

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st July 2025 at 7:30pm at Bisham Abbey.

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

Ward Councillors: Cllr Brar

Part One

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Derek Oliver
Cllr Jim Cooke
Cllr Jo Kersey

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

40. MINUTES OF MEETING held on 23rd June 2025

CL asked that the minutes reflect that Cllr Howard had stated that he'd not received a notice regarding the consultation for the Double Yellow lines. AK noted that the issue had moved on but stated that the minute be amended.

CL asked that Cllr Brar and Cllr Howard be sent copies of the minutes.

AK asked that the word "serious" was added to the phrase "concerns" regarding the new bank account in Item 28.

GW asked that the note regarding the boundary fence on item XXXX should include the term "in due course", as it is not an impediment in the planning process.

GW clarified that the speed-sign that had been demolished was on Quarry Wood Road, not Burchetts Green.

GW noted in Item 30 should include the work "for drifting" to clarify

AK noted that Item 35 should include CL's report of correspondence.

41. MATTERS ARISING from meeting held on 23rd June 2025 including Action List

CL reported that there was no agenda on the website, but the parking consultation was still available.

CL asked if the Icehouse was still being opened. AK stated that we still didn't know if we had access by the Woodland Trust. CL noted that the website noted that it was closed for maintenance until further notice.

CL noted that the Cashbook is out of date. BM to look at syncing.

CL noted that the news and events has not been updated.

CL stated that JK had been providing BM with events information, and it wasn't appearing on the website. BM to liaise with JK.

CL reported that the spoil had still not been removed from the Orchard. BM to liaise with Holdfords.

CL noted that the Action List on the website was not updated. AK thought the Action List had been updated.

CL noted that there had been no update regarding the Slate Fence

AK

42. PLANNING MATTERS

Appn. Date: 27th June 2025 Appn No.: 25/01646

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Consent for the removal and replacement of existing roof tiles, roofing felt and battens, repair timbers, wallhead, central turret and 4no. dormers where required to the Dovecote.

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

Determination Date: 22 August 2025

Cllrs Comments: The Cllrs were positive to this application and had no objection provided that the statutory consultees were satisfied with the proposals.

43. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

AK reported that the Stubbings road sign was no not going to be done by RBWM, as it had been passed over to National Highways. Cllr Brar asked AK to keep corresponding regarding the issue. GW reported on correspondence regarding an RBWM Policy Document and thinks that there is not enough focus on the impact of Maidenhead Office Park.

GW noted that the verges are getting worse, particularly in Burchetts Green. Cllr Brar asked to be copied in.

AK asked about the timeline of the new Verge Cutting Contract. Cllr Brar reported that the contract would be awarded in September/October.

CL reported that the School Hedge had been attended to

44. PARISH LAND

AK stated that the Cllrs needed to decide what sort of replacement to put in place for the Orchard Fence. AK suggested waiting until site meeting until the site visit.

AK asked that GW and CL liaise with BM to progress the Phone box glazing.

AK suggested developing a management strategy needs to be developed before the next planting season, and that this would need a site visit. CL suggested a clearance of the Orchard Side of the stream to expose some of the fruit trees and provide access for residents.

CL reported that two trees had come down in the Orchard and needed to be removed.

AK reported that the apple tree at the front still needed to be braced.

45. PLAYGROUND

GW reported that he had checked the cleats and that they were taut. AK noted that it was important to get a date for any repair works. GW to liaise with BM to look at any planned repair works.

CL noted that the memorial bench had been maintained by a resident.

CL reported that the position of the new bin was effective in reducing litter.

CL reported that the slipway strake was still awaiting repair.

CL reported on the boundary between the Slipway and the Churchyard noting that the Church waste pile was around 4ft high, including cutting, flowers etc. AK asked if it was encroaching on Parish Land. CL stated that it wasn't but looks unsightly. GW asked if the feature could be turned into a bund etc. AK suggested that JK would be in the best position to liaise with the Church on a remedy.

46. FLOODING

CL reported on the boroughwide flood liaison meeting, noting:

- That RBWM was producing an A5 flyer to be distributed to all residents in flood-risk areas.
- That there was a government consultation on flooding funding, and that there was to be a new, single regulator of waterways.
- That some groups had received funding for flood strategy development that had been gathered from Thames Water fines.
- That RBWM/Environment Agency should have a new Flood Risk plan on their websites before winter, and that an advance copy would be sent.
- That BPC should have had invites from JEPU/RBWM regarding meeting.

CL reported that he had received incorrect Groundwater flooding alerts, and an apology noting that the service had been paused.

47. FINANCE

AK noted that the Cllrs were seriously concerned about the status of the new bank account.

48. CORRESPONDENCE

GW noted that he had received an email from BGVA regarding the proposed Maidenhead Business Park, asking for residents to object.

GW reported that he had received an email regarding the Stubbings Plot Four planning application, canvassing support to object and that he would be writing, as a resident, in support of the application.

CL reported that he had received an email from the EA regarding the A404 culvert works saying that there was to be a site meeting with residents and Cllrs after 20th August. CL to liaise with the EA regarding a date for meeting.

49. INFORMATION REPORTS

AK reported that he had attended the Local Access Forum and that the landowner had asked for a meeting regarding the footpath diversion in Temple.

GW noted that there was no AOB section on the agenda. AK reported that this had been established by a previous Clerk, noting that any item brought up under AOB would need to be parked until a future agenda for voting purposes, but most items fit under one of the agenda items.

CL noted that the Marlow Bridge works had commenced but had since stopped until March 2026.

50. NEWS ITEMS

None

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 20:50

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor