

Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2024 at the Cricket Pavilion, King George V Fields, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JN at 8.00pm

PRESENT:	Mr D Brackin (DB)	Chairman
	Mrs S Simkins (SS)	Deputy Chairman
	Mr I Bocock (IB)	Councillor
	Mrs F Hall-Drinkwater (FH-D)	Councillor
	Mr P Khanghura (PK)	Councillor
	Mrs K Robinson (KR)	Councillor
	Mrs P Vahey (PV)	Parish Council Clerk
IN ATTENDANCE:	Cllr Jaspal Chhokar (JC)	Buckinghamshire Council (BC) Councillor
	Cllr Dev Dhillon (DD)	BC Councillor Farnham Common & Burnham Beeches
POLICE:	Not present.	
PRESS:	Not present.	
PUBLIC:	There was one member of the public present.	

- 1. Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 2. Apologies:** There were apologies from Buckinghamshire Cllr Santokh Chhokar and Fulmer Parish Cllr Lorette Du Toit.
- 3. Police Update:** Fifteen notifications had been received from Thames Valley Police and Local Neighbourhood Watch:
 - TVP South Buckinghamshire Social Media Summaries for July & August.
 - Cyber Security.
 - TVP Open Day.
 - Neighbourhood Crime Summary.
 - Oasis tickets scam alert.
 - Neighbourhood Watch News for July & August.
 - TVP PCC Report for July & August.
 - Ringway Safety Alert.
 - Safe Places.
 - Scams Update.
 - Suspicious Emails.
 - TV Anti-Social Behaviour Mediation Service.
- 4. Public Quarter Hour:** There was one member of the public present. At this point the Chairman asked Cllr Dev Dhillon to introduce himself to the meeting. He gave a brief synopsis of his thirty-five years' service as a Local Counsellor at town, District County, and now Unitary level. He was now serving as the Chairman of Bucks Council's Finance and Standards Committee. In the light of the new Ward boundaries and Local Elections in 2025

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he wanted to get to know his, potentially, new parishes. He explained that as a Bucks Councillor he normally attends all Parish Council meetings in his area. The Chairman welcomed him to the meeting and suggested he also sign up for Fulmer's Weekly Briefing which gave news of everything happening in and around Fulmer. Similarly the member of the public, being a new resident, asked to be signed up too.

5. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 23rd July 2024:** The Minutes having been previously circulated prior to the Meeting were reviewed and accepted as an accurate record of the business conducted at that Meeting and were recommended for signature by the Chairman of the meeting.

ACTION carried forward from April 9th:

- Investigate transfer of ownership and responsibility for maintenance of grass verges with BC.

Action: PV

6. **Buckinghamshire Councillors Report:** Cllr J Chhokar reported that he was scheduled to meet the TVP PCC during the week and asked if there was anything specific that Fulmer would like to bring to his attention. The Chairman explained the situation regarding the lack of CCTV in Fulmer and asked what the PCC could do to help remedy the situation. Both neighbouring councils, Iver and Gerards Cross had CCTV making Fulmer a black hole.

Cllr J Chhokar drew everyone's attention to the current national government NPPF consultation and encouraged all including the Council to respond. He explained that for Buckinghamshire the number of proposed new houses appeared very large whilst the numbers for Slough and London were down. He also understood that the Duty to Co-operate and take neighbouring councils' unmet targets was not being abolished. The Chairman asked Cllr J Chhokar to call in the planning application for Small Acres which he agreed to do.

Cllr J Chhokar had provided the information asked for regarding the Gigabit high speed Broad band project and the process for introducing an HGV weight limit in Fulmer. It was noted that Ivinghoe in north Bucks had recently introduced one.

ACTION:

- Contact Ivinghoe Clerk to understand what Ivinghoe had to do to get a weight limit.

Action: PV

The Chairman commented that he had not been satisfied with the response of the Bucks Officer to the complaints of noise and environmental health issue at the Mosque. He was concerned the Officer was being fobbed off by the Mosque and was not engaging with them of the Council. In addition to the annual event there was an on-going issue about smoke and the burning of tyres. He had asked neighbours to keep a record of when and what was happening. Cllr J Chhokar asked that the list of complaints be sent to him.

ACTION:

- Send list of complaints from residents to Cllr J Chhokar.

Action: PV

Reporting on the roads Cllr J Chhokar reported that in terms of Capital Projects Hawkswood Lane was down to be repaired soon and Fulmer Lane in 2026. It was also reported that Stoke Common Road was dangerous for cyclists and again the drainage was becoming an issue. There was also a discussion as to which Highways Officer had the responsibility given a visible member of the team was currently on maternity leave.

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The drains were blocked again on Windmill Road so the water was streaming down again. It was reiterated that all these should be reported on FixMyStreet. Re the question about the priority list for roads he had found out Keith Carpenter had the list of capital Projects and their priority. Cllr Dhillon added that a solution to the drains being cleared had been provided by Bucks Council in Egypt, the Farnham Riad and near Burnham Lodge at a relatively economic cost.

The Chairman commented about the current bin collections which were not happening. He had tried to investigate but had concluded Bucks Council didn't know what was going on and the new portal for reporting missed collections wasn't working so there was no escalation and no-one to email. Cllr J Chhokar suggested residents email him so that he could put them on the VIP list. He also said Cllr Thomas broom was the Cabinet Member with responsibility for bin collections.

Cllr J Chhokar commented on how improved the new entrance to KGF was.

7. Finance & Governance:

The Clerk had previously circulated the Financial Summaries, Budget Reports and Bank Reconciliation Reports for all the Fulmer Parish Council Accounts for the periods ending July and August 2024 which were accepted by the Parish Council. Copies of the Bank Reconciliation reports for each account are appended to these Minutes.

September Payments

FPC		Budgeted
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (Sept)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	2117.67	Y
HMRC tax & NI	435.54	Y
Employers Pension contribution	50.96	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Allotments water rates	18.80	Y
Grass cutting	1093.88	Y
Knee rail fencing KGF Access Project final amount	517.90	Y
External Audit fee	504.00	Y
KGF Signage	3648.00	
TOTAL	8595.29	

FSCA

The Studio rates	81.47
Electricity the Clubhouse	797.69
Electricity The Studio	55.49
Pitch maintenance	510.69

MPLC License 155.24

TOTAL 1600.58

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The Clerk drew the Council's attention to the invoice submitted by FSCA to pay for the new signage at KGF as part of the Access Project as the amount was over the limit requiring the Council's approval.

The Council RESOLVED to approve the payment of the signage invoice in full.

The Clerk had previously circulated to the Council the report received from the External Audit. This recommended that the Parish Council open a bank account solely for the use of the Council as Sole Managing Trustee of KGF. The Clerk had been in communication with the bank who wanted the new Constitution before opening account.

The Council RESOLVED to open the new bank account with existing KGF Constitution in the name of Fulmer Parish Council as Trustee to King George's Field.

8. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

Cllr Bocock had had retrieved the details of HGV classifications for the DropBox folder and asked what limit should be asked for?

He reported he had concerns over the visibility on some of the corners in Fulmer owing to overgrown vegetation.

He suggested that the 30mph speed limit on Windmill/Framewood Road be extended onto Fulmer Common Road particularly in the area by KGF where there were lots of children crossing the road to and from vehicles. It was reported that Beaconsfield had extended their 30mph limit further down the A40 towards High Wycombe.

ACTION:

- *Contact Beaconsfield Town Clerk to ask how they obtained the extension.* **Action: PV**

The recent report of an intimidation dog on the Beeches Way had been noted and it was decided to report it to the Bucks Footpaths team on their new portal under intimidating animals. The Clerk had written to the occupant of the property.

The tree across the footpath at the end of Hay Lane had not been removed.

ACTION:

- *Find out who the landowner is.* **Action: PV**

The state of the Beeches Way was commented on, it was recollected Cllr Du Toit was getting quotes for work to the path. It was decided that it also come under the remit of the Conservation Volunteers to clear the foliage.

There was a tree overhanging Fulmer Common Road between the two lodges.

ACTION:

- *Report on FixMyStreet.* **Action: PV**

9. Planning and Enforcement:

Cllr Khangura reported that after 33 months Alderbourne House PL/21/2684/FA had withdrawn their application and resubmitted it.

Three new Planning Applications for Fulmer had been registered since the last Council Meeting.

PL/24/2291/FA Small Acre Farm Stoke Common Road SL3 6HA

Retention of building for agricultural worker dwelling.

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The Council RESOLVED to ask for the application to be called in.

PL/24/2254/CONDA Alderbourne Manor Farm, Fulmer Lane SL9 7BL

Approval of conditions 2 (schedule of materials), 3 (hard surfacing), 7 (delivery licence), 11 (CEMP), 12 (LEMP) and 13 (scheme of landscaping) of planning permission PL/22/1106/FA – The erection of a detached 5-bedroom dwelling including associated access, parking and landscaping, following demolition of existing buildings.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/24/2064/CONDA Fernacres Cottage, Fulmer Common Riad SL3 6JW

Approval of condition 7 (disposal of material extracted from the basement) of planning permission PL/23/1814/VRC - Variation of Condition 10 (Approved plans) of Planning Permission PL/22/3769/DE (Approval of reserved matters following outline approval PL/22/1036/OA - Outline application for demolition of 7 dwellings and erection of 4 dwellings (matters to be considered: appearance and landscaping)) to allow for construction of basements to each dwelling

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

ACTION carried forward from July 23rd:

- Reconnect with Ben Krauze who had shown an interest in developing the land on behalf of his employers.

Action: PV

Cllr Robinson reported that she had attended a recent briefing by Bucks Council on the NPPF consultation. There were three points she wanted to bring to the Council's attention, firstly in Bucks view this was an eight-week consultation not the usual twelve weeks, so it was rushed, it was inconsistent and there was no clear definition of the term 'Grey Belt.' The Chairman would be bringing the residents attention to it in his forthcoming Weekly Briefing.

ACTION:

- Respond to the consultation on behalf of the Council.

Action: PV

Cllr Khanghura had previously circulated an update on all planning applications received, outstanding applications still requiring a decision and the progress of other applications. Details of these can be found at:

<https://pa.chilternandsouthbucks.gov.uk/online-applications/>
or email: planning@chilternandsouthbucks.gov.uk.

Cllr Khanghura had also recently contacted the planning team at Bucks Council to confirm that the outstanding old planning applications were still awaiting decisions which they confirmed they were.

10. Community Matters:

- **Fulmer Conservation Volunteers and BKV:** The Clerk had previously circulated the judging results from the Best Kept Village Competition in which was awarded a Certificate of merit. It was commented that many of the judges reports were incorrect and outside the control of the village residents and Parish Council. Nor was any reference made to improvements made as a result of last year's judges comments. It was suggested a list of tasks and those responsible for them be drawn up for next year's BKV competition.

ACTION:

- Send comments to the BKV competition organisers.

Action: PV

The Chairman asked for a schedule of volunteering dates into 2025 with specific tasks and asked for thoughts on how to encourage more residents to volunteer. Volunteering for the community qualified as an activity for the Award of a Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

ACTIONS carried forward from June 11th:

- Draw up a specification for grass and hedge cutting in the village.
 - Contact Zoe Ford at BC for information as to how FPC could get paid for devolved services.
 - Contact Rosie Tunnard at BC for BC's grass cutting schedule and the areas cut for Fulmer.
- Action: PV
- Draw up a list of BKV tasks and people willing to help.
 - Draw up a list of tasks and dates including a date for the Bucks Litter Pick.
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ACTION carried forward from May 7th:

- Ask VH Committee for the code for the VH automatic gate.
- Action: PV
- **FSCA & KGFF:** Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the progress of the developments at KGFF and the FSCA. There were no questions on the report. Cllr Du Toit had asked if the Parish Council would underwrite any losses made at the two village events namely Fulmer Family Fun Day and the Fireworks event. There followed a discussion with the decision to be made at the next meeting when attended by Cllr Du Toit.

It was noted the amount outstanding for the Studio now stood at £2800.

It was also agreed that Cllr Du Toit should propose signage and entrance improvements to the rear entrance to allotments and KGF car park.

The Chairman reported he had tried to contact the people who had recently run the farm Shop to ask if they'd like to run a café at the Clubhouse but there had been no reply.

ACTION carried forward from May 7th:

- Investigate cherry tree and deer protective fencing.
- Action: PV

11. Communications: The Black Horse Public House had notified the Infant School that parents and Guardians could no longer use the rear car park of the pub which was now closed otherwise there were no new communications from residents that had not been dealt with previously in the meeting.

12. News & Activity from Local Government & other Community Partners: The Chairman and Clerk had continued to attend Local Government and Community meetings, details of which were available in the Council Dropbox.

The Clerk had previously circulated the documents about the Community Boards Review. The Chairman was attending the forthcoming SBALC meeting next week where the attendees would be pooling their collective issues in an effort to place more pressure On Bucks to deliver.

13. Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 15th October at 20.00hrs.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:33 hrs.

Signed.....
D Brackin Chairman

Dated..... 15 Oct 24