

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

Attendees:

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

Officer of the Council: Barry Malki

Public Forum

One member of the Public reported on research into the ownership of the Slipway, noting that the ownership documents and the relevant minutes were in the County Archive. The slipway was given to the Parish Council by Sir Henry Vansittart in 1897 with the proviso that the site be cared for, and that public access is protected for local people in perpetuity. It was noted that there was no specific mention of fishing in the documents. It was suggested that "Bisham" referred to the estate, rather than the village itself as the Parish Council was newly formed at the time.

One member of the public offered suggestions for Fishing Permit schemes.

Part One

108. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Derek Oliver

Cllr Jim Cooke

Cllr Mandy Brar

Cllr Mark Howard

109. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

110. MINUTES OF MEETING held on 17th November 2025

The minutes were resolved to be a true and accurate record of the meeting.

GW asked that "resident" be changed to "applicant in the Public Forum item, for clarification.

GW noted that the price of the playground equipment would be £20k in total, with a suggested £10k from BPC.

111. MATTERS ARISING from meeting held on 17th November 2025 including Action List

BM gave an update on the slipway lock, and recommended getting the Handyman to look at putting a new fence post in. BM to get a price for repairs from Holdfords.

BM to speak to Handyman regarding Phone Box works.

112. PLANNING MATTERS

Appn. Date: 18th November 2025 Appn No.: 25/03051

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: T6605 - Yew tree - Selective pruning to trim back or reduce lateral branches immediately adjacent to the building as per photograph.

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

Determination Date: 30 December 2025

Clrs Comments: Clrs were neutral to this application and had no objection subject to Tree Officer approval.

Appn. Date: 17th November 2025 Appn No.: 25/03029

Type: Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed single storey side extension, single storey rear extension and insertion of 3 no. rooflight windows are lawful.

Location: May Cottage Grubwood Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UD

Determination Date: 12 January 2026

Clrs Comments: Clrs noted that this item had already been determined.

Appn. Date: 26th November 2025 Appn No.: 25/03100

Type: Works To Trees Covered by TPO

Proposal: 2no. Yew trees - Crown reduction by 2m and Crown lifting to 4m above ground level as per photographs, 1no. Willow tree - Crown reduction as per photograph (024/1990/TPO).

Location: 8 Temple Mill Cottages Temple Lane Temple Marlow SL7 1SA

Determination Date: 21 January 2026

Clrs Comments: Clrs were neutral to this application and had no objection subject to Tree Officer approval.

Appn. Date: 1st December 2025 Appn No.: 25/02980

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: T1 - Willow tree - reduce the main branches back to the main stem or to previous pruning points to a final height of 6m and spread of 3.4m and crown lifting to 3m above ground level.

Location: 10 Bisham Village Marlow Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RR

Determination Date: 12 January 2026

Clrs Comments: Clrs were neutral to this application and had no objection subject to Tree Officer approval.

Appn. Date: 27th November 2025 Appn No.: 25/03137

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: Pear tree - Remove limb growing into Holly and reduce remaining canopy by up to 3m

(as shown)

Location: Bridge End Cottage Marlow Bridge Lane Marlow SL7 1RH

Determination Date: 8 January 2026

Clrs Comments: Clrs were neutral to this application and had no objection subject to Tree Officer approval.

Appn. Date: 8th December 2025 Appn No.: 25/03209

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Consent for masonry and window repairs including removal of previous cementitious

repairs, localised replacement of clunch, Caen stone, brickwork and flint panels where necessary alongside repointing works, works to chimneys, replacement of rainwater goods and lighting conductor system, installation of new roof access hatch and mansafe system.

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

Determination Date: 2 February 2026

Clrs Comments: Clrs were supportive of this application and had no comments.

Appn. Date: 8th December 2025 Appn No.: 25/03210

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: Ash - remove 3 lower branches on the southern side.

Location: Compleat Cottage Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RL

Determination Date: 19 January 2026

Clrs Comments: Clrs were neutral to this application and had no objection subject to Tree Officer approval.

Appn. Date: 11th December 2025 Appn No.: 25/03298

Type: Discharge of Condition

Proposal: Details required by Condition 6 (partial discharge) (Tile Sample) of listed building consent 25/02344/LBC for the 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: 5 February 2026

Clrs Comments: Clrs were neutral to this application and had no comments.

113. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

CL noted that the bollard on the Eric Gill memorial had been destroyed. It was reported to RBWM who will liaise with local business to resolve.

CL reported that the yellow lines had been painted up to the bridge, but people were still parking. Four vehicles received tickets on the previous Sunday.

CL reported that the decision regarding the 30mph limit on Quarry Wood Road had been deferred to the Feb/March cabinet meeting.

JK reported that street sweeping would take place before the New Year.

114. PARISH LAND

GW reported that the SSE contractor had cut the trees by the powerlines back, but not to the 5m clearance as planned. CL reported that the farmer had asked the contractors not to come on the field whilst it is wet, and that some local residents had denied permission to access their properties.

CL reported that there is a trench appearing near the Orchard Gate. BM to liaise with Holdfords to repair.

115. HOMELESSNESS POLICY

BM reported on a meeting he'd had with Homeless Link who had praised BPC for taking a "trauma-led" approach to the recent homelessness issue. BM noted that no other Parish Council has a policy on dealing with homelessness, and the issues I always deferred to the Borough.

116. FISHING

AK stated the Council needed to revisit the issue of permitting. BM updated on a light-touch method with an ID card. BM to look into bailiff options used by other fishing groups.

CL noted that fishing wasn't the only issue, citing recent instances of camping and open fires, reporting that there was a similar issue at Hurley Lock.

117. PLAYGROUND

AK thank CL, GW and JK for the ongoing Playground Checks, in line with the new inspection policy.

GW updated on the costs for a 4m Space Frame, having spoken to several suppliers. The unit itself would be around £14k, but with installation and surfacing, it will be around £20k.

JK noted that she was concerned that 4m was high for the age of children using the playground. GW reported that the Space Frame was suitable for an appropriate age range according to the manufacturer.

118. FLOODING

CL reported on the Annual Flood Warden Meeting, noting that there was cautious good news about the forecast, with only a 65% chance of reaching the average annual rainfall.

CL reported that RBWM's management plan wouldn't be published until at least 2026.

119. BUDGET

Cllrs discussed the proposed 26-27 budget, agreeing spending levels. Cllrs agreed to ratify the budget in the January 26 meeting when the Chair is present.

120. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE TENDER

Cllrs discussed the tender specifications for the 26-29 Grounds Maintenance Contract. BM to send specification to potential contractors for a decision at the February meeting.

121. FINANCE

BM noted that the financial information on the website was up-to-date

122. CORRESPONDENCE

None

123. INFORMATION REPORTS

None

124. NEWS ITEMS

CL suggested that JK write a piece for the website.

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 22:15

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor