

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 23rd June 2025 at 7:30pm at Bisham Abbey.

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

Ward Councillors: Cllr Brar, Cllr Howard

Public Forum

One Member of the stated that they had attended the meeting in case there were questions regarding their planning application. AK explained BPC's role in planning.

One Member of the Public asked that application 25/01296 be called in to the Development Control Panel noting that the development is in the green belt and felt that it didn't meet the criteria for exemption. AK noted that the resident should make their views available directly to RBWM.

One Member of the Public explained that they would also be lodging an objection to this application noting that the vehicular entrance crossed a neighbour's boundary. GW asked the if the applicant had sought legal advice regarding the crossing of the fence line. The applicant confirmed that they had. AK noted that the fence/boundary ownership is not a directly a planning issue, and would need to be satisfied before progress is made.

One Member of the Public asked of there was an update on Bisham Road parking and speed proposals. Cllr Howard reported that the speed restrictions were going to Cabinet for approval in October where it is possible to override TVP's objections to the Quarry Wood Road section. Cllr Howard stated that there was a log-jam with the parking as there were a number of conflicting opinions such as from the Rowing Club.

Cllr Howard noted that there was a new application for Maidenhead Office Park, and that local residents were concerned about traffic issues in Burchetts Green, noting that RBWM are attempted to get S106 funding for traffic mitigation. Cllr Howard also noted that there was a retrospective planning application for the temporary storage unit.

One Member of the Public asked about the legality of parking in different areas. Cllr Howard gave an overview of what parking would constitute enforcement by RBWM, and what would be an obstruction, which is a police matter. AK asked if the resident reported the issue to the police. The resident confirmed that he only reported it to RBWM. Cllr Howard said that reporting is essential to maintain data about issues.

Part One

25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Derek Oliver

Cllr Jim Cooke

Cllr Jo Kersey

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

27. MINUTES OF MEETING held on 19th May 2025

GW noted that Item 20 stated that GW wished to do a traffic survey but doesn't recall saying that.

BM to clarify

The minutes were agreed to be a true and accurate record.

28. MATTERS ARISING from meeting held on 19th May 2025 including Action List

AK gave an update on the following:

- The playground bin has been moved into new position. BM wishes to organise a site visit to discuss Parish Land Management.
- Sovereign has performed first inspection of playground
- Insurance has been renewed
- BM asked Cllrs to discuss glazing on the Temple Phonebox. AK asked CL and GW to instruct BM about number of panels to order.
- Updated Governance Docs and would be uploading them.
- Will be sending out some email instructions regarding logging into the new account. AK noted that there were concerns about the time taken to get the new account open.

29. PLANNING MATTERS

Appn. Date: 16th May 2025 Appn No.: 25/01270

Type: Variation Under Reg 73

Proposal: Variation (under Section 73) of Condition 4 (Approved Plans) to substitute those plans

approved under 23/03007/FULL for a porch infill, first floor rear extension with terrace, replacement and alterations of all doors and windows with amended plans.

Location: High Oaks East Paddock Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UP

Determination Date: 11 July 2025

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no comments

Appn. Date: 20th May 2025 Appn No.: 25/01329

Type: Works To Trees Covered by TPO

Proposal: T9 and T13 - Maple trees - Reduce all regrowth back to previous reduction points (005/2007/TPO).

Location: Longridge Quarry Wood Road Marlow SL7 1RE

Determination Date: 15 July 2025

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application and had no objections but noted that 005/2007 does not give enough detail regarding the reduction points.

Appn. Date: 10th June 2025 Appn No.: 25/01296

Type: Full

Proposal: 1no. detached self build dwelling, solar panels, air source heat pump, EV charging point, pergola, bin and cycle storage, landscaping and hardstanding.

Location: Land To The North Of Stubbings Farm Cottages Burchetts Green Road
Burchetts Green Maidenhead

Determination Date: 5 August 2025

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

Appn. Date: 10th June 2025 Appn No.: 25/01479

Type: Cert of Lawfulness Listed Building

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed repairs and consolidation of part of the west gable and the south west quoin stones are lawful.

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

Determination Date: 22 July 2025

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were positive to this application and had no comments

Appn. Date: 9th June 2025 Appn No.: 25/01473

Type: Discharge of Condition

Proposal: Details required by Condition 4 (Lighting scheme) of planning permission 24/00651/VAR for a Variation (under Section 73) of Condition 13 to substitute those plans approved under 23/01696/FULL for a new dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings with amended plans.

Location: Pentangle East Paddock Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UP

Determination Date: 4 August 2025

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application but asked that the power of the lights be specified and limited to 4 watts.

Appn. Date: 17th June 2025 Appn No.: 25/01548

Type: Full

Proposal: Part single part two storey side/rear extension, single storey rear extension, single storey side extension, first floor side extension, 1no. first floor side balcony, new retractable canopy and alterations to fenestration.

Location: Orchard House Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RP

Determination Date: 12 August 2025

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neutral to this application but have concerns about the flooding mitigation and would like the application called in to the Development Panel for further clarification.

30. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

CL noted that there was another severe accident on the roundabout.

GW noted that he had reported a number of speed sign issues on Burchetts Green. Cllr Howard is pushing for a site meeting with the Officer as the issue isn't being resolved.

CL noted that the school hedge had overgrown and was causing an issue with pedestrians. Cllr Howard recommended liaising directly with the School.

GW gave an update on the state of the verges and referenced his meeting with the procurement team looking at the new maintenance contract. Recent correspondence stated that the process was still in process. Cllr Howard noted that Cookham were looking at devolution, but RBWM are not clear about which areas are being maintained, causing issues. Cllr Howard noted that, aside from the roundabout, management responsibility in Bisham is much clearer.

GW asked the borough Cllrs about the surveys and consultations in Burchetts Green. Cllr Howard gave an update on various issues being looked at, noting the impact of Maidenhead Business Park.

AK raised the missing sign at the Stubbings Roundabout, which RBWM had stated was the responsibility of the Highways Agency. Cllr Brar noted that the Office was going to attend to it.

Cllr Howard noted that the drifting issue seems to be reducing. AK felt that it was more likely that it was not being reported. GW that there was potential to resurface the roundabout to make it less useable.

31. PARISH LAND

AK gave an update on the Bisham Court fence, noting that the Bisham Court residents don't want access to the Orchard through that area. BM to liaise with management committee to attend fence from the Bisham Court side. AK suggested a site meeting to look at what would be appropriate.

CL noted that a conversation with the Holdfords operatives raised an issue of staff sickness, which had led to delays, but noted that the strake replacement was still on their to-do list.

CL noted that a number of boats had been launched from the slipway, which is causing parking issues near the school.

CL noted that some of the trees needed maintenance. GW noted that the council had been prioritising the ash trees. GW recommended waiting until after the next ash tree inspection to look at general maintenance.

GW noted that BM had spoken to SSEN regarding the trees near to the powerlines, but that work hadn't yet been done.

32. PLAYGROUND

BM to arrange for someone to be on site when Sovereign replace the beams to show them other smaller issues that were not flagged in the report. GW noted that the report noted machine-marks on the legs of various pieces of equipment, which needs to be discussed with Holdfords.

33. FLOODING

CL noted that there had still been no answers regarding the culvert works.

CL to ask about the January 2024 data at the July flood meeting.

34. FINANCE

No update

35. CORRESPONDENCE

None

36. INFORMATION REPORTS

None

37. NEWS ITEMS

None

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 21:30

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor