

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th March 2025 at 7:30pm at Bisham Abbey.

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

Ward Councillors: Cllr Brar.

Public Forum

One Member of the Public asked if the Council had any feedback on the Berkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy and discussed the funding pots available for biodiversity initiatives. The Cllrs weren't aware of the strategy but asked BM to look into it. The resident offered to provide BM with contact details. Cllr Brar noted that Cookham Parish Council had secured £5k towards orchard creation. AK suggested that this may be a useful route for replacing the felled ash trees.

One Member of the Public raised an issue with the floodlights on the 3G football pitch at Bisham Abbey, reporting that the lights were often out outside of the stipulated hours agreed during the planning process. CL reported that a new planning application was in for additional lights, and the times stipulated were different from those agreed on previous planning applications. GW suggested writing to Bisham Abbey and highlighting the complaints raised.

One Member of the Public discussed a recent site meeting with the Highways Safety Officer following an accident in the village. Cllr Brar reported that the mobile Speed Indicator Device would be in place the following week, and Thames Valley Police had agreed an increased Police presence. The resident asked if there was any further update on the proposed speed limit on Quarry Wood Road. Cllr Brar reported that the documentation had been completed and was now waiting on approval from the Secretary of State.

Part One

145. Apologies for absence

Cllr Derek Oliver (DO)

146. Declarations of Interest

None

147. Minutes of Meeting 17th February 2025

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

148. Matters Arising

BM reported that a Cyclists Dismount sign on the bridge would be unlawful as the only place they are permitted is at the end of a designated cycling route. In this instance, cyclists should be using the road. BM to continue to liaise with Transport for Bucks to find a solution.

Cllr Brar reported that the new MP is meeting with the Environment Agency to discuss the future of Temple Bridge.

JK gave an update on the Slate Fence noting that some of the slate posts have been replaced with wooden ones, and some were still piled up. BM to write to the Conservation Officer and the Enforcement team to get continued information about the enforcement action.

BM updated on the Phonebox refurbishment. AK suggested that it might be worth stabilising the ground in front of the box. BM to liaise with JK and GW.

BM to speak to the fencing contractor regarding the removal of the chamfered edge of the fence.

GW stated that the trees should be reinspected during the spring as discussed with the tree surgeon. BM to liaise with M&J Trees regarding a meeting.

GW updated on meetings with the BGVA to look at traffic issues, noting that an SID had been in place.

149. Planning

Appn. Date: 19th February 2025 Appn No.: 25/00324

Type: Full

Proposal: New side porch with canopy, part single part two storey side/rear extension and alterations to fenestration following the demolition of the existing single storey elements and detached outbuildings.

Location: 1 Pond Cottages Burchetts Green Road Burchetts Green Maidenhead SL6 6QS

Determination Date: 16 April 2025

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no objection, but asked that Officers be aware of the change in access to the highway from this property, which may need separate permission.

Appn. Date: 21st February 2025 Appn No.: 25/00421

Type: Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed 1 no. single storey front

extension, 2 no. single storey side extensions, 1 no. two storey rear extension, 1 no. single storey rear extension and 1 no. single storey outbuilding is lawful.

Location: Robin Hill Hockett Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UF

Determination Date: 18 April 2025

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no comment on the overall application, but queried the proximity of the proposed building to the boundary.

Appn. Date: 21st February 2025 Appn No.: 25/00426

Type: Permitted Development Extended

Proposal: Single storey rear extension no greater than 8.00m in depth, 4.00m high with an eaves height of 3.70m.

Location: Robin Hill Hockett Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UF

Determination Date: 4 April 2025

CLRs Comments: CLRs were neutral to this application and had no comment on the overall application, but queried the proximity of the proposed building to the boundary.

Appn. Date: 13 March 2025 Appn. No.: 25/00555

Type: Full

Proposal: Sports lighting to serve the four existing clay tennis courts and all associated works.

Location: National Sports Centre Bisham Village Bisham Abbey Marlow Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RR

CLRs Comments: CLRs objected to this application as restrictions/timings on existing lighting permissions were not currently being adhered to.

150. Highways

AK reported that the sign at the junction of Henley Road and the A404 Sliproad was still missing. Cllr Brar agreed to chase.

CL noted that the Temple Management Group had been in contact asking for a reduction in speed limit on Temple Lane to 20mph. Cllr Brar offered to speak to the Lead Member for Highways to discuss. BM to write to the management group and suggest they write to the Highways Safety Officer. JC to respond directly to the safety officer.

151. Parish Land

CL reported that tree detritus had still not been removed, and that there was a large pile of chippings in the middle of the Orchard. GW thought there needed to be an updated policy on the maintenance of the Orchard. JK stated that a lot of areas currently look unkept but this would change with seasonal growth. JC suggested setting up an Orchard sub-group and asked AK to Chair.

AK asked BM to request information regarding the Berkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy to disseminate.

152. Playground

BM updated on the Sovereign Streamlined Maintenance service and showed the proposed weekly inspection checklist. BM to make a rota for inspections and to provide a checklist document.

153. Flooding

CL reported on updates to the changes to Emergency Planning noting the need for a refuge/respice areas and stated that Bisham was the second worst affected parish after Wraysbury during last year's floods. He also noted that RBWM had apologised for the slowness of road closures.

CL suggested a partnership with Cookham Parish for Emergency Procedures, as they had additional resources that would help Bisham Residents.

CL reported that, going forward, the Flood Liaison Meeting would only respond to questions submitted in writing two weeks before, with a maximum of three questions allowed. CL noted that the questions need to be submitted via the clerk, and he would pass on the form.

154. Finance

BM gave an update on the finances which are available on the website.

BM gave an update on the new bank account and the protocols for making payments going forward.

BM noted that he had upload the annual return onto the website, but was working on how to display it on the page.

155. Correspondence

BM reported on the Smart Energy Event posters, and asked if Cllrs were happy to put them up. AK suggested that a policy is needed. BM to table on April agenda.

156. Information Reports

Cllrs agreed to hold the April meeting on Tuesday 22nd April to avoid the Bank Holiday.

Cllrs agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should be held on Thursday 22nd May. JK suggested that a speaker who was familiar with the slate fence should be approached for the APM

GW updated on a meeting at BCA regarding the proposed new development, noting that the construction management plan would be finalised later in the year. BM to ensure that BPC is kept in the loop.

157. News Items

None

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 22:20

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor

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