



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

This meeting was held under the Covid-19 Regulations.

**Present:** Cllrs Usherwood (Chairman), Horn, Vane, O’Driscoll, Dunne, Gordon and Heath.

K Gray (Clerk to the Council)

No Members of the Public present

Cllr Mrs J Brandis (Bucks Council)

Mrs C Lambert (Bucks Herald)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

To receive and accept apologies for absence notified to the Chairman or Clerk  
All councillors present.

**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 or dispensations requested.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of 8/12/20 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 and all councillors copied into relevant emails and updates as per procedure and practice.

***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.**

- Chloe Lambert asked for details regarding the article in the Bigg Issue advising residents they could seek help if needed. She was advised to use the same wording in her newspaper article if she wishes to promote this. She also reported concerns about the state of the local roads (pot holes and other maintenance issues) that need addressing by Buckinghamshire Council. Culverts and ditches also need clearing out and litter continues to be a problem.

The Clerk reported that parish councils across the county were reporting higher levels of litter due to more people walking and exercising under the Covid-19 restrictions. There is also a higher level of fly-tipping reported.

- Cllr Mrs J Brandis asked for previous information sent to her regarding planning enforcement matters. This will be sent after the meeting. She reported that the May elections were still on course and that various messages and communications are regularly sent from BC to the community. Cllr Usherwood stated that there is still concerns over the procedures for covid vaccine procedures and being informed about receiving the vaccine. Preferred communication would be better received from the Chief Public Health Officer and not the local political leader, Cllr Martin Tett.
- Cllr Vane raised concerns over the high level of litter and that landowners should clear out the ditches so that water can flow easily.
- Cllr Horn reported that he and a resident has sent an application to Buckinghamshire Council for the registering/changing of some footpaths across the parish. This is in reference to the National Footpath Registration Scheme.
- Cllr Dunne raised concerns over excess litter as well as road repairs required.
- Cllr O'Driscoll reported on his discussion with the Local Area Technician (LAT) and also reported that a church had been burgled at Long Crendon and there was concern over the safety of Dinton Church. He also raised concerns of others over some land clearance in Dinton by the landowner who now has sheep on his land.
- Cllr Gordon raised concerns over the overgrow path on New Road and it needed clearing to be able to use it. There is still the concern of vehicles travelling too fast on New Road. A meeting of the Freight Steering Group has been arranged and this will no doubt also discuss the possible additional Hs2 lorries using the roads to get to their depot at Sedrup and Fairford Leys.
- Cllr Usherwood highlighted the role of the travel scheme to assist residents visit vaccine centres. Haddenham Patients Group and the Parish Council were arranging this for their community. The information will be shared in the Bucks Herald villages column by Chloe Lambert. Discussion took place on the levels of traffic using the Ford village roads, use of the MVAS machines and information on levels of speed sent to the local police. Cllr Horn reported that the MVAS work continues where they are able to do so under Covid-19 restrictions.

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

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

**RESOLVED:** To agree the following orders and retrospective orders for payment presented by the RFO and/or Clerk:

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| • EoN         | Utilities -Parish Field | £9.77  | 10075 |
| • S Carpenter | Postage Stamps          | £24.16 | 10078 |
| • D Smedley   | Bus Shelter Cleaning    | £75.00 | 10079 |

**RESOLVED:** To receive, and agree, the monthly finance report from the Finance Officer & RFO.

#### **7. Co-option of Councillor**

The Council has a seat remaining from a previous resignation. This seat was not filled under casual vacancy procedure at the time.

Council to consider an application from Mr T Heath (local resident) to be co-opted onto the parish council until the election on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, that Mr Terry Heath be co-opted onto the Parish Council with immediate affect. Mr Heath has signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and is therefore able to participate in the meeting.

#### **8. Community Led Plan**

To receive any updates on the plan from Cllr Dunne.

Nothing further to report.

#### **9. Devolved Services**

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

Nothing to report.

#### **10. Roads & General Maintenance**

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

As previously discussed, pot holes and general maintenance of roads remain a concern.

#### **11. Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP)**

Council to discuss the recent information on the VALP – specific changes which could impact on the parish.

The plan was discussed and there are some issues of concern over further building of homes in the parish area and neighbouring parishes. The consultation ends in February and councillors were asked to review the plan and let Cllr Usherwood know if they wished to send comments.

RESOLVED: Plan noted.

#### **12. 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.

Discussion took place on the concerns over planning enforcement on matters relating to the following properties:

1. Willow farm ,Ford 20/00261/C0N3
2. Ford field, Main Road, Ford - 19/00304/C0N3
3. Land between Hare Folly and Westlington Cottage, Gibraltar, 15/00448/C0N3
4. Shepherds Hut, Gibraltar - 20/00456/C0NB
5. Woodland East of the Spinney ,Ford - 20/00484/C0N3

### **13. 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.

- **20/04253/APP**

**Winter Cottage, School Lane, Dinton**

Erection of detached garage and office above

The Parish Council has No Objection to this application but requests that the planning officers confirm that the proposed design is in keeping with the designated conservation area and that the proposed size of the building adheres to the relevant planning regulations.

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

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