



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on
Tuesday 12th December 2023 in the Village Hall, Dinton**

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

7 Members of the Public

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.
- The Clerk granted dispensations to all councillors to enable the precept and budget to be set for 2024/2025. This dispensation continues until such time as the precept has been agreed and the Clerk instructed to inform Buckinghamshire Council to collect the agreed precept amount.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting 14th November 2023

To accept and sign the minutes as a true record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of 14th November 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.

The Clerk informed council that he had accepted two gifts to the parish council.

A picture of Dinton from the grandson of previous residents of the parish and the original Women’s Institute (Dinton Branch) banner. These items will be displayed in the village hall. The parish councillors thanked the donors for these items.

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 on a matter relating to a footpath and a discussion with the landowner concerning better access.
- Cllr Cottman reported on the work of the Community Events Team (CET) and money raised for charities as well as for the village hall. Further events and fund raising is planned.
- Cllr Vane reported concerns, again, on the number of vehicles leaving engines running while they wait at the school. The buses are worse and emit strong fumes which is affecting residents living nearby. The Clerk asked for further details of

the vehicles so these can be reported to the companies as well as Buckinghamshire Council who now have an environmental policy on these matters.

- Cllr Lamkin highlighted the road closures, at short notice, by Hs2 and the effect this has on those using these particular roads.
- Cllr Robinson raised the matter of the need for 20mph speed changes for the village roads.
- Cllr White reported that he would be representing the parish council, to object, at the planning hearing for Callies Solar Farm.
- Resident thanked the parish council for the work they have done over the year. Concerns were raised about the naming of the land area for the recent housing in Dinton. It was felt that the community should have had the chance to propose names rather than the parish council making the decision without consulting residents. Both the Chairman and the Clerk explained the process of both planning consultation as well as parish council procedures.
- Resident wished the parish council to note that he supported their decision in the naming of the new housing and considered it appropriate.
- Two Residents also raised the matter of preferred consultation with the community on naming new roads in Dinton.
- Resident thanked cllrs for their work in the parish and raised concerns about speeding traffic and asked that the parish council support and assertively request that the speed limit be changed to 20mph. The Chairman explained the previous communications with Buckinghamshire Council Members and Highway officers as well as specific support for a county wide request for 20mph limits. It was noted that Buckinghamshire Council Leader, Martin Tett has made public that no 20mph limits will be made and they will not be enforced. It was also noted that the significant cost of consultation for proposed 20mph limits being around £10,000 with no evidence to support these being implemented after consultation and especially on press releases and statements made by Cllr Martin Tett. Both the parish council and residents found it disappointing and undemocratic when councils in neighbouring counties were changing speed limits to 20mph based on the same concerns being raised in Buckinghamshire.

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 payments be authorised.

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| • MRA Garden Services | Grass cutting | £395.00 | 101222 |
| • J Welland | Tree Waste /Hedging | £175.00 | 101225 |
| • Aylesbury Town Council | Devolved Services | £3,482.00 | 101226 |

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

RESOLVED: To receive and accept the finance report, cash and investment reconciliation as at 29th November 2023.

RESOLVED: To accept and support the new Cost Centre Report as presented detailing receipts and payments by budget headings.

6.b To consider the proposal to move a sum of money, to be decided, from the council's general account to the council's savings account.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, that £20,000 be transferred to the Savings Account.

The Clerk was instructed to transfer the above amount.

Precept & Budget Setting 2024/2025

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

Proposal that the Precept be set at £32,730.00

RESOLVED: To adjourn this decision until a further working group meeting has taken place in order to consider the financial support required by the Village Hall Management Committee and any future financial support for the village hall property that would need to be incorporated into the precept and budget for 2024-2025.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to issue dates of availability for the working group to meet and to agree a precept proposal for the 9th January 2024 meeting of the Council for formal decision.

7. Community Led Plan

Council to discuss the Community Led Plan.

RESOLVED: That the Community Led Plan be circulated to councillors so that the actions in the plan can be moved forward.

RESOLVED: The parish council to consider how this will be done and the actions from the plan taken forward.

8. Roads & General Maintenance

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

Cllr Lamkin had no specific report to make except to continually make clear to all residents that it was important to report all matters individually on the Buckinghamshire Council Fix-my-Street system.

9. 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.

- **23/03282/APP** **Wootton Farmhouse, High Street, Dinton**
Householder application for internal and external alterations incorporating alterations to ground and first floor fenestration, raising of internal floor level in existing extension with reconfiguration of walls and ceilings to create new internal layout. Removal of stone arch and new paving
RESOLVED: The parish council was informed that this application has been withdrawn.

- **23/03283/ALB** **Wootton Farmhouse, High Street, Dinton**
Listed Building application for internal and external alterations incorporating alterations to ground and first floor fenestration, raising of internal floor level in existing extension with reconfiguration of walls and ceilings to create new internal layout. Removal of stone arch and new paving
RESOLVED: The parish council has been informed that this application has been withdrawn.

- **23/03411/APP** **The Hovel, Gibraltar, Dinton**
Householder application for side entrance porch.
RESOLVED: The parish council has been informed that this application has been withdrawn.

- **23/03594/APP** **Meadow Way, New Road, Dinton**
Householder application for replacement of a 1.2x3m(HxW)

5 bar gate with a 1.8x3 (HxW) high electric gate.

RESOLVED: Object/Oppose for the following reasons:

1. The design of the proposed gate is not in keeping with the street scene, neighbourhood and surrounding properties.
2. The height of the proposed gate is far too high and will have a negative impact on the street scene and surrounding properties.
3. This type of gate is more in keeping with a property in a more built up area not a small country village.
4. It would stand out, and draw attention to the property, in a negative way as there is no need for a gate of this design, This type of gate is more in keeping with a property in a more built up area not a small country village. and height in this village.

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____