

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th September 2025 at 7:30pm at Bisham Abbey.

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

Ward Councillors: Cllr Brar

Officer of the Council: Barry Malki

Part One

65. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Derek Oliver
Cllr Jim Cooke
Cllr Mark Howard

66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

67. MINUTES OF MEETING held on 21st July 2025

CL stated that at the previous meeting Cllrs had agreed a Fishing Permit scheme. AK reported that he had listened to the recording and confirmed that the Cllrs had not agreed on a Fishing Permit scheme.

GW asked that item 64 read that there was "not enough interest" rather than "no interest".

68. MATTERS ARISING from meeting held on 21st July 2025 including Action List

BM noted that matters arising would be picked up under the agenda items.

69. PLANNING MATTERS

Appn. Date: 15th August 2025 Appn No.: 25/01889

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: Yew - crown reduce the height by 4m and spread by 3-4m and crown lift to allow 1.5m

clearance from the roof of the house.

Location: The Orchard 30 Bisham Village Marlow Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RR

Determination Date: 26 September 2025

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs had no comment about this application.

Appn. Date: 18th August 2025 Appn No.: 25/02009

Type: Full

Proposal: Garage conversion with new pitched roof, front infill extension with canopy, relocation

of front entrance door, alterations to front elevation to include 1no. front gable feature,

part single part two storey rear extension, 1no. rear balcony, 1no. rear Juliet balcony, loft conversion, alterations to fenestration and external finishes, 1no. outbuilding, new gates and sunken swimming pool following demolition of existing elements.

Location: Robin Hill Hockett Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UF

Determination Date: 13 October 2025

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs asked that the Tree Officer be satisfied with the associated tree works.

Appn. Date: 14th August 2025 Appn No.: 25/02064

Type: Discharge of Condition

Proposal: Details required by Condition 3 (Tree protection), 5 (Biodiversity enhancements) and 6

(PWMS) of planning permission 24/02223/FULL for a Garage conversion, single-storey side/rear extension with canopy, 1 no. rear dormer, alterations to fenestration and external finish. Extension to the existing front porch roof.

Location: Magnolia Cottage Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RL

Determination Date: 9 October 2025

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs had no comment about this application.

Appn. Date: 18th August 2025 Appn No.: 25/02109

Type: Works To Trees Covered by TPO

Proposal: T1 - Sycamore and T2 Beech - Crown lift lowest branches to provide 4m clearance over river (015/1979/TPO).

Location: Land To South West of 15 Temple Mill Island Bisham Marlow

Determination Date: 13 October 2025

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs had no objection this application, subject to Tree Officer approval.

Appn. Date: 26th August 2025 Appn No.: 25/02166

Type: Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed single storey rear extension, single storey side extension and alterations to fenestration are lawful.

Location: May Cottage Grubwood Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UD

Determination Date: 21 October 2025

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs had no comment about this application.

Appn. Date: 4th September 2025 Appn No.: 25/02271

Type: Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed 2no. rear dormers are lawful.

Location: Cliveden Cottage Quarry Wood Road Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UA

Determination Date: 30 October 2025

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs had no comment about this application.

Appn. Date: 4th September 2025 Appn No.: 25/02275

Type: Permitted Development Extended

Proposal: Single storey rear extension no greater than 5.75m in depth, 3.62m high with an eaves height of 2.30m.

Location: Cliveden Cottage Quarry Wood Road Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UA

Determination Date: 16 October 2025

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs had no comment about this application.

Appn. Date: 9th September 2025 Appn No.: 25/02344

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: 30 October 2025

Cllrs Comments: Cllrs had no comment about this application.

70. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

AK reported that the sign on Stubbings Roundabout had been fixed.

AK reported that the Lorry Trailer on the A404 now had graffiti on it.

CL reported that RBWM had decided not to fix the Bisham Court bollards as they were not a safety issue. Cllr Brar stated that it was being dealt with internally and would be budgeted for.

GW reported that he had been discussing the speed and volume of traffic on Burchetts Green Road with Cllr Howard.

Cllr Brar asked if GW could speak at the development control panel regarding potential traffic issues and planning conditions that could be imposed on Maidenhead Office Park.

CL reported that there had been an accident on Temple Lane. AK suggested collecting the case reference number for accidents in order to involve the Police and Crime Commissioner.

CL reported that there was a large scale sponsored walk that was being routed down Temple Lane.

JK reported that the Layby near town farm was still flooded and causing issues for pedestrians.

GW asked what impact the A404 had in flooding in Bisham. JK noted that there was a predictable pattern of flooding along the A404 into the adjoining areas. CL noted that pools had started to develop on the Woodland Trust land.

71. PARISH LAND

BM reported that Holdfords Landscapes had submitted a quote for the repair to the Bisham Court Fence. BM to obtain additional quotes.

JK asked if the leaning tree could be saved. Holdfords felt that, with serious pruning, it could be.

BM reported on the Holdfords response to site meeting, noting that they would start cutting vegetation further back from paths.

GW reported on Tree quote from M&J Tree Specialists. GW to speak to M&J regarding T8, but T1-7 will await quote from Holdfords.

CL reported that the Slipway strake had been replaced.

JK reported that the Church clearance would be complete by the 26th.

BM reported that he had found a contractor to fix the door on the phonebox but would need the dimensions of the brackets. GW to provide the specifications. GW noted that the inertial dampener is working, and that the leather strap can be reattached.

CL reported that a team from RBWM turned up to do grounds maintenance around the Gill Memorial.

JK noted that Cookham Waste were doing an excellent job.

72. FISHING STRATEGY

The Cllrs discussed the future Fishing Strategy on the slipway, with possible changes to permissions. BM to conduct a resident consultation to gauge interest from within the Parish.

73. PLAYGROUND

CL noted that there was an issue with the roof of the climbing frame. BM to ask Holdfords to look at.

CL reported that the gate may need replacing. GW to investigate further to determine scope of works. BM to get quotes based on required works.

74. FLOODING

CL met with the Environment Agency regarding the culvert and demonstrated that the volume of flow has been reduced. The Environment Agency stated that the work was not what they had approved. CL to provide questions to EA regarding redress and follow up at October Flood meeting.

CL reported that a draft of the revised flood strategy should be available by December.

CL reported that booklets have been published to distribute to at-risk homes.

CL noted that BPC is unable to provide a "place of safety" but would speak to Cookham PC about a joint solution.

75. FINANCE

BM noted that the finance was up to date on the website.

AK reported that the new banking process was working well.

76. CORRESPONDENCE

CL reported that there had been a letter from the Bisham Brook Restoration Group asking for funding. BM to speak to BBRG and table in October meeting.

77. INFORMATION REPORTS

GW reported that residents in Burchetts Green were hoping that the patch of BCA land that is kept for agricultural use could be cleared and has liaised with the college to understand their obligations for maintaining the patch.

JK extended an invite to Cllrs on behalf of the Church Friends Group to the Harvest Supper.

Cllr Brar gave details of Mayor's Charity events being held on 7th November, 5th December and 27th February.

GW reported that work had begun at Pond Cottages, and that a large hoarding had been placed around the site.

CL reported that there were private adverts in the Notice Boards. BM noted that they often happen and were removed every month.

AK asked if Cllrs wished to continue having a Zoom facility for meetings and suggested tabling for discussion at a future meeting.

78. NEWS ITEMS

None

AK requested moving into Part Two of the meeting, noting that "it is recommended that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item in Part 2 of the Agenda, as it involves information relating to an individual and the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding the information) as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (amended).

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 22:05

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor