



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on
Tuesday 13th February 2024 in the Village Hall, Dinton**

Present: Cllrs O’Driscoll (Chairman), Heath, Lamkin, Cottman, White and 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 Cllr Vane (prior 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 9th January 2024

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of 9/1/24 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.

- 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 White enquired about the horse signs. It was agreed he would purchase them and install them. The Council will reimburse him the payment.
- Cllr Cottman mentioned the discussion had on Police /PCSO attendance at parish council meetings. Stone PC have regular reports and attendance from police. He also mentioned the need for a CET article for the Bigg Issue and will arrange this to be sent to the Clerk.
- Cllr Robinson updated the council on the meetings which had taken place to update the council’s biodiversity plan.
- Cllr O’Driscoll reported that there was a gap in the parish field hedging and this would be dealt with by replanting at an approximate cost of £345 to be funded by gift. The village hall path had been cleaned and investigation was to take place on possible squirrel activity in the village hall roof space.

- Resident commented on the Upton Barn planning application and voiced concerns about the proposed number of houses as well as the negative impact on the local community due to increased traffic and the difficulty of road access to the site. He also asked if School Lane could be cleaned and was advised to report this to Buckinghamshire Council.
- Resident reported his frustration at the lack of engagement and communication from Bucks Council Ward Members in relation to the possible planning breaches at Starveall Farm as well as the number of additional buildings and increase in traffic and noise at the site. He was advised to send his concerns to the Clerk who will pass to the BC Ward Members.

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.

• Cllr D O'Driscoll	Chairman's Allowance	£135.00	101232
• J Turner	Finance Officer payment	£491.00	101233
• HMRC	Employer Contributions	£1,604.00	101234

RESOLVED: To Receive, accept and agree, the monthly Finance Report from the Finance Officer as at 30/1/24 – detailed receipts and payments, bank, cash and investment reconciliation 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.

Cllr Lamkin updated the council on his understanding of the weight limits for the roads as well as protocol for road signage.

8. Waddesdon Area Freight Zone Consultation

To discuss the consultation and propose an extension to incorporate Dinton, Upton and Ford side of the A418 on the basis there is already a weight restriction in place.

To consider any other proposals to be made.

RESOLVED: That a letter be issued to Bucks Council expressing our concerns and proposals. Details to be provided by Cllr Lamkin to the Clerk.

9. Village Hall – Parish Survey Results

To receive and discuss the parish survey results (copied to all Cllrs).

Future of village hall – to consider any proposals.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, that consideration be made for the village hall to be upgraded to accommodate better the needs of the community as well as investigating the possibility of an extension to the hall.

10. Annual Community Litter Picks

To discuss the arrangements and agree suitable dates for this activity.

RESOLVED: That a litter pick to take place in Dinton on Saturday 16th March at 9.30am meeting at the village hall.

11. Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 - Section 53

Buckinghamshire Council Definitive Map

Upgrading of Public Bridleway No.14, Parish of Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell, No.31, Parish of Dinton with Ford and Upton and No.16, Parish of Great and

Little Kimble Lane to Restricted Byway and Claimed Restricted Byway in the Parish off Great and Little Kimble.

An application for a Definitive Map Modification Order has been made to Buckinghamshire Council for Upgrading of Public Bridleway No.14, Parish of Stone with Bishopstone and Hartwell, Bridleway No.31, Parish of Dinton with Ford and Upton and Bridleway No.16, Parish of Great and Little Kimble Lane to Restricted Byway and Claimed Restricted Byway in the Parish off Great.

Council to comment as appropriate.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, to support the upgrading of these footpaths as proposed by Bucks Council.

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.

- **24/00027/APP** **1 Cuddington Road, Dinton**
REVISED APPLICATION Householder application for erection of single storey side/rear extension and loft conversion with dormers to the front and skylight.
RESOLVED: No Objection
The council noted the removal of the proposed garage which they had raised concerns about.
- **24/00335/ALB** **Willow Cottage, The Green, Dinton**
RETROSPECTIVE Listed building application to replace flat roof covering and to replace French doors.
RESOLVED: No Objection
- **24/00388/APP** **Upton barn, Upton Road, Dinton**
Change of use from former agricultural barns to 5 no houses (C3) including demolition works.

Having been put to the vote there was 4 Against and 2 For the proposed application

RESOLVED: Object/Oppose for the following reasons:

There is a Public Footpath through this land area which no mention has been made in the planning application. How will this footpath be protected?

This is Conservation Area and we request that Historic Officers are consulted.

We believe the proposed amount of buildings will negatively impact on the road access as this is difficult for this site.

The proposed build will cause an increase in traffic which will negatively impact on the lives of current residents.

The proposed buildings will have a negative impact on neighbouring properties which will be overlooked.

We consider the proposed plans to be overdevelopment for this site.

We believe there may be significant asbestos on this site and correct removal is necessary.

We support the findings of the Ecological Report in line with

Biodiversity responsibilities and regulations.

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____