



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
Village Hall, Dinton**

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

3 Members of the Public in attendance

**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 the Clerk granted dispensations to all councillors in order that the precept and budget be set for 2024-2025.

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

To accept and sign the minutes as a true record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 be received, accepted and signed 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.**

- Cllr Cottman reminded council that there would be Community Events Team cheese and wine event on 24/2/24 to raise funds.
- Cllr Lamkin raised concerns of trees, on private land, alongside the roads which could cause damage if branches fall off, which some look like they may. Advice was given that the landowner should be made aware of the concerns as well as the landowner being responsible for relevant maintenance of the land and trees.
- Cllr White reported that an article in the Bucks Free Press referred to a lorry free zone and concerns the area between the A41 and the A418 to the West of Aylesbury that includes the villages of Cuddington and Chearsley.
- Resident asked for an update on the solar farm application.

***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.

RESOLVED: That the following orders and retrospective orders for payment be approved:

• Dinton Village Hall	Hall Hire	£95.00	101229
• Cllr T Heath	Stimmer Fuel	£31.43	101230
• Cllr T Heath	Strimmer Purchase	£199.99	101231

To Receive, accept and agree, the monthly Finance Report from the Finance Officer.

Bank Statement copied to all councillors and finance report will be presented in February.

## **7. Precept & Budget Setting 2024/2025**

Council to agree the budget and set the precept for 2024-2025.

It was proposed by the Council's Precept Working Group that the precept be set at

£34,730.00 and having been put to the vote with 6 For and 1 Abstention it was

RESOLVED: That the 2024/2025 precept be set at £34,730.00 and the Clerk instructed to inform Buckinghamshire Council to collect this amount. It was also RESOLVED: That the annual budget categories list for 2024/2025 be agreed as presented to Council.

## **8. Community Led Plan**

Council to discuss the Community Led Plan.

Cllr O'Driscoll presented the changes made in the Community Led Plan and after discussion it was RESOLVED: that further changes will be made to show updates and works carried out on the action plan. The plan will be placed on the council's website.

## **9. Biodiversity Duty – Policy and Plan**

The Council to ensure its responsibilities in regards to the Biodiversity Duty.

To agree the Parish Biodiversity Policy/Plan. Proposed plan copied to all councillors.

As advised by BMKALC Town and Parish Councils have a duty to consider within our powers, what actions and policies we put in place to consider biodiversity.

Many councils have already taken steps and this consideration is now a foundation block of all activities. There is a legal obligation for certain steps to be put in place.

Council received a model template policy, which is not a definitive policy but a good starting point to work from.

Discussion took place on the type of works, such as the parish orchard, parish field and Spinney, already in place which would be considered in a plan.

Having been put to the vote, with 6 For and 1 Abstention it was:

RESOLVED: That the parish council receive and accept the template as a starting point and then build on the plan/policy showing evidence already in place. This policy will then be reviewed along with all parish council policies annually at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

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

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

Discussion centred on 20mph limits for roads as well as discussions with the Local Area Technician (LAT) on matters of concern that have still to be resolved. The Clerk advised that information be sent to him and he will raise the concerns with senior Highway Dept officers and the LAT to see what can be done to resolve the issues of concern.

Cllr O'Driscoll will send information to the Clerk.

## **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.

**24/00027/APP**

### **1 Cuddington Road, Road**

Householder application for erection of single storey side/rear extension, garage to front and loft conversion with dormers to the front and skylight.

RESOLVED: Whilst the parish council has no objections to the overall proposals for this property, we are concerned about the proposed garage which will reduce parking space at the front of the property and also take up a great deal of space at the front of the property. We request that officers consider this before considering approval.

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.17pm

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