

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th June 2026 at 7:30pm at Bisham Abbey.

Attendees:

Councillors: Jim Cooke (JC) (Chair), Alan Keene (AK), Ged Wylie (GW), Jo Kersey (JK) (via video link).

Officer of the Council: Barry Malki

Public Forum

One member of the public asked why Cllrs had withdrawn their objections to a planning appeal. GW gave an update on the site visit conducted by himself and another Cllr as they felt it would be beneficial to understand the grounds of the appeal, and to answer specific questions. The resident felt that there had been a deliberate cessation of activity during the appeal period, and noted that some business ventures had withdrawn from the site. GW noted that, if the appeal is successful, then there needs to be strict conditions adhered to. JC noted that BPC is only ever a consultee, and has no input onto the decision. The resident asked if local objections were to be ignored. JC responded that RBWM and the Planning Inspectorate need to take a balanced view of all local stakeholders. JC stated that BPC's concerns had been satisfied, but understood the position that this may have been a particular moment in time. Cllr Brar reported that there had been uses outside of the initial scope.

One Member of the Public reported that the hedges near to the school were overgrown, restricting the pavement. Cllr Brar noted that it had already been raised with the school, and they had instructed their maintenance team.

One member of the public asked if it was possible to liaise with Bisham Abbey regarding the vegetation on the fence. BM to speak to the Management.

One member of the Public asked if it was possible to erect a sign asking for dogs not to be allowed into the stream, as the flea and tick sprays cause damage to the local ecosystem.

One member of the Public asked about becoming a "water keeper" to enforce the fishing rights on the Slipway. BM highlighted the difficulties in recruiting a volunteer water keeper, and noted the Council's liability. JK noted that it would be better for Cllrs to monitor it informally for the time-being and see how often there is an issue.

One member of the public gave an update on their planning appeal, noting that two of the issues were irrelevant until the permission was granted, so the appeal is based on the sustainability issue, highlighting the proximity to multi modes of public transport and resources within walking distance. The resident quoted NPPF regulations supporting development in rural areas.

Part One

25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

26. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

27. MINUTES OF MEETING held on 18th May 2026

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

AK queried the wording of the appeal response, particularly the phrase “broadly supportive”. JC noted that he felt the Cllrs had removed their objections, but were not supportive of the application. GW felt that the Cllrs *were* supportive of the application. BM clarified that the appeal does not ask if Cllrs are supportive, neutral or negative, and noted that the wording was intended to show that the Cllrs were supportive of the opinion that many of the objections had been dealt with. JC stated that, going forward, all appeals are summarised at the meeting in the same way as planning applications. GW noted that some will need a more thorough response drafted by a Cllr.

28. MATTERS ARISING from meeting held on 18th May 2026 including Action List

Matters to be picked up under the agenda.

29. PLANNING MATTERS

Appn. Date: 18th May 2026 Appn No.: 26/01212

Type: Variation Under Reg 73

Proposal: Variation (under Section 73a) of planning permission 25/02009/FULL without complying with Condition 2 (Materials) and Condition 9 to substitute those plans approved for a 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, extension to raised patio and sunken swimming pool following demolition of existing elements with amended plans.

Location: Robin Hill Hockett Lane Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UF

Determination Date: 12 July 2026

Cllrs comments: Cllrs had no comment on this application.

Appn. Date: 1st June 2026 Appn No.: 26/01182

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: (T1) Acer - reduce branches by 2m touching the telegraph pole; (T2) Ash - reduce branches by 2m touching service wires and neighbouring property and (T3 and T4) Leyland Cypress - fell.

Location: End Ways Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RL

Determination Date: 12 July 2026

Cllrs comments: Cllrs had no objection to this application, subject to tree officer approval, but asked that appropriate replacement planting be reinstated.

Appn. Date: 29th May 2026 Appn No.: 26/01282

Type: Full

Proposal: New front porch, single storey rear extension, new flat sedum roof and alterations to

fenestration following demolition of existing elements

Location: High Oaks East Paddock Cookham Maidenhead SL6 9UP

Determination Date: 23 July 2026

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

Appn. Date: 8th June 2026 Appn No.: 26/01406/TCA

Type: Works To Trees In Conservation Area

Proposal: T1 - Goat Willow - Reduce height by 3m and lateral spread by 3m on longest laterals, leaving a final height of 4m and spread of 2m.

Location: Stubbings Barn Burchetts Green Lane Burchetts Green Maidenhead SL6 3QP

Determination Date: 30 July 2026

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

Appeals

RBWM Ref 25/02747/FULL

Plns Ref 6008948

Site Address: Land To The North of Stubbings Farm Cottages Burchetts Green Road Burchetts Green Maidenhead

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

Cllrs were neutral to this appeal, and their position remained the same as previously directed.

GW noted that he was supportive and would be submitting a response as a resident and an individual Cllr.

30. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

JC reported that Marlow Bridge had been closed again, but without adequate signage. Cllr Brar agreed to look into the issue.

GW reported that the hedges were not being cut back in Burchetts Green.

GW reported that. Following conversations with BGVA, the scope for the SID project could be widened but that the group didn't have any data for the adjacent areas. GW also noted that there may be some impracticality with adding additional posts along some of the roads, but that they would be willing to consider using existing street furniture if needed. GW reported that the group were attempting to get speed limits reduced and felt that BPC should support this. GW agreed to draft a response to the group to look at options.

JK reported that the layby on the A404 is still hazardous. Cllr Brar agreed to a site visit with JK.

31. PARISH LAND

BM updated on the fishing permit policy and the practicalities of recruiting water keepers. AK recommended seeing if the signage was a suitable deterrent.

BM updated on the Flood Marshal scheme, noted that the volunteer element needs to be looked at to ensure compliance and minimise risk.

GW updated on the trees in the “no mans land” area, noting that some of the trees on the resident’s side need removing.

GW updated on the phone box, noting that he had possession of the relevant equipment from X2 Connect and would attend to the repairs. JC thanked GW for his efforts. GW noted that the water access is still damaged.

GW reported that the sightline exiting the Green was poor due to overgrowth.

GW reported that SSEN would not be attending to cut the trees back for at least a month. AK asked that tree planting be put on the next agenda.

32. PLAYGROUND

GW reported that he is continuing to monitor the damaged leg on the climbing frame, and was still liaising with Sovereign for a suitable repair. GW noted that the surface can’t be lifted without damage.

GW reported that a 3rd quote for the Space Frame had been supplied but was prohibitively expensive. Currently, the best option would be a 3m apparatus supplied by HAGS.

GW reported that the cherry tree over the roundabout needs to be cut back.

33. FLOODING

JC noted that RBWM’s new flood strategy had been put out for consultation and he was currently reviewing.

34. FINANCE

BM reported that the finances were up-to-date.

35. CORRESPONDENCE

AK raised concerns about the correspondence from a resident suggesting that there may have been undeclared interests on the previous appeal case. AK made it clear that he has no pecuniary interest in any agency or organisation involved with the application. Cllrs asked BM to send the minutes to the resident.

36. INFORMATION REPORTS

BM updated on co-option timetable.

GW reported that there was a property on Burchetts Green road that had a large hoarding and a temporary access, and is keeping an eye on restoration works to the boundary. AK noted that it would need a planning application if it was to be long term.

37. NEWSLETTER

JK to pass spare leaflets onto BM for storage and distribution.

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 22:20

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor