



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm
on Tuesday 12th March 2024 in the Village Hall, Dinton**

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

3 Members of the Public

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 (family commitment).

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 February 2024

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of 13/2/24 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 reported that grass cutting season has started.

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 Vane reported that there were a significant number of mole hills appearing on the green near the stocks. She also reported the concerns of grass verge damage due to the number of vehicles parked outside the Church and all the way down to the entrance gates of Dinton Hall. She asked if posts could be installed along this whole stretch of road to stop parking on the grass verge.
- Cllr O’Driscoll reported that the Romanian Church wished to use the parish field for parking – approx. 60 cars. The Clerk advised the Council to make sure that the Church understood the arrangements in place for using the parish field. The Chairman will correspond with Fr Julien to ensure compliance with the councils policy for the hire/use of the field for parking.
- Resident raised the matter of speeding along A418 and asked whether anything could be done.

Two residents raised the matter of vehicles being parked at the end of the road adjacent to Westlington Green. This area is used as a turning point and when vehicles are parked it causes visitors and residents to have to reverse the whole length of the road rather than safely turn at the top (where gate is). Discussion took

place on the merits of a sign being installed. The parish council were unable to support or authorise a sign unless relevant consideration for installation was available in a conservation area. This road is also a public highway and not a designated turning point.

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: To authorise the payment of the following listed amounts:

• HMRC	Contributions (Jan/Feb/March)	£1,597.13	101237
• Bucks Council	Dog Bin Waste	£420.62	101238

RESOLVED: To Receive, accept and agree, the monthly Finance Report from the Finance Officer as at 30/1/24.

7. Roads & General Maintenance

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

No changes although it was noted that a number of pot holes had been identified with white paint.

8. Land in front of Dinton Hall

Discussion on the maintenance of the grass verge and land area in front of Dinton Hall.

This land is maintained by the parish council and the trees planted are the property of the parish council. Concerns have been raised about the continued damage to the grass verge due to vehicle parking which is becoming a problem as more vehicles park in that area leading from the church right down to the gates of the hall.

Lengthy discussion took place on the concerns about the constant damage to grass verges outside the Church and Dinton Hall. Various proposals were made and it was

RESOLVED: That the Clerk speak to Steve Webb and obtain advice and possible costs for installing a mesh grid to allow grass to grow through whilst making it easier for cars to park without damaging the grass verges.

9. Devolved Services Agreement 2024-2025

Councillors have been copied into the proposed Devolved Services Agreement (DSA).

Funding from Bucks Council to the Parish Council is £3,568.8.

Aylesbury Town Council is the current “Cluster Lead” for Dinton with Ford & Upton Parish Council and is responsible for the required works as listed in the agreement.

- Council to agree and sign the Devolved Services Agreement between Buckinghamshire Council and Dinton with Ford & Upton Parish Council.
- Council to formally agree to continue the current arrangements with Aylesbury Town Council as the Cluster Lead for the required works as stated in the DSA.
- Council to formally agree the transfer of £3,568.81 to Aylesbury Town Council.
- The Clerk to the Parish Council to continue managing the DSA for and on behalf of Dinton with Ford & Upton Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the Devolved Services Agreement be accepted and signed and to continue the cluster arrangement with Aylesbury Town Council and the Clerk to continue the management of the agreement.

10. 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.

- **24/00564/CPE** **3 Little London, Main Road, Ford**
Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use for single storey rear extension.
RESOLVED: No Objection

- **24/00624/APP** **Holly House, Upton Road, Dinton**
Householder application for single storey front porch and single storey rear extensions. Conversion of integrated garage to living space. Replace the front hipped roof line to a gable. New configuration of openings to the front elevation and render and cladding to all existing brickwork.
RESOLVED: No Objection

- **24/00664/APP** **Stocks, Boot Lane, Dinton**
Householder application for a rear gazebo
RESOLVED: No Objection

- **24/00719/AGN** **Chiltern View Barn, Water Lane, Ford**
Erection of agricultural storage shed for the storage of tractors, a 4x4, flail, hedge cutter, quad bike, spare parts, general farm workshop and feed.
RESOLVED: No Objection

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____