



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on
Tuesday 13th December, 2022 in the Village Hall, Dinton**

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

1 Resident C Lambert (Bucks Herald)
M Dunton (FVS) sent apologies

1. Apologies for Absence

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

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance from Cllr 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

- Dispensation granted to all parish councillors so they can set the 2023/2024 Precept.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting 8th November 2022

To accept and sign the minutes of 8/11/22 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 Vane raised concerns about the continued damage to the grass verge outside the Church due to regular parking of vehicles.
- Cllr Usherwood reported that the works required for the Fire Engine Shed had not been started and he was asked to progress chase this matter. He also raised concerns that Boot Lane was still not repaired as promised by the Local Area Technician (LAT). The latest report is that the LAT will visit the area again and see if any temporary works can be done.
- Cllr Heath reported some concerns over the footpath/bridleway in the parish which the local hunt had accessed and were challenged by local residents.
- Cllr O’Driscoll reported that brambles were impinging on the parking area in Upton, which the parish council had looked into. The hedging is on private land and Cllr Lamkin was initially asked to contact the landowner to request

that the hedge be cut lower and tidied up. The other option is for the parish council to request permission from the landowner for works to be carried out on this hedge and paid for by the parish council. The brambles that are impinging on the grass verge and parking area can be removed by the Devolved Services team and the Clerk will request they do so to enable easier access to the parking area. Cllr O’Driscoll also reported the request from Cllr Lamkin that an additional grit bin be provided in Upton so residents can use the grit/salt when needed in bad weather. The parish council will need to purchase a bin and the grit as required. The Clerk was asked to put this on the January agenda for consideration.

- Cllr White gave an update on his attendance at the Bucks County Central Area Planning meeting to speak on behalf of the Parish Council against the Callie's solar farm proposal. He reported that the meeting ignored the opinion of the Parish Council both written and in person and voted 9-1 to delegate the decision for approval by the planning officer. All three of our parish ward councillors sit on the planning committee but only Cllr Paul Irwin voted against this application and supported the Parish Council’s reasons for objecting to this application. Since the planning meeting, the Parish Council has received an offer of compensation from the developer of approximately £100k to be spent on specific community projects, once the solar farm has been built.

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.

• HMRC	Contributions	£469.48	101149
• M Usherwood	Bugler payment	£150.00	101150
• EoN Next	Field Utilities	£11.52	101151
• Keith Gray	SLCC Subscription	£152.50	101152
• T Sadler	Memorial Plaques	£43.50	101155
• MRA G’den Services	Grass cutting	£1,580.00	101156
• JM & MJ Woodford	Hedge cutting	£480.00	101157
• EoN Next	Electricity	£6.33	101158

RESOLVED: To Receive, accept and agree, the monthly Finance Report from the Finance Officer/RFO as at end of November 2022.

7. Council Precept and Budget

To consider the services and requirements of the parish and set the precept and budget for 2023/2024.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the 2023/24 Precept be set at £32,000 and the Clerk to instruct Buckinghamshire Council to collect this amount.

8. Roads & General Maintenance

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

- Nothing to report.

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 further updates on this matter.

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.

Applications commented on during August recess:

- **22/03514/APP** **Meadow Way, New Road, Dinton**
Demolition of 2 bed bungalow and erection of 4 bed chalet bungalow.
Application date for comments was 8/12/22.
RESOLVED: No Objection
- **22/03881/APP** **Westlington Farm, Stars Lane, Dinton**
22/03882/ALB
Conversion of garage to residential dwelling with associated landscaping and access.
RESOLVED: That a parish planning notification be issued to neighbouring properties, showing the details of this application, and the parish council to make comment before 9/1/22.
- **22/04151/APP** **Pond Cottage, East Springhill Farm, Cuddington Rd, Dinton**
Demolition of existing house and erection of new 5 bedroom house with new carport.
RESOLVED: No Objection
- **22/03933/APP** **Former Motts Coaches, Oxford Road, Dinton**
Demolition of existing buildings and erection of dwelling with landscaping.
RESOLVED: No Objection
- **22/04016/APP** **Little Meadow, Upton Road, Dinton**
Householder application for proposed replacement balcony, fenestration alterations and material alterations to the existing dwelling.
RESOLVED: No Objection
- **22/04050/APP** **6 Upton Road, Dinton**
Householder application for single storey front, side and rear extension.
RESOLVED: No Objection

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____