



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm  
on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 in Dinton Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs Usherwood (Chairman), Horn, Vane, Heath  
K Gray (Clerk to the Council)

2 Residents    Cllr M Caffrey (Bucks Council)    C Lambert (Bucks Herald)  
M Dunton (FVS)

**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 D O’Driscoll (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 or dispensations requested

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**RESOLVED:** To accept and sign the minutes of 25/5/21 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.  
The clerk reported that all councillors had received the RoSPA Playsafety Annual Audit of the playground report and that there were no serious works listed for urgent attention although there are some works required and the clerk advised that these be done quickly to ensure safety and insurance cover. He also reported that the councillors had all received a copy of the tree surgeons report which identified works required on trees and land areas in the Spinney. Council requested that this be an agenda item for the July meeting.

***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 Caffrey (Bucks Council)**  
Reported that he and the other 2 cllrs had been voted onto various Bucks Council committees that would, hopefully, benefit the parish. He state they are all on the Bucks Council Planning Committee and he said hopefully this will be helpful to the parish council. Cllr Waite is also the Community Board

Chairman for the area and this should help to make the board run better than it did before. Cllr Waite had provided a response to the concerns raised about enforcement matters which the parish clerk had thanked him for and had passed to all parish councillors.

- **Cllr Vane**

Information had been forwarded to the editor of the church/parish newsletter as requested. She also reported that the grassed area near the fire engine shed had been mowed in error as this is where wild orchids grow.

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

**6. Finances and Orders for Payment**

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

RESOLVED: To agree the following orders and retrospective orders for payment:

• Playsafety Ltd	RoSPA Report/Audit	£82.20	101007
• Mrs D Cole	Internal Audit / AGAR	£46.44	101008
• SB Tree Surgeons	Spinney Report	£540.00	101009

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

**6 (a) Internal Audit Report – Mrs D Cole**

Councillors were issued with a copy of the internal audit report prepared by Mrs D Cole.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, to receive and accept the internal audit report prepared by Mrs D Cole.

**(b) Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2021/2022**

Council received the AGAR and after discussing and considering the information,

RESOLVED: Unanimously, to agree that the Chairman, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer should sign the form as a true record of the Council's finances in line with the requirements of the AGAR.

**7. Request for Grant**

To consider a grant request from Mr Bill Piers Bill Piers (NB rRIPPLE Team) for a donation towards their funding of the removal of the tree stump at the Dinton Castle stile/gate replacement site.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £50 be made to the rRipple Team and that the clerk request that any future grant requests are made to the parish council before any works are carried out.

**8. Village Hall Representation & Future of Dinton Village Hall**

To discuss the current representation requirement under the Deed of Grant for Parish Councillors to have 2 representatives on the Dinton Village Hall Management Committee.

RESOLVED: That Cllrs Jon Horn and Honor Vane be the parish councils representatives on the Dinton Village Hall Committee (Council of Management), in accordance with the First Schedule of the Deed of Grant Clause 2, which states "*The names of those so appointed (by the various organisations) to be handed in writing to the Secretary at least two days before the annual general meeting*".

## **9. Community Led Plan**

To receive any updates on the plan.

RESOLVED: To discuss with Cllr O'Driscoll on any updates or plans for moving this work forward.

## **10. Co-option of Councillors – 2 vacancies**

To consider any applications for co-opted vacancies.

No applications received.

## **11. Devolved Services**

To receive any reports, if available, and agree any specific actions in relation to devolved services.

No report or update required and all works continue as per procedures.

## **12. Roads & General Maintenance**

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

Roads continue to be in state of disrepair and it was noted that continues road works for various reasons are being carried out including the Hs2 works.

## **13. Planning Enforcement**

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

1. Ford field, Main Road, Ford - 19/00304/C0N3
2. Land between Hare Folly and Westlington Cottage, Gibraltar, 15/00448/C0N3
3. Shepherds Hut, Gibraltar - 20/00456/C0NB

RESOLVED: To leave the above on the agendas as this is an on-going matter of concern to the parish council.

## **14. 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.

**21/01924/APP**

### **Rose Cottage Farm, Gibraltar**

External alterations and proposed first floor and single rear extensions.

RESOLVED: Object/Oppose

The proposed extension is too large and would distort, disguise and cause harm to the appearance and character of the original building.

The potential oversizing would harm the character and appearance of the Conservation Area and significance of the designated and non-designated heritage assets.

This proposal conflicts with Policies GP9, GP35 and GP53 and BE1 of the emerging VALP.

We request that the planning officer looks at the previous application for this property which was refused by AVDC Development Control. This application is no different from the original application which was previously refused by the Planning Department.

**21/01914.APP**

**Stocks, Boot Lane, Dinton**

Erection of garden shed (retrospective)

RESOLVED: No Objection

**21/02005/AOP**

**Land at rear of Westlington Farm, Stars Lane, Dinton**

Outline planning application for residential development of 2no. detached houses and all matters reserved in the rear garden of Westlington Farm, utilising existing access.

RESOLVED: Object/Oppose

- 1) As the site is in the Conservation Area the lack of detail as to the houses is lacking.
- 2) The dimensions of any houses is unspecified so they may affect the setting of existing properties including their light.
- 3) The access is a narrow driveway whose ownership is unclear and thus any development may hinder the access to the other two proposed properties using the driveway.
- 4) The exit from the driveway is already near a difficult bend and is often very busy from traffic using the Village Hall thus making for a hazard.
- 5) The description of modest size cottages in a Conservation Area of typical design and structure does not provide any credibility as being suitable for a plot that is central in the village and thus very visible.

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_