



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on
Tuesday 13th October 2020**

This was a Virtual Meeting held under Covid-19 Regulations

Present: Cllrs Usherwood (Chairman), Horn, Vane, O'Driscoll and Gordon
K Gray (Clerk to the Council)

3 Residents

Cllr Mrs J Brandis (Bucks Council)

1. Apologies for Absence

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

RESOLVED: To receive and accept apologies from Cllr Mrs A Dunne (previous 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

- Cllr J Horn declared an interest in planning application 20/03386/APP as he lives next to the land mentioned in the application.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting 8th September 2020

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of 8/9/20 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 Council was notified of the immediate resignation of Cllr Mrs M Kidner and the Clerk has issued a Casual Vacancy Notice.

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.

- Resident spoke on the letters issued by Bucks Council in relation to electoral services and voting. Part 2 of the form states that as a second homeowner you could not vote and this is legally incorrect. Bucks Council have stated that they do not encourage second homeowners in the county to vote. The matter will be taken up with BC Electoral Services by Cllr Mrs J Brandis.

- Resident also raised concerns about a property owner burning rubbish and he was advised that this should be reported to Buckinghamshire Council.
- Resident spoke on his planning application and the re-routing of a public footpath.
- Resident spoke on a planning application which is causing concern and which an objection has been raised.
- Cllr Mrs J Brandis (BC) gave an update on enforcement matters in response the parish council raising concerns that nothing was being done in respect of the properties mentioned. These matters are being investigated by BC Enforcement Officers at the request of the parish council and Cllr Mrs Brandis. She also gave an update on covid-19 testing site at the BC offices building on Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury.
- Cllr Horn reported that work had been carried out in the church yard in preparation for Remembrance Sunday wreath laying. He thanks Chris Vane and Bill Lee for various works carried out by them for the parish. He also reported that Steve Web has installed the fence posts at the playground which needed replacing.
- Cllr Vane reported that there were still problems with anti-social parking outside the school and on neighbouring roads. She will speak to the headteacher in due course. It was also reported that some tree branches needed to be removed on parish council land and this will be investigated further. She asked if the parish council could continue to print the Bigg Issue in colour and this was agreed but that the Clerk should keep the number of pages to a minimum.
- Cllr Usherwood has met with the Vicar and representatives for the church in respect of the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday. There will be socially distanced wreath laying ceremonies at Ford and Dinton at the same time as previous years. There is also the need for a community litter pick and councillors were asked to consider whether this could go ahead within the current covid-19 situation as long as everyone was mindful of regulations.

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

6. Finances and Orders for Payment

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

• MRA Garden Services	Grass Cutting	£840.00	100946
• EoN	Utilities	£9.77	100947
• Impact Signs	Playground plaques	£29.34	100950

RESOLVED: To receive, and agree, the monthly finance report from the Finance Officer & RFO.

7. Community Led Plan

To receive any updates on the plan from Cllr Dunne. Nothing to report.

8. Devolved Services

To receive any reports, if available, and agree any specific actions in relation to devolved services. Nothing to report.

9. Roads & General Maintenance

Cllr Kidner to give feedback (if required) on matters relating to road maintenance concerns raised with the County Council and other stakeholders.

Upton Road is not road worthy. Cllr Brandis to report this to BC and Cllr Gordon to speak to BC Paul Irwin about other matters relating to road and highway concerns.

10. Issues and Concerns with parking near the school.

To discuss the concerns raised in the previous meeting regarding problems with parking at school drop off and pick up times.

Cllr Vane will discuss the concerns with the headteacher as raised in the cllr/public section of this meeting.

11. Buckinghamshire Council Planning Procedures

Discussion on the way BC process planning applications, transparency, engagement with parish councils and members of the public/community.

Various concerns have been raised over the years in relation to planning process and policy and it appears that those concerns remain, with BC not acting quick enough or at all on matters of concern raised by the parish council. It appears a review of the planning process is being carried out by BC and we look forward with interest as to what changes, if any are made to the process that would benefit the parish and town councils across Buckinghamshire.

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.

- **20/02768/APP** **Meadows View, 2 Upton Road, Dinton**
First floor rear extension
RESOLVED: No Objection

- **20/02802/APP** **Glebe Cottage, School Lane, Dinton**
Addition of a slate roof and conversion
of a farm building to two dwelling houses
RESOLVED: No Objection

- **20/03019/APP** **Morland Cottage, Gibraltar, Dinton**
20/03020/ALB Single storey side extension (retrospective)
RESOLVED: No Objection

- **Diversion of** **Mr J Garcia**
Footpath **Dinton Castle, Oxford Rd, Dinton**
Footpath number: DFU/3/1 b Parish of Dinton
RESOLVED: No Objection

- **20/02968/APP** **Hare Folly, Oxford Road, Dinton**
Demolition of 2 garages, rebuild 1 garage with living
accommodation in loft area linked to the house with
corridor.
RESOLVED: No Objection

- **20/02964/APP** **Moat Farm, Water Lane, Ford**
Variation of condition 8 of application 20/00415/APP –
amend position of the plot boundary for the annexe.
RESOLVED: No Objection

- **20/03374/ALB** **Dinton Castle, Oxford Rd, Dinton**
Restoration and refurbishment to form one residential
dwelling (amendment to 16/02261/ALB)

Cllr Jon Horn removed himself from the council chamber and did not take part in the following discussion/decision for planning application 20/03386/APP

- **20/03386/APP** **Land Adj The Dinton Hermit, Water Lane, Ford**
Erection of a dwelling
RESOLVED: Objection

1. Inconsistency within the proposals:

In the Robinsons Cottage Design and Access Statement, Section 3.3 Appearance Sub-section A clearly states that:- It has been acknowledged from previous refusals that the number of dwellings and size of the proposal was too big. The current proposal has reduced the number of dwellings from 2 to 1 and the number of bedrooms from 4 to 2 in response to this. Sub-section B goes on to emphasise that part of the plot has been left as agricultural land. However, it is noted that the site has been registered under the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan, Regulation 18 Call for Sites 2014 Process (SHLAA Ref: SHLFOR001) and the detail of Land Use indicated is: 1) 1 or 2 homes 2) A row of four terraced dwellings In either case, this contradicts the earlier acknowledgement above; appears to argue against the land nearest to The Dinton Hermit being left as agricultural space and would be unacceptable development in this area.

2. Orientation of the Building:

We are concerned about the orientation of the building as the front elevation will overlook the adjacent property with no attempt to provide screening and the proposed dwelling would extend beyond the existing, notional building line. It would be normal practice for a development of this nature to be road-facing.

3. Field Access:

While the Right of Way access to the field to the north of the plot is clearly defined on the plans, the north and east elevations of the proposed dwelling sit right on the defined boundaries. We believe that the double right-angle formed by the building will greatly restrict the movement of farm machinery resulting in the possibility of serious risk to the property itself, to occupiers and to the machinery operators.

