sign at the A404 Junction with Henley Road still hadn't been repaired.

CL noted that he still hadn't seen a copy of the correspondence with Marlow Council regarding the Cyclists Dismount signs. JC said he'd spoken to Marlow Council and that they had refused, but that may change when the bridge works take place. AK noted that cyclists shouldn't be on the pavement, meaning that a "cyclists dismount" sign would be redundant.

CL noted that the Woodland Trust had removed the large tree on the footbridge at the end of The Green, but the bridge is slightly damaged. CL reported that Bisham Wood had been decimated with the number of trees removed. JC reported that the site manager had reported that a huge swathe of trees was due to be removed. BM to send the correspondence to CL.

CL asked if a second quote had been received for the Temple Phone box. JC reported that he hadn't had an update.

CL asked if BM had contacted Holdfords regarding the removal of the branches in The Orchard. JC reported that he hadn't had an update.

CL noted that the bin had been moved but believed that the siting next to the bench is no good, as the object was to relieve the pressure on the bin by the entrance. BM to ask Holdfords to move it next to the existing bin.

#### **149. Planning**

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Appn. Date: 24th January 2025 Appn No.: 25/00162

Type: Agricultural Determination

Proposal: Notification to determine whether prior approval is required for a mono pitched portal frame agricultural storage barn and hardstanding.

Location: Land Adjacent To Oaklands Henley Road Maidenhead

Determination Date: 21 February 2025

**Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were concerned about the proximity to White Waltham and asked that officers be satisfied that that it is further than 3km from the airfield. Cllrs asked that a condition be applied that trees are protected to provide screening.**

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Appn. Date: 24th January 2025 Appn No.: 25/00166

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: Works as per site survey/schedule.

Location: Stoney Ware Estates Corner Cottage Stoney Ware Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RN

Determination Date: 7 March 2025

**Cllrs Comments: Cllrs objected to this application due to the number of trees being removed with no reference to replanting and citing potential effects on flooding.**

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Appn. Date: 13 February 2025 Appn No.: 25/00357

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: (T1) Eucalyptus - crown reduce by no more than 3m; (T2) Prunus - crown reduce by no more than 1.5m; (T3) Maple - crown reduce by no more than 1.5m; (T4) Maple - crown reduce by no more than 1.5m; (T5) Robinia - crown reduce by no more than 1.5m; (T6) Magnolia - crown reduce by no more than 1m; (T7) Spruce - crown reduce/reform by no more than 0.5m; (T8) Red Cedar - crown reduce/reform by no more than 0.5m; (T9) Blue Cedar - crown reduce by no more than 1.5m and (T10) Beech - crown reduce by no more than 1.5m.

Location: Bridge Cottage Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RP

Determination Date: 7 March 2025

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

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#### **150. Highways**

JC read an update from BM regarding the Parking Consultation saying it was expected w/c 17<sup>th</sup> Feb and would get 100 copies printed. JC noted that BM had made a map showing which properties would need to be consulted.

CL reported that he had spoken to the owners of The Bull and found that they were having issues with residents parking in their car park whilst they were open, and that double yellow lines would exacerbate the issue

CL updated on the proposed 30mph speed limit along Quarry Wood Road noting that TVP had objected. The Highways Engineer is now proposing a compromise that leaves most of the houses and the Girl Guide hut would be covered by 30mph, with a stretch of 40mph up to the A404 bridge. GW proposed that BPC respond stating that 30mph along the full length was preferred.

CL reported on a meeting with the engineer about parking within Bisham Village between the Abbey and the School, and that this was to go to consultation with local residents. CL also asked how speeding would be managed if parking was restricted, and he said that it would require increased enforcement. CL reported that there were significant issues reported with parking near the school during drop-off and pick-up times, and during events.

#### **151. Parish Land**

BM to chase slipway strake and rough edge on fence.

CL raised the issue of the person sleeping in the orchard. GW suggested agreeing to monitoring the situation as there were no issues reported.

#### **152. Playground**

No update

#### **153. Flooding**

CL gave an update on Flood Liaison Meeting, noting that the meeting is getting less useful over time. Organisations such as EA, Thames Water and JEPu are supposed to give reports at each meeting to representatives to the parishes. CL reported that the Section 19 report had been published, noting that the report was just a list of statistics, but carries very few recommendations. RBWM have stated that planning for emergencies is the responsibility of JEPu and there is to be a meeting in March at Cookham Parish Council. CL reported that there were 14 different phone numbers to call in an emergency depending on the time, day and type of flooding. RBWM have proposed a new liaison group structure that involves a form sent to parish councils which allows for no more than three questions to be submitted two weeks prior to each liaison meeting. CL asked that Cllrs get in touch with him prior to 28<sup>th</sup> February in order to provide feedback to RBWM, noting that four months is not an appropriate turnaround for questions regarding flooding.

CL reported to RBWM that the Brook had sewage in it, which is uncommon outside of rainy periods.

#### **154. Finance**

JC read an update from BM regarding the new bank account stating that the account needed a cheque for £500 to open the account.

**155. Correspondence**

None

**156. Information Reports**

JC noted that the Marlow Society meeting discussed the proposed works to Marlow Bridge, stating that the work would take across two years to replace all of the bearings. The bridge will be closed during the works, but most of the activity will take place at night.

JC reported that the meeting also discussed that there were concerns regarding the number of houses that need to be built, as well as government intervention into the proposed film studios.

**157. News Items**

None

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

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**Date Agreed:**

**Signed:**

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