



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th November, 2023
in the Village Hall, Dinton**

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

3 Members of the Public

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 and no dispensations requested.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting 10th October 2023

To accept and sign the minutes of 10/10/23 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 gave an update on evolved Services Agreement for 2024 and will attend a working group meeting to discuss the proposed agreement. Also reminded council to set the precept which a working group meeting will be arranged for a proposal to council.

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 referred to the A418 road markings which need re-painting. This road is dangerous and it is more difficult due to the road marking not visible enough. Also reported a damaged road drain. Raised concerns about vehicles being diverted on a number of occasions through Dinton village but end up using Boot Lane which is a no through road and then get stuck. A couple of bad incidents have taken place because of this. Clearer signage is needed to show this as a “No Through Road”. Resident to pass on this information via email with specific details where able to do so and the Clerk will raise with various stakeholders and Cllr O’Driscoll also report these matters on the Bucks Council Fix-my-street system.
- Resident raised the fact that Stone and Bishopstone had changed its meeting to the same night as Dinton with Ford & Upton PC meeting and she cannot attend both meetings. Speed on the A418 is also dangerous.

- Resident spoke on his planning application appeal.
- Cllr Lamkin spoke on the difficulties surrounding the proposed A418 closure by Stone due to Hs2 works from 17th November to 20th November 2023.
- Cllr Vane asked for Bigg Issue articles and also raised concerns about the school bus. The clerk was asked to write to Z&S Transport and raise the concerns of the bus engine being left on and the fumes causing problems.
- Cllr Cottman reported on the successful village hall event raising funds for the village hall.
- Cllr White requested that additional road closure signs be available for next year's Remembrance Sunday service – the clerk advised this was possible. Reminder to be made when arranging 2024 service. He also suggested that a further amount of money from the main council's account be transferred to the savings account – this will be considered at the precept/budget working group and formally approved at the December meeting.
- Cllr O'Driscoll proposed that the working group meeting to discuss the precept and budget for 2024/2025 be on Tuesday 21st November at 6.30pm, Dinton Village Hall.

RESOLVED: The Chairman to re-convene 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.

• PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit	£252.00	101209
• MRA Garden Services	Grass Cutting	£1,580.00	101210
• J Welland	Installation/Notice Board	£50.00	101211
• Cheque destroyed			101212
• HMRC	Contributions	£1,069.20	101213
• D Cole	Internal Audit	£53.63	101214
• Tomaz Kudzin	Playground Maintenance	£75.00	101215
• T Sadler	Notice Board/Bench/Ford	£38.00	101216
• Fairford Leys Centre	RS Wreaths	£39.98	101219
• K Gray	SLCC Professional fee	£140.00	101220
• Cllr O'Driscoll	Reimbursement/Bugler fee	£150.00	101221

RESOLVED: To Receive, accept and agree, the monthly Finance Report as at 29th October from the Finance Officer/RFO.

7. AGAR – External Auditor Report

Council to receive and accept the External Auditors Report – AGAR 2022/2023

Copied to all councillors.

RESOLVED: To receive, accept and agree the 2022/2023 AGAR notice and sign-off from the External Auditors LFK Littlejohn.

8. Roads & General Maintenance

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

Road conditions remain the same with pot holes needing to be repaired. The reported damaged drain may well be the responsibility of Thames Water, but Cllr O'Driscoll will report it on the Fix-my-street system.

9. “Dead Slow” Safety Signage

Proposal that the Council agrees to purchase signage, as previously discussed, and proposed. Details copied to councillors. 10 signs, total cost £185.

RESOLVED: To purchase 10 signs at £185 for installing on roads in Ford Village.

10. 20mph Limit Request

Cllr Vane requests the council to consider approaching Buckinghamshire Council highways for a 20mph limit at the school drop off times. Consideration on highways department's process for 20mph limit requests and the costs for applications to be considered. Consideration for current Buckinghamshire Council policy on 20mph requests.

RESOLVED: Further discussion to be had with the Local Area Technician about the possibility of permanent 20mph signs near the school.

11. 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.

- **23/03116/APP** **Westlington Manor, Oxford Road, Dinton**
Householder application for erection of garden building
RESOLVED: No Objections

- **22/04151/APP** **Ref: APP/J0405/W/23/3323959**
Bucks Council Ref: 22/04151/APP
Appeal by Mr Henry Eccles
Site Address: Pond Cottage, Cuddington Road, Dinton,
Buckinghamshire, HP18 0AD
RESOLVED: That the Clerk write a letter of support to the
planning inspectorate and highlight the concerns of
"Collective Memory".

- **23/00368/** **Request for street name suggestion**
NEWDEV
New housing in Dinton
That the Parish Council consider the request that the new
housing in Dinton be known as Brogan Place.
RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the street name for the new
development of housing be known as Brogan Place.

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____