

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th January 2026 at 7:30pm at Bisham Abbey.

Attendees:

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

Ward Cllrs: Cllr Mandy Brar

Officer of the Council: Barry Malki

Public Forum

Part One

125. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mark Howard

126. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

127. MINUTES OF MEETING held on 15th December 2025

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

GW asked that wording be clarified on item 114 that there had not been a full round of agreement "as yet" for SSEN to cross properties. CL noted that the residents had objected to the use of their properties.

128. MATTERS ARISING from meeting held on 15th December 2025 including Action List

Items to be covered in the agenda.

129. PLANNING MATTERS

Appn. Date: 16th December 2025 Appn No.: 25/03262

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: 10 February 2026

Cllrs comments: Cllrs had no comments but referred to their objection for 25/03255.

Appn. Date: 16th December 2025 Appn No.: 25/03255

Type: Full

Proposal: Single storey front infill extension, enlargement of the existing roof space to include

1no. front dormer, 1no. rear dormer, replacement and enlargement of the existing rear dormer and alterations to fenestration.

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

Determination Date: 10 February 2026

Cllrs comments: Cllrs objected to this application on the grounds that proposed development was too large, and that the dormer-style roofing/fenestration should be preserved.

Appn. Date: 19th December 2025 Appn No.: 25/03367

Type: Cert of Lawfulness of Proposed Dev

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed single storey rear extension with habitable accommodation in the roofspace is lawful.

Location: May Cottage Grubwood Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UD

Determination Date: 13 February 2026

Cllrs comments: Cllrs had no comments.

Appn. Date: 6th January 2026 Appn No.: 26/00028

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Consent for the replacement of the existing windows with like-for-like units and heritage style glazing upgrade to match the historic character to the stable cottage.

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

Determination Date: 3 March 2026

Cllrs comments: Cllrs were positive to this application and had no objection.

Appn. Date: 8th January 2026 Appn No.: 26/00043

Type: Discharge of Condition

Proposal: Details required by Condition 3 (biodiversity enhancements) of planning permission 25/00625/FULL for a Partially raised ridge, 1 no. front dormer and 6 no. rear rooflights.

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

Determination Date: 8 January 2026

Cllrs comments: Cllrs had no comments.

Appn. Date: 8th January 2026 Appn No.: 25/03429

Type: Works To Trees Covered by TPO

Proposal: Weeping Willows x 13 - reduce to 6 - 8m and Weeping Willow (No. 2) Fell. (015/1979/TPO).

Location: Land At Temple Moorings Temple Lane Bisham Marlow

Determination Date: 5 March 2026

Cllrs comments: Cllrs had no objection subject to tree officer approval.

GW gave an update on the application 25/02747 and asked for BPC approval to speak at the Development Control Panel in support. AK noted that GW would need to make it clear that

he was speaking for himself, and not on behalf of BPC as that would constitute a U-turn in previous objections. GW noted that Cllr Howard was not speaking at the meeting.

130. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Cllr Brar reported that there had been an announcement regarding new powers for local authorities regarding obstruction of pavements. Currently RBWM were awaiting further detail.

JK reported that the street cleaning had not taken place in December as promised by RBWM.

CL reported that the School Slow sign had been obliterated and needed reinstating.

Cllr Brar reported that all yellow lines were now in place along Bisham Road. GW noted that there were gaps and asked if they were intentional as discussed. Cllr Brar believed that they were intentional.

Cllr Brar reported that the Quarry Wood Road speed limit had been delayed until May.

GW reported that the 30mph sign on Quarry Wood Road is still down.

JK reported that the layby on the A404 was cordoned off. BM to speak to National Highways to find out why. AK asked if NH liaised with RBWM on A404 issues. Cllr Brar stated that it was routine that NH inform RBWM.

GW reported that BGVA had been liaising with RBWM to improve speed limit indication and signage.

Cllr Brar updated on the lighting columns in Bisham Court and asked if BPC would have an appetite to take them on. JC noted that there would need to be a consultation with residents regarding the necessity of the lights. AK noted that residents would need to be asked if they wanted to keep the lights, and whether they would be willing to contribute to their maintenance. Cllr Brar to get the maintenance costs for the lights.

131. PARISH LAND

JC thanked AK for the Christmas lights.

GW asked that Holdfords are engaged with the phone box repair as the Maidenhead Handyman was no longer replying to correspondence.

GW proposed instructing Holdford's to work on the priority trees.

AK seconded.

Cllrs agreed.

AK stated that the owl box can be easily removed and replaced by the contractor.

BM gave an update on the permit policy, noting how the EA Bailiffs work, and the powers that voluntary Bailiffs have. BM outlined a light-touch process that reduced the onus on BPC with regards to GDPR and financial considerations.

JC proposed trialling a permit scheme and review in 12 months.

AK seconded

Cllrs agreed.

BM to draft a policy and process for Feb meeting.

132. PLAYGROUND

JC thanked GW, JK and CL for the weekly playground checks.

CL asked about the repairs to the roof of the climbing structure. BM noted that Holdfords would be inspecting it when the team come to do the fence repairs.

133. FLOODING

CL reported that the area was currently under a Flood Alert, but that he expected it to reduce in the following days.

CL reported that the flood meeting dates have been moved, and there is still no word from JEPU about the new strategy.

134. NEWSLETTER

JK gave an update on the newsletter and would send a draft out shortly. JK suggested a door-to-door drop to residents. AK asked if the Church Friends group could help to circulate the letter, JK asked people to send any news item suggestions to her in the next two weeks. GW stated that he was concerned that the idea was too "village oriented."

135. PRECEPT 26/27

JC proposed setting the Precept for 26/27 at £52,388.

AK seconded

Cllrs agreed.

136. FINANCE

BM reported that the finances were up to date but the link on the website needed to be updated following a site back-up.

137. CORRESPONDENCE

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None

138. INFORMATION REPORTS

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GW reported that there had been a helicopter circling Burchetts Green.

CL reported that TVP had their budget reduced by £8m.

JC updated on the proposed Marlow Film studio.

139. NEWS ITEMS

None

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 22:15

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor