



**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th July 2023
The Village Hall, Dinton**

Present: Cllrs O'Driscoll (Chairman), Vane, Lamkin & Heath
K Gray (Clerk to the Council)

3 Members of the Public

The Chairman opened the meeting by expressing appreciation to Martin Usherwood, who has resigned as a parish councillor due to ill health. Martin has been a member of the parish council for 11 years, many as Chairman, and has been highly supportive and committed to the best interests of the community and the parish council. He will be missed by those remaining on the parish council and each councillor, as well as the Clerk, expressed their immense gratitude to Martin for his support and time he spent as a parish councillor and his service to the community.

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 Cllrs White (prior commitment) and Cottman (prior commitment).

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 no dispensations requested.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting 13th June 2023 (Annual Meeting of the Council)

To accept and sign the minutes of 13th June 2023 as a true record.

RESOLVED: To receive, accept and sign the minutes of 13/6/23 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.

The Clerk had nothing to report and no questions were asked.

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.

- Member of the public who attended the meeting on 13/6/23 requested that the public part of the minutes be changed as she considered them to be inaccurate. She gave her reasons for the request and both the Chairman and councillors present stated that they were content with the minutes and considered them accurate and therefore approved without change as per agenda item 3.

- Cllr Lamkin commented on the reply to the Clerk from Thames Water, stating that their letter appeared to be a standard reply, which he considered disappointing. He also raised some concerns about Royal Mail delivery to his property and asked if anyone else was affected in the same way. He raised a concern about overgrown hedging and asked if landowners could be contacted to request that the hedges be cut so as not to negatively affect pavements and roads. The Clerk will put an article in the next Bigg Issue magazine and if there were any specific landowners that needed contacting, councillors were to give the clerk names and addresses so he could write to them.
- Cllr Vane raised concerns about the recent camping and use of the village field and village hall by the church group. The Chairman reported that he had had a conversation with Father Julian about these matters. It was requested, again, that the parish council had sight of the agreement that the Diocese has with the Romanian Church. It was agreed that the document would be shared with the parish council.

RESOLVED: The Chairman re-convened the meeting under Standing Orders

6. Finances and Orders for Payment

Agree orders and retrospective orders for payment presented by the RFO and/or Clerk.

RESOLVED: The following orders/payments were agreed:

• Aylesbury TC	Printing 100 club	£96.00	101187
• HMRC	Contributions	£1,000.03	101188
• MRA Garden Services	Grass Cutting	£1,185.00	101189
• Aylesbury TC	Bigg Issue printing	£192.00	101190
• Luke Powell	Reimbursement/Website	£19.20	101193

RESOLVED: To Receive, accept and agree, the monthly Finance Report from the Finance Officer/RFO copied to all parish councillors, along with the monthly Bank Statement.

7. Roads & General Maintenance

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

Nothing to report or add to the previous discussions had.

8. Parish Notice Board

To receive designs and costs and to consider the purchase of a suitable notice board for Upton. Cllr Lamkin to provide relevant information and propose a suitable design.

RESOLVED: That the current notice board be secured for continued use until such time as Cllr Lamkin can make a proposal to the council for a new notice board.

9. Planning Enforcement

To consider the issues and concerns around the enforcement needed from the Planning Department for specific planning applications

- Bigstrup Farm, Dinton
Conversion and restoration of redundant barns to create an Outreach Education Centre and Wedding Venue and alterations to Wychert and Byre Barn to provide self-catering accommodation.

RESOLVED: This item to be removed from the agenda until such time as the temporary event notices are used and there are further changes/decisions made in regards to this property/business.

10. 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.

- **23/01762/APP** **Rose Barn, Gibraltar, Dinton**
Erection of 2 dwellings with garages and associated works (part retrospective)
RESOLVED: No Objections

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____