

**Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2025
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
	Mrs F Hall-Drinkwater (FH-D)	Councillor
	Mr P Khanghura (PK)	Councillor
	Mrs P Vahey (PV)	Parish Council Clerk
IN ATTENDANCE:	Cllr Jaspal Chhokar (JC)	Buckinghamshire Council (BC) Councillor
	Cllr David Moore (DM)	Buckinghamshire Council (BC) Councillor
POLICE:	Not present.	
PRESS:	Not present.	
PUBLIC:	There was one members of the public present and one attended on Zoom.	

- 1. Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 2. Apologies:** There were apologies from Fulmer Parish Cllrs Mr Ian Bocock, Mrs Lorette Du Toit and Mrs Kate Robinson.
- 3. Police Update:** Other than the electronic notifications received from Thames Valley Police, Local Neighbourhood Watch and Buckinghamshire Council Community Safety team which were available in the Council DropBox there was no update.
- 4. Public Quarter Hour:** A member of the public asked if there was a TPO on a large oak tree by no 4 Springfield Cottages?

ACTION:

- Investigate TPO.

Action: PV

ACTION carried forward from September 10th:

- Contact Pinewood Studios re the speed limit and ask for a meeting with the new Police Sergeant.

Action: DB

- 5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10th December 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.
- 6. Buckinghamshire Councillors Report:** Cllr J Chhokar reported that Buckinghamshire Council had now received notification of its Funding Settlement from central Government which had been as expected. This would allow Bucks to continue to maintain the Highways and was geared towards devolution. Bucks Council would vote on their budget in February.

The recent cold weather was discussed in relation to the frequency of and which roads were being gritted in Fulmer. He asked that the council let him know if there were any main roads that weren't being gritted. The closure of the A413 due to icing was also discussed. The Chairman pointed out that Bucks Council did not let people know in good time. Cllr J Chhokar had asked Highways who maintained they had used their usual channels, i.e. Facebook. The Chairman asked that the Parish Council be informed in future as it had its own channels of communication with its residents which were more extensive and utilised by the residents. The chairman also brought up the situation of Hollydene House and the fact there had been three more crashes at the site since Mr Stone had been visited by Bucks Highways in October 2024. He also explained the situation regarding the letter received by the residents from Bucks Council about the installation of the protective bollards. He had discussed it already with the LAT who was going to review it. It was also commented on that there were similar bollards on the verge just up from the corner which were obviously okay with Bucks. The Chairman was continuing his conversation with Pinewood Studios about installing a camera in their land to focus on the crash site.

Cllr J Chhokar also touched on the subject of the central Government's intention to make more Local Authorities into Unitary Authorities which Buckinghamshire already was, albeit not a large one when compared with some of the larger metropolitan authorities.

Cllr J Chhokar had suggested that a Crime Summit be held with TVP PCC Matthew Barger on Saturday 8th March 2pm at Stoke Poges Village Hall. He also mentioned the PCC's Community Fund which had recently funded CCTV. The Chairman informed Cllr J Chhokar of the HGV limit that had been submitted to Bucks. It was suggested that it should also go to the Community Board Highways Action Group.

ACTION:

- *Forward HGV limit submission to Cllr Chhokar and the Community Board.* **Action: PV**

7. Community Matters:

ACTIONS carried forward from June 11th:

- *Draw up a specification for grass and hedge cutting in the village.* **Action: PV**
Volunteers: Cllr Bocock had indicated his intent to carry out more litter picks in Stoke Common Road and Fulmer Common Road in February and March. Details would be broadcast in the Weekly Briefing.

FSCA & KGFF: Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the progress of the developments at KGFF and the FSCA. She had included a proposal and accompanying quotation for the Council to agree to work being carried out on the hedging surrounding KGFF and the Allotments area which was in a very poor state. Whilst accepting that the work needed to be done the Council asked for two more comparative quotes to be obtained before making a decision.

The Chairman also informed the Council that the FSCA wanted the support of the Council in bringing some pressure to bear on GX&FFC to pay its subscription to the FSCA which was duly given.

ACTION:

- *Investigate whether GX&FFC were paying for the other locations where they played football regularly.* **Action: PV**



1st Gerrards Cross and Fulmer Scouts: The Scout Group had submitted a request for a grant of £950 for internal noise insulation for the Scout Hut which had been previously circulated to the Council. After a discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would discuss with the Scoutmaster their involvement in local volunteer initiatives, such as the litter picking and also explore other avenues such as Pinewood Studios for procurement of the soundproofing. It was also suggested that the Scouts would be eligible to apply to the Community Board and other local grant bodies such as the Mobbs memorial trust for funding.

ACTION carried forward from May 7th:

- *Investigate cherry tree planting and deer protective fencing for the tree.* **Action: PV**
St James Church Fulmer: Cllr Hall-Drinkwater reported a very successful Christmas for the Church with all services well attended.

8. Communications: Cllr Simkins had been contacted by a resident regarding the progress of the installation of high-speed Broadband in Fulmer. She would follow the request up with Lloyd Little at Bucks.

9. 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 Chairman had been asked to attend a presentation from Burnham Beeches aimed at forming a Land Partnership with local landowners with the intention of improving the whole area for wildlife. Unfortunately, as the invite was at very short notice, he had been unable to attend. However, the presentation and other materials were circulated and are in the Council DropBox. Another presentation was being scheduled for the new year.

The new Pinewood Studios 'drop-in' meetings, replacing the more formal Pinewood Liaison group meetings, were discussed and it was agreed the Chairman would endeavour to attend the first one.

10. 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 December 2024 which were accepted by the Parish Council. Copies of the Bank Reconciliation reports for each account are appended to these Minutes. The Council approved the following payments for January.

January Payments

FPC	Budgeted	
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (Jan)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	2577.97	Y
HMRC tax & NI	452.04	Y
Employers Pension contribution	52.41	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y

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Allotments water rates	19.00	Y
Rights of Way training course	40.00	Y

TOTAL 3349.96

FSCA

The Studio rates	81.47
The Studio electricity	109.91
The Clubhouse electricity	230.00
Water rates	39.78
Annual alarm monitoring fee	395.00

TOTAL 856.16

TOTAL 4206.12

ACTION carried forward from December 12th:

- Investigate the basis of the Tax Base for Fulmer.

Action: PV

11. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

Cllr Bocock had previously circulated his submission request for an HGV weight limit in Fulmer.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the new footbridge over the watersplash would be going ahead in late summer in the second financial quarter.

The Chairman and the new project manager at Fulmer Wood Farm had walked the corner of Fulmer Common Road and Black Park Road and highlighted the poor state of the ditches and the effect on the roads there.

12. Planning and Enforcement:

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

PL/24/3745/FA Hay Cottage, Hay Lane SL3 6HJ

Ground floor side extension, convert garage into habitable rooms, new ground floor side window and relocate rear kitchen window.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/24/3690/CONDA Church Farm and Joys Cottage, Windmill Road, SL3 6HD

Approval of conditions 2 (external materials) and 7 (ecology) of planning permission PL/23/0206/FA (Conversion of existing buildings to one and half storey residential dwelling, including demolition of some existing buildings and removal of hard standing. Erection of extensions incorporating single storey links between retained buildings and dormer extension. Retention of existing access road with associated parking and landscaping).

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

A question was asked if any permission was required to convert the Farm and coffee Shop at the Black Horse Pub into a Classic car Showroom?

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ACTION carried forward from December 12th:

- Establish with Bucks enforcement team whether permission for the change of use was required.

Action: PK

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

13. Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 20.00hrs.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 21:57 hrs.

Signed.....
D Brackin Chairman

Dated 11/2/25.....