

**Minutes of Fulmer Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 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 David Moore (DM)	BC Councillor Farnham Common & Burnham Beeches
POLICE:	Not present.	
PRESS:	Not present.	
PUBLIC:	There were two members of the public present.	

- 1. Declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
- 2. Apologies:** There were apologies from Buckinghamshire Cllr Santokh Chhokar.
- 3. Police Update:** All notifications received from Thames Valley Police, Local Neighbourhood Watch and Buckinghamshire Council Community Safety team were available in the Council DropBox. The Chairman had been in touch with the local PCSO regarding the new team covering Fulmer. A new Neighbourhood Supervisor had started, PC Kaitlyn Brooks. PC Henry Jonson would be joining her at the beginning of November. There was also a new Neighbourhood Sergeant PS Matthew Cumming starting at the end of November. PCSOs Sarak Churchward, Paul Dobbin and Paul Austin remained as part of the team. The Chairman had invited any of the team who could make it to the Fulmer Fireworks event on November 1<sup>st</sup>, as a uniformed presence was always welcome.
- 4. Public Quarter Hour:** There was two members of the public present. The first resident had sent correspondence to the Council which had been circulated of several road traffic accidents outside their house. The resident had been living in his house for over twenty-five years and during that time there had always been an issue with the drainage on the bend of Stoke Common Road where it became Pinewood Road and joined Alderbourne Lane and then Seven Hills Road. Sometimes the water stretched right across the road. They also noted that at this point in the road the National Speed limit was in force. There had been a record six crashes at this point so far this year. The outcome of which was the Royal Mail had refused to replace the Post Box on the corner although the post for the box was still there and the Police were refusing to attend any more. The Police had asked the resident if speeding or drinking was involved, however the resident didn't think they





were qualified to answer. Two years ago, eight Police Officers had attended and now it was none. The crashes were happening both day and night. A discussion followed as to what had changed and what could be done about it. The people who had crashed had all been young people but not necessarily working at the nearby Pinewood Studios. They had all claimed to have lost control. Suggestions included extending the speed limit from the past Pinewood Studio to the 40mph that started around the corner, install an Armco barrier on the corner, more visible signage, better white lining, and having a camera on the site to catch what was happening. It was noted that the LAT cleaned the drain in the road at this point on a regular basis. Cllr J Chhokar said he would contact the Bucks Council Highways Safety team to ask if they had any data for this area. It was thought that a Police operational team together with the Bucks Officers needed to reconnect with what was happening here. Cllr J Chhokar would also approach the network engineer. The Chairman said he would talk to Pinewood about a speed limit reduction. The Chairman also suggested reporting the old Post Box pole on FixMySteeet and he would ask for a meeting with the new Police Sergeant.

**ACTIONS:**

- *Discuss with Bucks Council Highways Safety team about improvements, asking for their data in this area as well and approach the network engineer* **Action: JC**
- *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 10<sup>th</sup> September 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 Bucks Council had registered their objections to the on the NPPF proposed changes consultation. The Chair reported Fulmer had too. Bucks Council had also registered its opposition to the scrapping of the pensioners winter fuel allowance for those not on benefits. He reported that the new Highways contractor was thought to be improving. Bucks Council was also becoming more vigilant on issuing penalty notices to utilities who over stayed and had doubled the numbers issued. He encouraged any reports to be reported using the Highways Emergency Numbers at Bucks Council. Cllr J Chhokar now sat on the Localism Committee and the safer Bucks Partnership. He noted that Fulmer now had built a good relationship with the Bucks Bin Collection team. He also noted that he was working with the LAT to make property owners understand their responsibilities in monitoring their ditches, trees and boundaries. Cllr J Chhokar asked for a summary of the Mosque incidents be sent to him for forwarding the sent to responsible Cabinet Member. With reference to the RTAs raised in PQH Cllr J Chhokar referred to recent evidence collected by a VAS sign on Fulmer Road Gerrards Cross which showed that the majority of drivers were travelling at under 30mph although there were some outliers.

**ACTION:**

- *Send list of complaints about the Mosque from residents to Cllr J Chhokar.* **Action: PV**



Buckinghamshire Cllr David Moore of Farnham Common and Burnham Beeches Ward introduced himself. With the forthcoming Local Election in May 2025 which would include the new boundary changes he was keen to get to know Fulmer.

#### **7. Highways Maintenance & Environment:**

It was noted that the battery in the MVAS on Fulmer Common Road needed changing again. The Chair asked if the KGFF General manager could help with changing the battery. It was also suggested that the location be changed and the data downloaded. The Chair asked about the cost of new MVASs and asked for pricing of two.

##### **ACTION:**

- *Produce pricing on two new MVAS signs.* **Action: PV**  
Regarding the recent reports of the overgrown Beeches Way footpath the Clerk reported she had written some time ago to both the neighbouring properties with no response. Cllr Du Toit committed to contacting the owners.

##### **ACTION:**

- *Send previous contact with Penn Wood to Cllr Du Toit and follow up on the intimidating animals report to the Bucks Footpaths team.* **Action: PV**

##### **ACTION carried forward from September 10th:**

- *Find out who the landowner is.* **Action: PV**  
Cllr Bocock reported he was planning a Volunteer Saturday for 26<sup>th</sup> October for litter picking, meeting at the Village Hall at 10.am.  
Speedwatch wanted some Lamp Post Signs to remind people of the speed limit.  
**The Council RESOLVED to approve the purchase of four 40mph and two 30mph lamp post signs at a total cost of £107.34.**

#### **8. Planning and Enforcement:**

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

**PL/24/2917/PNE**

**Rhode Cottage, Windsor Road SL9 8SW**

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 rear wall of 8.0 meters, maximum height 3.00 meters, eaves height 3.00 metres) 9 Act Retention of building for agricultural worker 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 Khanghura informed the meeting that he had been approached by residents of the Bridgettine Convent who were planning to replace the stone structure in their grounds which was becoming unsafe. They were looking to replace what was there with a similar structure.

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](mailto: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.

#### **9. Community Matters:**

##### **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.

**Action: IB**

##### **ACTION carried forward from May 7th:**

- Ask VH Committee for the code for the VH automatic gate.

**Action: PV**

The Chairman reported that he was due to meet with the Fulmer Infant School Chair of Governors at their request soon. Whilst he would be promoting the Fulmer Fireworks event to the School, he thought they wanted to discuss the closure of the parking facilities at the Black Horse.

- **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. This was discussed fully and it was decided to underwrite the events such that if there was a deficit one year then the next time the events were in profit the deficit would be paid off with the profits. Cllr Du Toit also asked if the TTRO for the Fireworks event could be chased up. The Chairman informed Cllr Du Toit that Linda McKenzie the Fulmer Fireworks organiser could call upon his administration manager for help if required. Cllr Du Toit reminded the Council that they need raffle prizes for the event.

Cllr Du Toit reported that the FSCA was organising a tree survey at KGFF and asked if the Council would like the trees on their land also inspected at the same time. It was agreed to do so.

Cllr Du Toit also reported that the KGF general manager and another Trustee were in discussions regarding the use of the kitchen at the Clubhouse for an outside catering company providing lunch to local school children whilst also providing a service to users of KGFF.

Finally, Cllr Du Toit reported that the FSCA had voted five to one for Fulmer Parish Council to become the sole Managing Trustee of KGFF in addition to being the Custodian Trustee.

##### **ACTION carried forward from May 7th:**

- Investigate cherry tree and deer protective fencing.

**Action: PV**

**10. Communications:** The Council had received correspondence from a local resident as to their concerns about the safety to drivers of a bollard in the road protecting the memorial bench in the village centre. These concerns had been raised with Bucks Council through FixMyStreet whose response was there was 'no danger'. The resident had asked to speak to someone else.

##### **ACTION:**

- Find a Bucks Officer with responsibility for street furniture for the resident to talk to.

**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 had attended a course about Allotments presented by the National Allotments Society in conjunction with BMKALC.

The Chairman was collating a survey of local councils issues for SBALC to approach Bucks Council with a co-ordinated request for more delivery of localism. He unfortunately was unable to attend the AGM but would be meeting with the Chairman of Denham PC soon. He also reported he was attending the Pinewood Studio Remembrance Ceremony as well as the Remembrance Service at St James and asked for wreaths to lay.

**The Council RESOLVED to approve the purchase of two wreaths, one for each event to be laid by the Chairman.**

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

### **October Payments**

<b>FPC</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>
Mailchimp subs	14.94 Y
Street light maintenance (Oct)	33.60 Y
Clerks salary, allowances & expenses	2559.62 Y
HMRC tax & NI	438.59 Y
Employers Pension contribution	51.23 Y
Payroll services	15.00 Y
Weekly Briefing	145.00 Y
Allotments water rates	13.32 Y
Annual playground inspection	108.30 Y
Landscaping for Access Project	946.00 Y
Gate Signs Access Project	228.00 Y
Pedestrian gate Access Project	474.00 Y
Installation of signs Access Project	360.00 Y
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5387.60</b>

### **FSCA**

The Studio rates	81.47
Work to tennis courts	6804.00
Electricity The Studio	82.03
Pitch maintenance	1263.56
Ground works Cess Pit & Septic Tank	3036.12

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TOTAL 11267.18

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The Clerk reported on the performance against budget at the half year which despite the expenditure on the Access Project at KGFF was roughly on track for the year with 53.4% spent and 46.2% of expected income received.

Cllr Khanghura asked that a budget be set aside for the purchase of some Christmas lights for the village. After discussion it was decided to investigate the purchase a Christmas Tree with light to be sited by the village entrance planter of Fulmer Road.

**ACTION:**

- Investigate outdoor lit Christmas Tree options.

**Action: PV**

**13. Date of next Meeting:**

The next Parish Council meeting to be held Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 20.00hrs.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 22:49 hrs.

Signed.....  
D Brackin Chairman

Dated..... 21/12/24 .....