



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.50pm on
Tuesday 11th April 2023 in Dinton Village Hall**

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

10 residents C Lambert (Bucks Herald)

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and accept apologies for absence notified to the Chairman or Clerk

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies from Cllrs Lamkin (prior commitment) and White (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 14th March 2023

RESOLVED: To receive, accept and sign the minutes of 14/3/23 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. No reports given and no questions asked.

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 Heath reported that a number of residents have positively commented on the recent works carried out on Westlington Green. Some raised concerns over parking and it was made clear that we have restored the verge to its original size, not extended it. All councillors are pleased with the works.
- Cllr Cottman updated the council on the plan for a Dinton Village Hall 100 Club Scheme and the clerk was asked to print the application form.
- Cllr Usherwood expressed concerns over the continued state of the roads into the village and across the parish. He raised the recent request for parish council workshops from the community board and the Chairman has replied and said the parish council is happy to attend and also host. Spoke about the cycleway proposal and the parish council has not changed its stance in that it prefers that any cycleway is put next to the A418 as this is the easiest way to cycle from Haddenham to Aylesbury.
- C Lambert thanked the parish council for their work over the last 12 months.

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

6. Finances and Orders for Payment

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

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| • Impact Signs | Playground signs | £26.45 | 101171 |
| • Dinton Village Hall | Hall hire | £45.00 | 101172 |

RESOLVED: To Receive, accept and agree, the monthly Finance Report from the Finance Officer/RFO – Bank, Cash & Investment Reconciliation as at 31st March 2023

7. Roads & General Maintenance

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

No recent reports/updates but the roads are still not in a suitable state.

8. Parish Notice Board

To receive designs and costs and to consider the purchase of a suitable notice board for Upton.

RESOLVED: That this agenda item be adjourned to the May meeting of the Council.

9. 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 updates or changes.

10. Coronation – King Charles III

Council to receive any updates and consider grant funding for any proposed events, arranged by the Community Events Team or others in the parish.

To consider the grant request from Sue Unwin and the organisers of a coronation event in Upton.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £150 be paid to the volunteers from Upton who will be arranging a Coronation event.

RESOLVED: Agreed in principle until further information was gathered and a decision made, to pay up to £2,000 for Coronation mugs. One mug to be given to each household within the Parish of Dinton with Ford & Upton. Cllr Heath to investigate further and pass on information to the Council for a final decision on whether to proceed with this proposal.

11. Picture of King Charles III

Council to consider the purchase of a picture to hang in the Village Hall.

Clerk to provide some details of costs and suitable picture.

RESOLVED: To consider further, and let the Clerk know if the Council wishes to proceed.

12. 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.

- **23/00844/APP** **Plumtree Cottage, Westlington Lane, Dinton**
Householder application for addition of a double open fronted carport to the existing parking areas with electric charging facilities and storage shed behind.
RESOLVED: Objects/Opposes this application due to proposed height of the roof, which will negatively affect the overall street scene. If the roof is lowered by 1 meter then the parish council will rescind its objection and offer No Objections.

- **23/00882/APP** **Whispers, Upton Road, Dinton**
Householder application for replacement summerhouse.
RESOLVED: Unable to fully comment due to the lack of clarification of the proposed height of the Summerhouse as well as the possible negative impact the roof height will have on neighbouring properties and the possible removal of the fully grown silver birch tree.
Please provide information on the proposed roof height and impact this may have on neighbouring properties. Please inform us if the silver birch tree will need to be cut down.

- **23/01074/AGN** **The Spinney, Burgess Lane, Ford**
Erection of portal steel framed agricultural storage building.
RESOLVED: No Objection

- **23/01097/VRC** **Pond Cottage, East Springhill Farm, Cuddington**
Variation of Conditions 5 (wording) attached to planning permission 21/02408/APP (Demolition of side extensions, rear porch and studio construction of two-storey side and rear extensions and internal alterations).
RESOLVED: Unable to make comment until clarification received from either the applicant or Bucks Council Planning Department.
Clarification on variation of condition 5 received on 12th April and the Parish Council has No Objections to this application. Planning Department notified.

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____