



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in Dinton Village Hall, Dinton**

**Present:** Cllrs Usherwood (Chairman), Vane, O’Driscoll, Heath, Lamkin and Cottman  
K Gray (Clerk to the Council)

No Members of the Public      Cllrs Waite & Caffrey (Bucks Council)  
C Lambert (Bucks Herald)      M Dunton (Ford Village Society)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

To receive and accept apologies for absence notified to the Chairman or Clerk

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies for absence from Cllr Horn due to illness.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

To receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary declarations of interest

To grant any requests for pecuniary declaration dispensation as appropriate

- No declarations made and the Clerk granted dispensation to all councillors so they can agree the precept and budget for 2022-2023.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of 14/12/21 as a true record.

**4. Clerk’s Report**

To receive a report from the Clerk on matters dealt with and taking forward for the parish council. Nothing specific to report.

***RESOLVED: The Chairman to adjourn the meeting to receive questions from the public and receive any reports/questions from cllrs on matters relating to council business.***

**5. Questions from the public & any reports/questions from Councillors on matters not already listed on the agenda.**

- Cllr Caffrey (Bucks Council) gave an update on Bucks Council precept increase and also spoke about the proposed Community Board finances for 2022. Questions also arose on the state of the roads and the lack of maintenance works required on the Upton Road. There is no ditch at present on the up-hill side of the road. There may be a need to create a ditch to capture the up-hill run off water before it crosses the road. There is a ditch on the down-hill side of Upton Road but does not prevent run-off across the road. Cllr Caffrey offered to ask the Bucks CC Roads :Local Area Technician to visit the site to look at possible solutions.

- Cllr Waite (Bucks Council) gave an update on the two planning matters outstanding. Enforcement Officers have issued a Formal Notice in respect of 19/00304/CON3 (Ford Field, Main Road, Ford) and a meeting has been requested with officers to discuss the lack of enforcement concerning 15/0048/CON3 (Land between Hare Folly & Westlington Cottage, Gibraltar). He also spoke about the Helping Hand scheme as well as the Bernie Bus and food bank support.  
*Cllr Waite left the Council meeting at 7.50pm*
- C Lambert reported that the Upton Road was in a bad condition. She also raised concerns about the increase in traffic due to works carried out by Hs2 and the negative impact this is having on villages like Stone, Dinton and surrounding roads.
- Cllr Vane reported a concern about overgrown bridleway and Cllr Usherwood would consider speaking to the land owner.
- Cllr Usherwood asked the council for suggestions to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Thoughts centred on benches, trees as well as engaging with the Village Events Committee. Cllr Cottman is to speak to the Village Events Committee and find out if they have any plans. He will also enquire about a possible tea-party similar to the one held on Westllington Green. The jubilee will be celebrated over the weekend and additional bank holidays 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June.
- It was reported that the planning application for a solar wind farm in Ford had been refused whilst the application for wind farm in Bishopstone and Aston Sandford parishes were still to be considered.

***RESOLVED: The Chairman to re-convene the meeting under Standing Orders***

## **6. Finances and Orders for Payment**

RESOLVED: That the following orders and retrospective orders for payment presented by the RFO and/or Clerk be agreed and made:

• Crash-2000.com Ltd	Laptop maintenance	£150.00	101060
• T Heath	Reimbursement	£50.00	101061
• Heritage Fruit Tree Comp	Land survey	£479.40	101062
• D Smedley	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£75.00	101063
• EoN Next	Electricity / Field	£9.10	101064
• Dinton Village Hall	Meetings	£105.00	101065

RESOLVED: To receive, accept and agree, the monthly finance report as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 from the Finance Officer & RFO.

## **7. 2022 Precept and Budget**

Council to consider the setting of the precept and budget for 2022.

BC deadline for precept is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. Proposal that a Precept of £29,660 be set for 2022-2023.

RESOLVED: To set the precept at £29,660 and the Clerk to request this amount be collected by Buckinghamshire Council.

## **8. Community Orchard**

Cllr Heath to give the parish council a detailed plan on the proposed design, future management and maintenance of the community orchard. Decisions also need to be agreed on the initial works required for the orchard. Council to formally agree any proposed design, with changes, if necessary.

Council received a report from Cllr Heath with proposed costings.

RESOLVED: That the reimbursement of £50 be made to Cllr Heath and that the payment for a land survey of £479.40 be made to Heritage Fruit Tree Company. To agree the payment for the Orchard design of £395 and to discuss further proposals at the February meeting of the Council.

#### **9. Playground Refurbishment**

Cllr O'Driscoll to give an update on the proposed plans and funding for the playground. Description of the proposed works were given with the overall cost being £18,000.

Application for a community board grant of £16,000 has been made with a parish council contribution of £2,000.

RESOLVED: To agree with the proposed works, with the parish council contribution of £2,000. Once the community board grant has been agreed then the company is to be instructed to carry out the works as planned.

#### **10. Devolved Services**

To receive any reports, if available, and agree any specific actions in relation to devolved services.

The clerk reported that he will be signing the Devolved Services Agreement with the 3% increase by Bucks Council.

#### **11. Hs2 – Traffic Management**

Council to be made aware of current Hs2 plans for road works and future traffic relief road. Cllr Lamkin to give an update.

Cllr Lamkin reported that the police had been contacted for clarification on their responsibilities in enforcement of traffic speeds. He reported that the police would not be enforcing 20mph limits as they do not have the resources to do this. The 20mph limits that parish councils can request will not be paid for by Bucks Council and the procedures in place for any proposed changes are lengthy and expensive. Ford and Dinton roadways need looking at in terms of possible measures to be put in place to reduce traffic and make sure signage is cleaned. It was agreed that the best way to do this would be to set up a working group similar to the litter pick group.

RESOLVED: Cllr Lamkin to put together a list of proposals, and costings, for any works that need doing in relation to local road safety, maintenance and management.

#### **12. Roads & General Maintenance**

Any specific matters for discussion relating to road maintenance concerns raised with the County Council and other stakeholders.

As reported in the public section of the meeting, there are still concerns about the state of the roads especially Upton Road.

RESOLVED: Cllr Caffrey offered to raise the matter with officers at Bucks Council.

#### **13. Planning Enforcement**

Council to receive an update on the enforcement, by Buckinghamshire Council Planning Enforcement Officers, of specific planning breaches raised by the Parish Council.

##### **1. Ford Field, Main Road, Ford – 19/00304/CON3**

Enforcement Officers have issued a Formal Notice

##### **2. Land between Hare Folly & Westlington Cottage, Gibraltar 15/00448/CON3**

A meeting has been requested with officers to discuss the lack of enforcement.

#### **14. Planning Applications**

To receive, comment and to either object, support or oppose the following planning

applications:

To accept and consider late applications presented by the Clerk.

To note any applications (decisions made and to be made) delegated to Councillors.

- **21/04866/APP**

**Land Adj Rose Barn, Gibraltar, Dinton**

Demolition of an existing builders yard and its associated building, demolition of ancillary structures, erection of 2 dwellings and provision of landscaping and associated works.

RESOLVED: No Objection

The Parish Council has No Objection to 2 dwellings being built on this land as long as sufficient attention is given to the comments made by the Historic Conservation Officer as well as traffic concerns previously reported related to the A418. Increase in properties also increase traffic on this stretch of road which has seen a number of accidents.

- **21/04906/APP**

**Land off Owlswick Lane, Ford**

Demolition of class E(g) commercial building with replacement class E(g) commercial building with associated works.

RESOLVED: A site meeting to be arranged.

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_