

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 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.

## Public Forum.

One Member of the Public said that the statements in the RBWM newsletter regarding the parking restrictions on Bisham Road were optimistic as there seems to be no engagement. Cllr Brar stated that the Officer was willing to meet with residents between 9-3 on a weekday. CL noted that infringements tended to occur in the evening. BM updated on the consultation to extend the restrictions. The resident stated that they had sent pictures of infringements to RBWM, but that they need to be seen in real time by a Parking Warden.

One Member of the Public asked what method would be used to enforce the proposed speed limit changes on Bisham Road. Cllr Brar stated that there would be repeater signs along the length of the restriction. CL noted that the speed limit change notices are difficult to read, and don't contain any maps. Cllr Brar offered to email maps. Cllr Brar suggested sending the Speedwatch data to RBWM.

## Part One

### **131. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Derek Oliver (DO)  
Cllr Howard.

### **132. Declarations of Interest**

None

### **133. Minutes of Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

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

### **134. Matters Arising**

CL talked about recent tree works and asked BM to find out why M&J hadn't removed the material that had been cut down. CL noted having to remove about 20% of the debris to attend the log in the stream, but stated that Holdfords had put them back into the undergrowth. GW believes that BPC should agree a policy on waste wood.

BM updated on the conversations regarding the devolution of the verge maintenance, and noted that BPC was asked if there would be an in-principal interest.

BM reported that BPC had been asked for initial, high-level feedback prior to the RBWM Grounds Maintenance tender. CL asked if it was possible to see details of specifications of the existing GM contract. Cllr Brar suggested that someone should attend the scrutiny panel meetings. Cllrs discussed a number of items such as footway access, and visibility of road-signs as being a priority. GW offered to meet with the procurement team to give feedback.

Cllr Brar updated on the meeting with the Environment Agency regarding the Temple Footbridge, noting that some of the funding is in place from Central Government, but they were waiting to find out about further finance streams.

BM updated on the insurance cover for marshals, noting that they were seen as employees and would be covered by the existing policy if they were not tasked to do anything that fell outside of the existing Risk Management strategy.

JC asked about the damaged bollards at Bisham Court. Cllr Brar reported that they still hadn't been attended to.

JC asked if the abandoned car had been removed from the playground. JK confirmed it had.

JC asked for an update on the homeless person camping in the Orchard. CL reported that he is there every night. JK reported that he had been liaising with Wycombe Homeless Connection, but had so far refused help with accommodation.

JC asked for an update on the Bisham Brook Restoration Group volunteer recruitment drive. CL asked if the notice could be placed on the front page of the website.

BM gave an update on the Unity Trust Bank, asking for Cllrs to provide their sample signatures.

JK asked if the Church Friends group could put an events flyer in the phone box. BM reported that there was space in the main noticeboard. JK offered to design a poster.

JK asked BM to chase the Environment Agency for an update on the Bisham Woods consultation.

CL asked about the orchard bin that was to be moved. BM noted that he had instructed Holdfords, and would chase for a date.

CL reported that there was a strake missing on the slipway. BM to ask Holdfords to replace.

BM reported that the only quote for refurbishing the phonebox was over £800. JK suggested undertaking it as a volunteer project. BM to speak to BT about a condition survey.

CL asked if there had been any update regarding the slate fence reinstatement. Cllr Brar to chase officer for timeline.

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Appn. Date: 3rd December 2024 Appn No.: 24/02955

Type: Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether planning permission 1100/53 and 22/01997/FULL are extant and operations to complete the development would be lawful.

Location: Land North of Old Well House Gibraltar Lane Cookham Maidenhead

Determination Date: 28 January 2025

**Cllrs Comments: Cllrs had no comment on this application**

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Appn. Date: 13th December 2024 Appn No.: 24/03023

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: Conifers - height reduction to 6m as per photograph.

Location: Hope House 3 Hall Place Lane Burchetts Green Maidenhead SL6 6QY

Determination Date: 24 January 2025

**Cllrs Comments: This application had already been decided.**

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Appn. Date: 10th December 2024 Appn No.: 24/03025

Type: Full

Proposal: Replacement four bedroom dwelling with a detached car port/store and associated works.

Location: River House Quarry Wood Road Marlow SL7 1RE

Determination Date: 4 February 2025

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

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Appn. Date: 19th December 2024 Appn No.: 24/03129

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Consent for the demolition of existing outbuildings; internal refurbishment works and

extension of Stubbings Garden Centre and Cafe to include additional toilets and service facilities; new wall opening; two new entrance porches to the existing Garden Centre and Cafe building.

Location: Stubbings Nursery And Cafe Stubbings Estate Stubbings Lane Maidenhead SL6 6QL

Determination Date: 13 February 2025

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

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Appn. Date: 30th December 2024 Appn No.: 24/03128

Type: Full

Proposal: New front and rear glazed entrance porches, single storey extension to provide enlargement of the existing café with indoor and outdoor seating areas and alterations to fenestration, following part demolition of the existing café and detached outbuildings.

Location: Stubbings Nursery And Cafe Stubbings Estate Stubbings Lane Maidenhead SL6 6QL

Determination Date: 24 February 2025

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

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Appn. Date: 6th January 2025 Appn No.: 24/03095

Type: Permitted Development Extended

Proposal: 1no. single storey side extension, 1no. single storey rear extension no greater than 5.70m in depth, 3.40m high with an eaves height of 2.89m, 1no. front porch and 1no. outbuilding.

Location: Hockett End Hockett Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UF

Determination Date: 17 February 2025

**Cllrs Comments: Cllrs had no comment on this application**

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Appn. Date: 6th January 2025 Appn No.: 24/03113

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Consent for the replacement of the existing fire alarm system.

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

Determination Date: 3 March 2025

**Cllrs Comments: Cllrs had no comment on this application**

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### **136. Highways**

AK reported that the sign at the southbound slip-road to the A404 at Henley Road had been knocked down, noting that the frequency of this occurrence may hint at a design issue.

CL reported that three residents had complained about accidents in the village since Christmas. Cllr noted that the officer is happy to meet with residents to discuss the issues.

GW reported that BGVA have asked for more information on the 2024 traffic survey and the group felt that there is resistance from the council for providing it; a Freedom of Information request may be submitted shortly. Cllr Brar reported that she had chased this information.

AK noted that there was a traffic monitoring set-up currently on Henley Road and asked if it would be possible to get the results.

GW noted that there had been incidents of drifting on the Henley Road roundabout.

CL reported that a caravan had overturned on the A404 after hitting a pothole.

### **137. Parish Land**

AK reported that one of the fruit trees in the Orchard is leaning and asked if Holdfords could look at methods of securing it.

GW reported on conversations with the tree surgeon, noting that approximately three-quarters of the Ash trees had been removed during the recent phases of work.

### **138. Playground**

GW reported on the Sovereign inspection and maintenance quote of £399 for 10 inspections over five years, and light maintenance on Sovereign equipment. BM to get clarification on the mentioned “weekly” inspection that should be undertaken by BPC.

**139. Flooding**

CL reported that the Flood Meeting was due on 21<sup>st</sup> January, but that the EA had stopped responding to questions regarding the culvert works. CL believes there is an approximately 11% reduction in volume presented by the new design, as opposed to the 0.001% stated by the EA.

CL reported that there was still no JEPU emergency plan, and that several Flood Wardens had complained. Officers have agreed to a meeting, and will share a part of the plan, noting that some parts were confidential.

**140. Finance**

BM gave an update on the Finances, which were live on the website.

**141. Precept 25/26**

AK proposed setting the Precept for 2025/26 at £49,576

JC seconded

Clrs agreed

BM to submit forms.

**142. Correspondence**

None

**143. Information Reports**

GW noted that BGVA were looking into the introduction of streetlighting.

CL asked if it was possible to put correspondence into the Clrs Area on the website. BM noted that correspondence is uploaded into the Live Action List, but would check that this had been updating.

CL reported that he had been putting flood warnings in the noticeboards.

**144. News Items**

None

**Part 1 of the meeting closed at 22:05**

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**Date Agreed:**

**Signed:**

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

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