



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm
on Tuesday 10th January 2023 in the Village Hall, Dinton**

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

2 Residents Cllr A Waite (Buckinghamshire Council)
C Lambert (Bucks Herald) Cllr M Caffrey (Buckinghamshire Council)

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 Cottman (prior commitment) and Lamkin (illness).

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 December 2022

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of 13/12/22 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 Mick Caffrey (BC) gave updates on the following:
Bucks Council will increase its council tax by 4.75% which will be confirmed by Bucks Council on 23/2/23. There is some stress on the council in terms of overall services.
Advised parish council it would be good to do a Local Plan. Parish councillors explained their reasons for not previously doing a plan.
- Cllr Ashley Waite (BC) gave updates on the following:
Bucks Council assets/estate to have a new strategy in order to save money and some staff will be moved from current offices to new ones. The Community Board meets in February and has spent the majority of its funding on local projects (more so than other boards have done across the county). Pride of

Bucks awards are due and nominations requested. Judging panel to be decided and if parish councillors would like to volunteer to contact Cllr Waite. Concerns over road repairs must be put onto the BC Fix-my-street system and Bucks Council are reviewing the processes for granting various licences for road/utility works requested from companies. Hs2 information shared on road closures on the A41 and A418.

- Chloe Lambert raised concerns about the temporary traffic lights at the Bugle Horn and how they are causing problems and dangerous to vehicles as placed on the bend and no prior warning to drivers that they are in place. She also raised concerns over speeding on the A418 as well as the works required to remove the ugly tree stump left by BC workers when carrying out tree works in the area.
- Ford resident raised concerns about the planning department and a specific planning application due for comment.
- Cllr White reported that he had contacted Bucks Council in regards to traffic calming measures but had received no response as yet.
- Cllr Heath was concerned about the damage to the grass verge on Westlington Green. We are awaiting materials before any work can be done.
- Cllr Usherwood raised concerns about planning application decisions being delayed. School parking continues to be a problem and asked that the school be contacted to remind parents to park sensibly.
- Cllr Vane reported that the stocks were deteriorating and need repairing. She also said they could be dangerous to children as they climb on them. The Clerk advised that they should be made safe as soon as possible, or fenced off until they were, if there are concerns about safety. Cllrs White, Heath and O'Driscoll would visit the site and give some feedback as to the level of repairs needed and make sure the area is safe.
- Cllr O'Driscoll reported that Cllr Lamkin raised concerns over the Upton Notice Board. This would be looked at with a view to either replace or repair.

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 be paid:

- Dinton Village Hall Meeting Room Hire £105.00 101161

RESOLVED: To Receive, accept and agree, the monthly Finance Report from the Finance Officer/RFO.

7. Roads & General Maintenance

Any specific matters for discussion relating to road maintenance concerns raised with the County Council and other stakeholders. Concerns still raised over lack of road maintenance and significant amount of pot holes.

8. Callie's Solar Farm – Judicial Review

The parish council is asked to give support, where able to do so, to Mr Simon Hope, and others, in their application for a Judicial Review on the decisions made to permit a solar farm within the parish.

RESOLVED: No further action, as no additional information has been received from Mr Hope.

9. Settlement Review – Local Plan for Buckinghamshire

Buckinghamshire Council is conducting a Settlement Review of all Towns and Parishes within the Council area. This review will form part of the evidence base for the Local Plan for Buckinghamshire and has been split into two parts.

Part one: review of the services and facilities, and Part two: general feedback.

Parish Council to consider the correspondence and review the data from the BC desk-based audit and confirm whether this information is correct, or if BC need to adjust anything.

To provide any additional information as requested.

Part Two:

It would also be useful if you could answer the following questions:

1. Does your Town/ Parish have any issues that the Local Plan might help to solve? E.g., road junction capacity, bus services, school places or localised flooding.
2. What would you most like to preserve or improve about your Town/ Parish? E.g., local green space, historic character, local shops and services. We are also still interested to hear about any sites that we might have missed in the Call for Sites engagement exercises.
3. What are your aspirations for your Town/Parish over the next 20 years?
4. If you have not already done so, do you aspire to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan? If so, what are your reasons for doing so, or not doing so?

The deadline for response is 28 February 2023.

RESOLVED: To be put on the February agenda for any comments to be made.

10. 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.

No changes or updates.

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.

- **22/03881/APP** **Westlington Farm**
22/03882/ALB Conversion of garage to residential dwelling

with associated landscaping and access.
RESOLVED: No Objection

- **23/0037/VRC**

Rose Barn, Gibraltar, Dinton

Variation of Condition 3 (no enlargement to the dwelling can be made without express permission authorised by the approval). 5 (Parking and manoeuvring scheme) and 10 (Approved drawings) attached to planning permission 21/04866/APP (Demolition of annexing builders yard and its associated building, demolition of ancillary structures, erection of 2 dwellings and provision of landscaping and associated works) to change submitted plans and parking arrangement for plot 2 to include a single garage with attractive parapet/coping roof.

RESOLVED: No Objection

- **22/04240/APP**

The Spiney, Burgess Land, Ford

Householder application for conversion of existing garage into ancillary residential accommodation.

RESOLVED: Application has not been sent to the parish council. The clerk is to contact BC Planning Department and ask for the required notification. Councillors to review and make comment, contacting the clerk to action.

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____