

Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 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:	Mr S Chhokar (SC)	Buckinghamshire Council Councillor
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POLICE: Not present.

PRESS: Not present.

PUBLIC: There were no members of the public present.

1. Declarations of interest: Cllr Robinson declared an interest in the property Hunters Cottage.

2. Apologies: There were apologies from Buckinghamshire Cllr Jaspal Chhokar and Fulmer Parish Councillor Lorette du Toit.

3. Police Update: The following three notifications had been received from Thames Valley Police:

- TVP South Buckinghamshire Social Media Summary
- TVP Activity Summary
- Information about keyless car thefts and how to prevent them.

It was noted that Elections for the post of TVP Commissioner would be in May 2024.

4. Public Quarter Hour: There were no questions or issues raised for the PQH.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 6th February 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 that meeting.

6. Buckinghamshire Councillor's Report: Cllr S Chhokar started his report by informing the Council that Bucks Council's Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment Cllr Thomas Broome had met with the Thames Valley Police Crime Commissioner to point out that only 48% of burglaries in the TVP area were ever solved. In addition, the pony and trap racing on the A412 dual carriageway was still an issue and had been for months. Cllr S Chhokar urged everyone to respond to the current crime survey. Cllr S Chhokar reported on the Big Bucks Spring Clean was about to start and asked if Fulmer was considering taking part?



The Community Board had decided that Denham and Fulmer were to become early adopters for the Broadband project when it got started.

Cllr Chhokar reported that Bucks Council were making the Energy Doctor initiative more widely available.

Road repairs were now behind because of the recent heavy and prolonged rain. Bucks Council had allocated an extra £5million from its reserves for Highways repairs next year throughout the whole of the county.

Bucks Rural Grants programme had allocated £1.7 million for small rural businesses for the 2024/25 financial year.

Bucks had increased their portion of the Council Tax Council by 2.99%, the maximum allowed without a referendum, which equated to an extra £1.69 per week for a property valued in band D. Homes that had been empty for twelve months or more would be subject to additional taxation.

Bucks budget priorities for the forthcoming financial year were:

1. Highways £110 million, Footways £8.4 million
2. Housing and homelessness £1.26 million
3. Climate change measures and flood management £14.7 million
4. Town Centre regeneration £37.6 million
5. Making a property in High Wycombe owned by the Council and used to store archives into a Council help point.
6. Set up its own Children's homes using existing properties owned by the Council.
7. King George V House in Amersham to be sold off.

There was feedback from Fulmer Council on the imbalance of spending on town centre regeneration when fixing the roads was clearly a bigger priority and questions as to whether the budget for highway repairs was sufficient.

Cllr J Chhokar had previously sent in a report which had been circulated. He had attended the Communities and Localism Select Committee where the subject of Bucks country parks was discussed. Denham Country Park and Black Park are currently being run well with plans for a new indoor café at Black Park. Filming there is also picking up again which will result in an increase in revenues. Cllr J Chhokar asked if there were any questions for the country parks team?

Cllr J Chhokar had called in a planning application for a replacement dwelling where there was an agricultural building at Dukes Kiln Farm, Windsor Road. His view was that due to it being in Green Belt it was important it was properly examined at Planning Committee level. He had been contacted by both the objectors and applicant. IF Fulmer Parish Council wished to, they could have an opportunity to speak.

He was also pleased that Gerrards Cross Town Council had agreed to pay their full contribution requested by Fulmer for the maintenance and repairs to the allotments used by Gerrards Cross residents.

7. Highways Maintenance & Environment:

The agenda item commenced with despondent sentiments being expressed about the very sorry state of the roads in Fulmer: The water that was streaming down both sides of Windmill Road, the number of potholes and raised drain iron work was resulting in blown tyres on a regular basis. There had been an incident when a school bus could not get into Alderbourne Lane to get to the school and the children had to be unloaded at the entrance to the lane there by attracting abuse from drivers trying to get by. A resident had written to the Council asking for a barrier at the junction to protect the children walking around the corner. It was decided to register the area as a Speedwatch spot and investigate having a higher kerb. It was suggested that a 'dummy run' be carried out by the phone

box. The Chairman urged everyone to keep reporting the issues on FixMyStreet at least once a week.

ACTION:

- Register a new Speedwatch spot. **Action: IB**
- Talk to LAT re raising the kerb. **Action: PV**

The Council asked if there were any results for the new MVAS yet. The Clerk was waiting for the KGFF General Manager to return as it was a dangerous task for one person.

ACTION:

- Download data from the MVAS for Cllr Bocock. **Action: PV**
- Cllr Bocock reported he was working on a plan for grit bin locations.
Cllr Robinson reported she had a quote for the repair of the Beeches Way footpath.

ACTION:

- Circulate the Beeches Way repair quote. **Action: KR**

ACTION carried forward from 5th December:

- Forward details of the Speedwatch signs and purchase costs to the Clerk. **Action: IB**
- Once contractor in place liaise with Fulmer Rise Estate for the repair. **Action: PV**

8. Planning and Enforcement:

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

PL/24/0624/PNE

Fulmere, 18 Dukes Kiln Drive, Gerrards Cross SL9 7HD

Notification under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, Part 1 of Schedule 2 Class A for: single storey rear extension (depth extending from the original wall of 8.00 metres, maximum height 3.90 metres, eaves height 2.90 metres).

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/24/0626/FA

Fulmere, 18 Dukes Kiln Drive, Gerrards Cross SL9 7HD

Part two and part single storey side extension with pitched roof.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/24/0625/SA

Fulmere, 18 Dukes Kiln Drive, Gerrards Cross SL9 7HD

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed part two, part single storey rear and a single storey side extension.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/24/0285/SA

Fulmere, 18 Dukes Kiln Drive, Gerrards Cross SL9 7HD

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed ancillary outbuilding for swimming pool and gym.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/24/0445/FA

Woodland Court, Fulmer Rise, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JL

Erection of a two-storey detached house with basement, following the demolition of the existing house attached garage and leisure building.

The Council RESOLVED not to object.

PL/24/0429/FA

Penn Wood, Fulmer Rise, Fulmer Common Road SL3 6JL

Construction of a padel court, dog kennel and erection of children's play equipment (retrospective).

The Council RESOLVED to support the application.

PL/24/0382/PNAD

Alderbrook, Fulmer Lane, SL3 6JA

Prior notification under Class Q of Part 3, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 – Proposed change of use of an agricultural building to 1 residential dwelling with associated works.

The Council RESOLVED to investigate the claims made in the application of agricultural use and the buildings suitability for change to residential.

PL/24/0383/PNAD Alderbrook, Fulmer Lane, SL3 6JA

Prior notification under Class Q of Part 3, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 – Proposed change of use of an agricultural building to 2 residential dwellings with associated works.

The Council RESOLVED to investigate the claims made in the application of agricultural use and the buildings suitability for change to residential.

PL/24/0284/FA Dukes Kiln Farm, Windsor Road, Gerrards Cross

Demolition of an agricultural building, construction of three bed single storey dwellinghouse, and laying of hardstanding.

The Council RESOLVED to support Buckinghamshire Cllr J Chhokar's call-in request and object.

ACTION carried forward from 5th December:

- *Site visit to Small Acre.*

Action: KR, PV

There was a discussion about the recent visits to the activities in Rowley Lane and the resulting tests carried out the soil.

ACTION:

- *Forward environmental results and report to Wexham Parish Cllr Liz Earle and Bucks Council.*

Action: DB

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-csb.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>

or email: planning.csb@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

9. Community Matters:

FSCA & KGFF: Cllr Du Toit had previously circulated a report on the progress of the developments at KGFF and the FSCA. Of note the Community Board grant for the proposal to improve the access to King George's Fields had now been approved. Fulmer Family Fun Day would be held on Monday 6th May.

ACTION carried forward from 6th February:

- *Look into using volunteers for the Allotments hedging work.*

Action: DB

ACTION carried forward from January 9th:

- *Forward pictures of the entrance to local garden centre re signage to Cllr Du Toit.*

Action: PV

Allotments: The Clerk reported on her recent attendance at Gerrards Cross Town Council meeting and the positive outcome.

ACTION carried forward from 18th July:

- *Hold a meeting of the Allotments holders.*

Action: PV

Fulmer Conservation Volunteers: To support Bucks Big Spring Clean it was suggested a Litter Picking day be organised. In particular the Black Park parking bays on Fulmer Common Road.

ACTION:

- Ask Bucks Council again for litter bins in the parking bays and accompany the request with pictures of the litter. **Action: IB**

St James Church: Cllr Hall-Drinkwater drew the Council's attention to the forthcoming Mother's Day service at St James Church.

10. Communications: There had been no communications from residents requiring a response from the Council which had not already been dealt with.

ACTION carried forward from October 10th:

- Investigate plaque options for the refurbished Parish Noticeboard. **Action: PV**

ACTION carried forward from February 8th:

- Investigate which houses in Fulmer were not in the MailChimp database to find out whether they would like to be. **Action: PV**

11. 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 drew the Council's attention to the Community Board Boundary Review recently published by Bucks Council asking for the council's feedback by 28th March. A discussion ensued on the current boundaries and a new division of four boards, similar in footprint area to the old District Councils.

ACTION:

- Complete survey and then circulate to the Council before submission. **Action: PV**

The Clerk asked if the Council wanted to compete in this year's Bucks Best Kept Village competition. It was decided to do so and to have the Village Noticeboard refurbished. The Clerk reported she had been looking into having the village arms/insignia put on the notice board.

ACTION:

- Organise the refurbishment of the noticeboard. **Action: PV**

12. 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 February 2024 which were accepted by the Parish Council. Copies of the Bank Reconciliation reports for each account are appended to these Minutes.

March Payments

FPC		Budgeted
Mailchimp subs	14.94	Y
Street light maintenance (March)	33.60	Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	2307.33	Y
HMRC tax & NI	560.38	Y
Employers Pension contribution	51.49	Y
Payroll services	15.00	Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00	Y
Community Impact Buildings membership	70.00	Y
KGF Grant	750.00	Y



TOTAL 3947.74

FSCA

Water rates the Studio 21.96

SSE electricity The Clubhouse 901.98

The Studio rates 76.00

Fenton traffic management 1641.60

TOTAL 977.98

TOTAL 4925.72

The Clerk had also previously circulated the detailed budget allocations for the forthcoming financial year subject to some small changes once the current financial year had ended.

ACTION carried forward from 5th December:


Compare the new contract to the Clerk's existing contract and submit the review to the Chairman for his review.

Action: PV

13. Date of next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 20.00hrs.

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

Signed.....
D Brackin Chairman

Dated.....