BISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 21st September 2026 at 7:30pm at Bisham Abbey.**

**Attendees:**

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

**Officer of the Council: Barry Malki**

# Public Forum

One Member of the Public stated that the Culvert matter cannot be deemed closed. Are the Cllrs able to share information from National Highways/Environment Agency with residents. GW updated on recent correspondence with the EA that reiterated the previous answers from last year. GW followed up with National Highways who believed that there is maximum of 1% increase from the previous design. The resident declared that they were not happy with this outcome and noted that residents were concerned that some of the design parameters we believed to based on factually incorrect information. Another resident noted that there is no silt build up within the culvert currently and reported a meeting with the EA at the Culvert due to restoration work on Bisham Brook where the officer stated she felt that the mammal runs wouldn't impact on flooding, but couldn't comment officially without seeing the original plans. The resident noted that the EA

One Member of the Public updated on fishing at the Slipway, noting that three people had been approached regarding the use of permits and asked for an update on the policy for volunteer bailiffs. BM noted that the Council have yet to formally adopt a policy, and the previous position was to observe.

# Part One

**65. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**67. MINUTES OF MEETING held on 17th August 2026**

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

**68. MATTERS ARISING from meeting held on 17th August 2026 including Action List**

GW updated on the works to Little Croft noting that the Cllrs are still satisfied with compliance.

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**69. PLANNING MATTERS**

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Appn. Date: 14th August 2026 Appn No.: 26/01983

Type: Listed Building Consent

Proposal: Consent for the replacement of the existing windows at ground floor level with new timber double glazed units to the stable cottage.

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

Determination Date: 8 October 2026

**Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were positive to this application anad had no objections.**

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Appn. Date: 21st August 2026 Appn No.: 26/02069

Type: Discharge of Condition

Proposal: Details required by Condition 6 (Precautionary Working Method Statement) of Listed Building Consent 25/02687/LBC for a Consent for repair works to the chalk stone and the replacement of the lean-to open store to the west gable of the Stable block.

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

Determination Date: 15 October 2026

**Cllrs Comments: Cllrs had no comment on this application.**

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Appn. Date: 25th August 2026 Appn No.: 26/02100

Type: Discharge of Condition

Proposal: Details required by Condition 8 (Bat Licence) of planning permission 25/01859/FULL for 1 no. self-build dwelling with PV panels, 1 no. EV point and associated landscaping, following demolition of existing dwelling.

Location: Temple Weir House Temple Lane Temple Marlow SL7 1SA

Determination Date: 19 October 2026

**Cllrs Comments: Cllrs had no comment on this application.**

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Appn. Date: 15th September 2026 Appn No.: 26/02184

Type: Works To Trees Covered by TPO

Proposal: G1 - Yew x2 - Crown reduction by 1.0-1.2m, Crown lifting to give 3.5 clearance from

ground level as per photograph, T2 - Goat Willow - fell, T4 - Cherry - fell, T1 - Weeping

Willow - Crown reduction by 5-6m and Crown lifting as per photograph

(024/1990/TPO).

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

Determination Date: 9 November 2026

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

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Appn. Date: 10th September 2026 Appn No.: 26/02192

Type: Full

Proposal: Alterations to fenestration to include replacement front door

Location: 7 Temple Mill Island Bisham Marlow SL7 1SG

Determination Date: 4 November 2026

**Cllrs Comments: Cllrs were neautral to this application and had no objection**

**70. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

JK asked for an update on the damage to the layby on the A404. BM noted that he had reported it to NH but hadn't had a response. BM to continue chasing and to stress the danger to both pedestrians and drivers.

JK raised the Speed Limit on Quarry Wood. BM to chase RBWM.

JK briefed the Bisham Speed Watch coordinators regarding the part funding for the SIDs in BGVA. GW asked them to be aware of the amount of legwork that may be involved.

GW noted that BGVA are currently liaising with RBWM regarding the worn road markings in Burchetts Green.

GW gave an update on working with BGVA to the SID scheme, noting that RBWM were advising on licencing and approvals, which would need to be applied for by BPC. Authorisation needs to be gained for additional street furniture to be installed on which to mount the devices. The project is not fully mapped out yet, and he is working with them to iron out the details. GW noted that Hurley had posited in-principle funding if the details of the scheme can be ironed out satisfactorily.

**71. PARISH LAND**

JK asked if there had been an update on the water leak in the Orchard. BM to chase Thames Water.

BM reported that he had been liaising with a potential third contractor for a maintenance quote.

JK noted that the footpaths get muddy during the winter months and asked if there were any solutions. AK suggested asking Holdfords for a price on wood-chipping the path.

BM to deliver replacement flag to AK.

JC proposed continuing to observe the slipway with regards to any issues around fishing and anti-social behaviour.

**72. PLAYGROUND**

GW gave an update on the repair to the climbing frame, noting a delay with Sovereign receiving the purchase order, which had been sent twice.

GW reported on the latest Sovereign Inspection, noting that there were areas of flaking paint in some areas.

GW gave an update on the Space Frame, noting that the deposit had been paid, but that a programme of works hadn't been furnished.

GW gave an update on the refurbishment of the Phone box in temple, noting that one of the volunteers had had to pull away, so a professional painter may have to be brought in.

**73. CO-OPTION**

JC moved to discuss this item under Part 2

**74. FLOODING**

Bruce Vaughan, Parish Flood Coordinator, has been reviewing the emergency documentation, noting that there is a mention of a "flood management team", and asked for more detail as records were patchy. JK to meet with BV to organise the flood response. BM asked that more clearly defined sightlines of responsibility, record-keeping etc. BV noted that the response team did not have access to the details of the vulnerable people. BM noted that this would form part of a more formalised governance process.

BV noted that there were extra elements of guidance that might be worth adding into the Parish Emergency Response.

Following the discussion in the public forum, JC asked how the Cllrs wanted to take the culvert issue forum. JK stated that the Council should ask for more information from the EA/NH regarding the issue.GW is happy with what he has heard from the EA/NH, but others could take

it forward. AK agreed that there is nothing further to be done but noted that there had not been a satisfactory response. JK reported that the design drawings had changed, possibly after the event. GW and BM to go back to EA/NH to chase for answers to the detailed questions.

**75. FINANCE**

BM reported that the finances were up to date on the website.

JC proposed £75 for the radio license

AK seconded

Cllrs agreed.

**76. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**77. INFORMATION REPORTS**

GW reported on attendance of the White Waltham Airfield Committee, noting that one of the runways is currently out of commission, which has resulted in more flights taking off on the remaining two runways, but the flight plans don't affect Bisham parish.

JC noted that he had attended the Marlow Town Council meeting, reporting that parking conditions were due to change on Marlow High Street, to reduce illegal parking. There are proposals to look at derelict land

**Part 1 of the meeting closed at 21:40**

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**Date Agreed:**

**Signed:**

**Position: – Chair/Vice Chair/Councillor**