

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th July 2026 at 7:30pm at Bisham Abbey.

Attendees:

Councillors: Jim Cooke (JC) (Chair), Alan Keene (AK), Ged Wylie (GW), Jo Kersey (JK) (until item 49)

Ward Cllrs: Cllr Brar

Public Forum

Several members of the public raised concerns regarding the development at Little Croft, specifically the increased ridge height and the impact on privacy. JC confirmed that RBWM were aware of the concerns and were monitoring for any infringement of planning.

One member of the public noted that there had been recent fishing activity in the orchard and that, when challenged, the fisherman had offered to pay for a permit as they were not residents of the parish.

One member of the public reported that there had been a water main leak in The Orchard and that this had been reported to Thames Water for inspection.

One member of the public gave an update on the BGVA SID project noting that the extended coverage would increase the cost to BPC to £2,100 if S137 funding is approved. It was noted that the residents of Stubbings were not supportive of extending the project in that area.

Part One

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

40. MINUTES OF MEETING held on 15th June 2026

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

41. MATTERS ARISING from meeting held on 15th June 2026 including Action List

Matters to be picked up under the agenda.

42. PLANNING MATTERS

Appn. Date: 18th June 2026 Appn No.: 26/01112

Type: Full

Proposal: New entrance gate and posts

Location: South Riding May House Gloucester Villa Mint House And Elsinore Bisham Road Bisham Marlow SL7 1RL

Determination Date: 12 August 2026

Cllrs comments: TBD

Appn. Date: 24th June 2026 Appn No.: 26/01504

Type: Works To Trees Covered by TPO

Proposal: (T1) - Lawson Pines x 2 - Fell. (T2) - Eucalyptus tree - Crown reduce by approximately 5 metres, leaving a final height of 25m and spread of approximately 12-15m and remove new growth on the lower branches. (010/1990/TPO)

Location: Compton Elms Marlow Road Pinkneys Green Maidenhead Marlow SL6 6NR

Determination Date: 18 August 2026

Cllrs comments: Cllrs had no objection subject to Tree Officer approval

Appn. Date: 24th June 2026 Appn No.: 26/01546

Type: Works To Trees Covered by TPO

Proposal: (T1) - Sycamore - Fell. (T2) - Ash - Trim back secondary growth to give up to 2m clearance to building. (015/1979/TPO).

Location: Lower Mill Stream Bank Between 44 And 45 And Land To Southwest of 15 Temple Mill Island Bisham Marlow

Determination Date: 18 August 2026

Cllrs comments: Cllrs had no objection subject to Tree Officer approval

Appn. Date: 29th June 2026 Appn No.: 26/01586

Type: Variation Under Reg 73

Proposal: Variation (under Section 719) of Condition 6 (Wire Runs) approved under listed building consent 25/01100/LBC for the consent for the replacement of the existing fire alarm system.

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

Determination Date: 23 August 2026

Cllrs comments: Cllrs had no comment on this application.

Appn. Date: 14th April 2026 Appn No.: 26/00931

Type: Full

Proposal: Redevelopment of the site to provide 77 new residential dwellings, together with associated parking and landscaped areas following the demolition of the existing office building.

Location: Land Adjacent To Horizon And Horizon Honey Lane Hurley Maidenhead SL6 6RJ

Determination Date: 14th July 2026

Cllrs comments: TBD

GW reported on issues with the RBWM planning portal and was awaiting a response from the Planning Officers.

Cllrs asked for RBWM to allow additional time for comment, due to the issues with the system meaning that Cllrs were not able to review in time.

43. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

JK gave an update on the site visit to the A404 layby with Cllr Brar. JK noted that the area had significant flooding, but that RBWM had stated that the area was private land, JK believes this to be an error as the verges are cut. Cllr Brar to report to the Highways Dept to liaise with National Highways. AK suggested obtaining the Land Registry documents to ascertain ownership.

GW reported that vegetation had been cleared through Burchetts Green but asked about landowners clearing areas that RBWM have eschewed. Cllr Brar confirmed that landowners have a time-limited obligation to cut vegetation, once instructed to do so by RBWM>

GW gave an update on the possible extension of the Burchetts Green SID scheme, noting the discussions with BGVA and Hurley Parish.

AK thanked Cllr Brar and the volunteers for litter picking but noted that some of the bags aren't being collected.

Cllr Brar noted that the bridge was due to be closed again, and that communication has been better.

44. A404 CONSULTATION

Cllrs discussed the lighting consultation, noting that there is very limited information available. BM to continue to liaise with the contractor.

45. PARISH LAND

JK noted that there had been flooding in The Orchard, and Thames Water came to visit, but decided that no further action was needed.

JK was approached by a long-time resident requesting a permit for a relative to fish on the Slipway, although they don't live in the parish. GW thinks that the issue should be deferred until there is a better idea of local uptake. AK thinks that it would set a precedent which may cause an issue.

GW gave an update on the Orchard adjacent to Bisham Court and the work that Holdfords had undertaken to extend the fence. GW presented the prices for the clearance of the vegetation in that area.

46. TREE PLANTING

Cllrs discussed new planting but decided that concentrating on the existing trees needed to take priority.

47. PLAYGROUND

GW gave an update on the repair of the leg on the climbing apparatus by Sovereign. Current proposal is to replace all legs with galvanised steel footings, which would cost approximately £3000. The individual leg repair is £473.

GW proposed accepting the quote of £473 on the single leg.

AK seconded.

Cllrs agreed.

GW gave an update on the new proposed play equipment from various suppliers. The price for a 4m unit with surfacing from Sovereign would be approximately £16k, but they may be some additional savings possible. The 3m unit would likely be about £14.8k. The HAGs 3m equivalent is £12.7k but that does not include surfacing. GW to go back to both suppliers and see if there are additional savings to be made to bring within budget without relying on external funding.

AK thanked GW for his work on the project.

GW gave an update on the resilient surface on the activity tower, noting that Sovereign gave a quote for rubberised mulch totalling around £5000. GW noted that the surface near the cherry tree is being lifted by roots and recommended that we start considering replacement in the budget discussions.

GW noted that he had received the parts for the phonebox repair.

48. FLOODING

Cllr Brar asked if JC had taken over as flood liaison. JC confirmed that he will be attending meetings going forward.

JC reported that there was an individual who was in discussions to become the flood coordinator.

JC reported that the new Flood Resilience Plan has been published and was out for consultation.

JC reported that BM had noted that the radio licenses need renewing in September and would be around £75 for 5 years. JC noted that he had topped up the flood phones.

49. FINANCE

No update

50. CORRESPONDENCE

None

51. INFORMATION REPORTS

JC proposed moving to Part 2 of the meeting.

1min23 Little Croft BM to ask Planning to confirm the the work is progressing according to plans.

Part 1 of the meeting closed at 21:20

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Date Agreed:

Signed:

Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor