



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th December 2021
Dinton Village Hall, Dinton**

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

1 Resident

C Lambert (Bucks Herald)

M Dunton (FVS)

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 and dispensations have been granted to allow parish councillors to set the precept for 2022/2023.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting 9th November 2021

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of 9/11/21 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.

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 Horn reported that lorries and delivery vans to the property being refurbished on Westlington Green, have damaged the grass verges. We have been told by the property owners that the damage will be repaired once the property has been finished. The clerk was asked to write to the owners to obtain written assurance that any damage to the grass verges will be repaired.
- Cllr Vane attended the last meeting of the current Village Hall Management Committee. The meeting was positive and everyone was pleased that the parish council were taking responsibility for the village hall and would be establishing a new management committee after 31st December 2021.
- Cllr O’Driscoll gave an update on his application to the Community Board for playground funding.
- Cllr Heath reported concerns about Thames Water closing off local roads without any warning to residents resulting in them being blocked in and

unable to get out of the village easily. The clerk was asked to write to Thames Water and raise concerns about lack of engagement and communication with the parish council and especially local residents affected by road closures.

- Cllr Usherwood reported that a local resident has raised concerns about the A418 speed camera being out of order due to vandalism. The Clerk was asked to write to Bucks Council requesting that the camera be repaired or replaced. He also reminded councillors that the cost of dog bin emptying has risen and asked council to consider any plans regarding the Queens Platinum Jubilee such as trees and benches for the parish.

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

• M Usherwood	Reimbursement	£150.00	101041
• HMRC	Contributions	£2,107.24	101042
• MRA Garden Services	Grass Cutting	£1,400.00	101043
• EoN	Utilities	£9.10	101044
• S Webb	Fence Post Repairs	£94.00	101045
• PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£288.00	101046
• K Gray	SLCC Prof Subscription	£100.00	101047
• Bucks Council	Dog Bin Emptying	£469.30	101050
• T Sadler	Memorial Maintenance	£29.69	101051
• Impact Signs	Playground Plaque	£17.48	101052
• Eon	Utilities / owed monies	£42.24	101054
• EoN	Utilities	£8.81	101055
• K Gray	Admin contribution	£100.00	101056

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

7. 2022 Precept and Budget

Council to consider the setting of the precept and budget for 2022.

BC deadline for precept is 31st January 2022.

RESOLVED: Noted and council is to have a working group meeting on 16/12/21 to discuss and agree the 2022/2023 precept.

8. Community Orchard

The parish council to receive a detailed plan on the proposed design, future management and maintenance of the community orchard. Decisions also need to be agreed on the initial works required for the orchard.

Cllr Heath gave an update on the plans and proposals for the Community Orchard and he will be providing a full proposal plan document for the Council to consider at their January meeting.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Heath provide a full proposal/plan including design and costs for the community orchard project.

RESOLVED: That any initial costs for this project would be made from the Council's reserves and future discussion would take place on budget setting and precepting for any maintenance costs once the project had been agreed and was being managed.

9. Community Led Plan

To receive any updates on the plan.

RESOLVED: To remove this item from the council's agenda.

10. Speed Restrictions

Council to receive an update from Cllr Lamkin on matters relating to speed restriction proposals, and procedures, for taking this forward with Buckinghamshire Council.

To agree any proposals for taking this work forward.

Cllr Lamkin gave an update on the above and discussion centred around the need to identify specific areas in the parish and discuss further. Funding would also need to be considered for any proposed speed reductions on parish roads.

11. Devolved Services

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

12. Hs2 – Traffic Management

Council to be made aware of current Hs2 plans for road works and future traffic relief road. Cllr Lamkin to give an update.

Cllr Lamkin gave an update on his discussions with the Bucks Council Hs2 Community Marshalls. The Clerk will copy him into information obtained from meetings he attends on these matters. Cllr Lamkin asked about road signage that needed repairs or were overgrown by landowners trees and hedging. The Clerk explained the devolved services procedures for annual cleaning of road signs on the 30mph limit roads as well as the procedures for contacting landowners regarding removing overgrown branches and cutting back hedging.

13. Roads & General Maintenance

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

Cllr Lamkin reported that Bucks Council were now on their Winter road schedule and that no major road works are being carried out. Councillors mentioned that the footpath on Biggs Lane had still not been repaired and this need chasing up with the Local Area Technician, which Cllr Lamkin will do.

14. Planning Enforcement

Council to receive an update on the enforcement, by Buckinghamshire Council Planning Enforcement Officers, of specific planning breaches raised by the Parish Council.

1. Ford field, Main Road, Ford - 19/00304/C0N3

- Formal planning notice would be made

2. Land between Hare Folly and Westlington Cottage, Gibraltar, 15/00448/C0N3

- No further updates

15. Dinton Village Hall – Future Management

Parish Council to formally agree to take responsibility as the Sole Trustee of Dinton Village Hall and take responsibility for the overall management of the village hall and its proposed new Management Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council become the Sole Trustee of Dinton Village Hall from 31st December 2021. That the Sole Trustee establish a new Village Hall Management Committee to take on the day to day administration and management of the Village Hall.

16. Cuddington Neighbourhood Plan – Publication of Plan Proposal Regulations 16

Cuddington Parish Council has produced a Draft Neighbourhood Plan covering the entire parish area. Consultation period runs until 7th January 2022. Should the parish council wish to comment they should contact Bucks Council on:

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizens.com/planning/cuddington-neighbourhood-plan/>

RESOLVED: Noted.

17. 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.

- **21/04496/AGN** **Wootton Grounds Farm, Lower Rd, Dinton**
Erection of circular tank for agricultural use
RESOLVED: No Objection

- **21/04334/ACL** **The Cottage, Chapel Road, Ford**
Certificate of Lawfulness for existing mobile home in garden
RESOLVED: No Objections

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____