



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at Dinton Village Hall, Dinton**

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

3 Residents                      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

- All parish 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

- Cllr vane declared an interest in planning application 21/04253/APP.
- No dispensations requested.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 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 to report and no questions from councillors

***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.**

- Resident reported that the road through Upton was still in a bad state of repair. The clerk emphasised the need for residents to keep reporting these matters on Bucks Council’s Fix-my-Street system. Comments were also made about the current ward boundaries and the proposed changes for the parliamentary boundaries by the Boundaries Commission. The Clerk emphasised that members of the public needed to make their comments on these matters by visiting the GOV.uk website.
- Resident was in attendance to support his planning application and shared information with parish councillors on the specifics of the application.

- Resident was in attendance to support the application for a solar farm to be built on land he owns. He shared information with the parish councillors and councillors asked a number of questions in relation to the need for a solar farm, proposed security and lighting and a discussion took place on environmental and historical matters relating to the application and land.
- Resident raised concerns about a planning application on Homestead Close and said a number of residents were opposing this application. The parish councillors indicated they would request a site visit and then make their comments to the planning department.
- Resident raised concerns about the state of the roads in the parish. It was emphasised again, that everyone must report these concerns directly to Bucks Council on their Fix-my-Street system.
- Cllr Vane reported that concerns had been raised with her about the ownership of land with a footpath/bridleway through it and who is to keep it accessible for the public. She also reported that a lorry had damaged 3 posts installed by the parish council to keep vehicles off the grass verge near the school/church area. Pictures have been taken of the lorry with the company details. The clerk was asked to raise the matter of increased activity of lorries using the village roads and driving on the grass verges, to the local Bucks Council ward councillors and also ask if this was a matter that could be discussed/resolved by the Freight Strategy Team at Bucks Council.
- Cllr O'Driscoll reported on his discussions with the Local Area Technician about footpath repairs and the length of time it is taking due to the work being contracted out by Bucks Council.
- Cllr Heath raised concerns about the works being carried out on Dinton High Street and the temporary traffic lights installed. It appears that these cabling works will continue for some time but the parish council has not been informed about these works. He is still progressing with the proposal for the community orchard.
- Cllr Usherwood reported that the Village Hall Committee would be having its Annual General Meeting next week and all residents were welcome to attend. He spoke about the Haddenham Community Board and the dissatisfaction of parish councillors in the way it is managed and there is still a feeling of lack of engagement by the board with parish councils. The board has funds of £414,000 yet only £85,000 has been spent on projects not specific to the parish council areas. Next year the funding will be raised to £600,000. The parish council considers the board does not operate in a democratic manner and it is merely a platform for BC presentations and reporting on how well Bucks Council is doing, which many parish councillors do not agree with. He also spoke about the frustrations felt by the parish council on matters relating to the planning department and it would be helpful if Bucks Council communicated with the parish council on all changes to planning applications after we have seen the original application. It appears that changes are made, with discussion with the applicant, after we have commented on the application but the parish council is not further consulted on these changes.

***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

• MRA Garden Services	Grass Cutting (March, April, May, June)	£1,120.00	101010
• EoN	Parish Field Utilities	£9.77	101011
• Ramblers Association	Grant	£50.00	101012
• W H Lee	Playground repairs Replacement cheque	£66.42	101013
• K Gray	Easyspace	£34.96	101016
• J Horn	Reimbursement	£4.50	101017
• D Smedley	Bus Shelter Cleaning	£75.00	101018

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

## 7. Community Led Plan

To receive any updates on the plan.

RESOLVED: Councillors to note the information sent to them by email on the previous matters/meeting notes etc regarding the Community Led Plan.

## 8. Co-option of Councillors – 2 vacancies

To consider any applications for co-opted vacancies

- No applications received

## 9. Devolved Services

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

- No specific matters for discussion in relation to the Devolved Services Agreement works.
- Council were in agreement that Cllr Horn should discuss with MRA Garden Services if they could cut the whole of the grassed area near the stock as this would make it easier and cause less confusion to both Matt and ATC. Council agreed that they would probably have to increase the payment for additional grass cutting if required to do so.

## 10. Roads & General Maintenance

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

As per previous statements, the roads continue to be in a bad state of repair and this needs to be continually reported on the Bucks Council Fix-my-Street system.

## 11. Boundary Commission Review

Council to note the boundary review which will affect constituencies and council ward areas. To make any comments either as a council or individually to the Boundary Commission.

RESOLVED: Councillors were asked to visit the GOV.uk website and look at the map in relation to the proposed parliamentary boundary changes. The closing date for comments is 2/8/21. The Clerk will issue any information he has on this matter, although it appears it is all on the government website.

## 12. Spinney – Land

Council to consider the proposed works as highlighted in the report and decide relevant action to take.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk speak to South Bucks Tree Surgeons and ask them to carry out the works required on the Spinney, to agree a suitable date and how the works will be done in terms of closing the Spinney or sectioning off parts so that work can be safely carried out. The payment for this work will either come from part maintenance and reserves or fully from the councils reserves.

## 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/C0N3
2. Land between Hare Folly and Westlington Cottage, Gibraltar, 15/00448/C0N3
3. Shepherds Hut, Gibraltar - 20/00456/C0NB

The above matters continue to be a concern for the parish council and Bucks Council ward members are to be asked to continue raising the matter with planning officers. It was noted that Cllr Ashley Waite has already started to do this and we have an email from him detailing what actions have and will be done on the matter.

## 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.

- **21/02310/APP**      **Owlswick Road, Ford**  
Construction of a solar farm together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure.  
RESOLVED: Object/Oppose
- **21/02408/APP**      **Pond Cottage, East Springhill Farm, Cuddington Rd, Dinton**  
Demolition of side extension rear porch and studio construction of two storey side and rear extensions and internal alterations  
RESOLVED: No Objections
- **21/02552/APP**      **Homestead Farm, Homestead Close, Dinton**  
Loft conversion with rear dormer and detached double garage.  
RESOLVED: To arrange a site meeting and speak to the applicant due to the number of residents who are objecting to the application. Council will then send its comments to BC.

- **21/00500/APP**      **Old Coach House, New Road, Dinton**  
Amended application (not issued to the parish council for comment, but noticed on the BC planning portal. Proposed 2 garages instead of 4.  
RESOLVED: No Objection
- **21/02655/APP**      **Morland Cottage, Dinton**  
Increase in height of existing chimney, installation of flue liner for wood burner in chimney including new external terminal cowl, cutting of hole in external wall for mechanical extract ducting and grille, applying obscure film to existing window.  
RESOLVED: No Objection

*Cllr Vane took no part in the following decision relating to 21/04254.*

- **21/04254/APP**      **Winter Cottage, School Lane, Dinton**  
Erection of detached garage with office above.  
RESOLVED: To discuss further and send in comments by 10/8/21.

RESOLVED: Council noted that there will be no meeting scheduled for August and that all planning applications submitted to the council will be dealt with by email correspondence between all parish councillors and comments notified to Buckinghamshire Council Planning Department.

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm

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