



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 in Dinton Village Hall, Dinton**

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

1 Member of the Public      C Lambert (Bucks Herald)      M Dunton (Ford Village Society)

**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 R 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

- No declarations made and no dispensations requested

**3. Minutes of the previous meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of 11/10/22 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.

The Clerk drew the Council’s attention to the quote received for the works required on Westlington Green. He wished to receive formal approval from the council that these change in works are accepted and the work can be authorised.

RESOLVED: All councillors agreed that the works needed to be carried out to ensure the protection of the grass verge as it is being significantly eroded due to vehicles and weather. Councillors agreed the quote and payment and the clerk was instructed to authorise the works to be carried out and pay the relevant costs.

***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.**

- C Lambert expressed how sad it had been for the community to have had 3 funerals of local residents, in the last 8 days. The parish councillors agreed and expressed their condolences.
- M Dunton reported that the Ford Village Society (FVS) meeting had taken place and it was unfortunate, due to the increase in traffic speed and danger to volunteers, that there would be no community litter pick taking place this year. She also highlighted the concerns recently notified to the community by the local

police that unless the correct procedures were followed then the road cannot be closed for the Remembrance Sunday Service in Ford.

- Member of the public asked if the parish council knew the reasons for the withdrawal of the planning application appeal for Callies Solar Farm. He also raised concerns of a local resident installing further changes and using materials he is of the opinion is not in keeping to the planning regulations agreed for the specific building. The parish council is not informed of the reasons for planning appeal withdrawals and any concerns about planning breaches will need to be reported directly to the planning department at Buckinghamshire Council as well as drawing the attention of local Bucks Council local Ward members. It was suggested that photographs be taken and sent to both the Bucks Councillors for this area as well as to planning enforcement officers.
- Cllr White reported the concerns of the letter received from the local police about road closures for Remembrance Sunday services. Discussion centred on the arrangements for the service in Ford and it was felt that the road closure would not negatively affect the service but that those attending needed to stand in safe places, whilst taking part in the service.  
He asked the Clerk to provide an updated councillor contact list for the Ford Notice Board and highlighted the concerns of speeding vehicles at 70mph through Ford Village. FVS are planning a coronation street party on 7/5/22. He also shared information in relation to the land in Ford, previously used as an allotment site. Concerns are raised of the lack of information on who owns the land and whether this could be sold for development.  
He also raised the matter of the footpath, from Bridge Farm towards the Dinton Hermit, needing to be cleared of overgrowth. The clerk will look into this and arrange clearance under the Devolved Services Agreement.
- Cllr Cottman raised concerns about traffic being directed through Dinton due to delays on the A418 and vehicles entering Boot Lane thinking they can access other roads out of the village due to the traffic lights at Sedrup, which are causing delays. Boot Lane is a no through road with little room for vehicles. It was suggested that a sign be placed in this area and the matter will be raised with Colin Woolford the Local Area Technician for Bucks Council.
- Cllr Usherwood reminded councillors of the community litter pick in Dinton on 12<sup>th</sup> November and reported that the Bottle & Glass PH was up for letting. He also asked the council to consider a scheme to assist local residents during the Christmas period, who are struggling with finances/food/heating etc.
- Cllr Vane reported that a utility company had installed a gas pip across parish council owned land up to Dinton Hall and not finished the work properly. Neither the parish council nor local residents were made aware of this work.

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

## **6. Finances and Orders for Payment**

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

• Rialtas	Accounting Support	£148.80	101137
• EoN Next	Parish Field Electric	£8.75	101138
• HMRC	Contributions	£939.87	101139
• K Gray	Administrative Costs	£100.00	101140
• J Welland	Westlington Green works	£2,507.24	101143
• T Sadler	Ford Notice Board painting	£23.09	101144
• J Welland	Installation of Upton Bench	£342.20	101145
• Fairford Leys Centre	2 Wreaths	£40.00	101146

• Aylesbury Town Council	1 Wreath	£20.00	101147
• H Vane	Reimbursement for bulbs	£25.00	101148

RESOLVED: To Receive, accept and agree, the monthly Finance Report from the Finance Officer/RFO ending 30/10/22.

#### **7. Council Precept and Budget**

To consider the services and requirements of the parish and begin discussion on the 2023 budget and precept.

A working group meeting is to be arranged to begin the discussion of the precept setting.

#### **8. Request for Memorial Plaques**

Request from Cllr White that the parish council purchase and install two memorial plaques for the Ford noticeboard in the names of Jon Horn and Mary Hobden.

RESOLVED: Unanimously, that the design, installation and cost of the proposed plaques be agreed. The clerk to make the necessary payment once invoices are sent to him. Cllr White to arrange the installation of the plaques.

#### **9. Remembrance Sunday Services – 13<sup>th</sup> November**

To note the services within the parish.

Dinton Wreath laying 11am. Ford wreath laying at 11.30am

RESOLVED: The above times were noted and the Chairman will attend and lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish of Dinton with Ford & Upton.

#### **10. Roads & General Maintenance**

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

It was noted that Cllr Lamkin is obtaining information in relation to the installation of a mirror, as previously discussed by the council. Cllr Heath reported on concerns of a historical path, used by many, which has now had a gate installed across it.

#### **11. 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 updates have been received on the above matter and events continue to take place.

#### **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.

Applications commented on during August recess:

- **22/03582/APP**      **Rose Barn, Gibraltar, Dinton**  
Householder application for a detached garage,

long store and boundary wall.  
RESOLVED: No Objection

- **22/03678/APP**

**Nettledown, 1 Homestead Close, Upton**  
Householder application for single storey side extension.  
RESOLVED: No Objection

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.47pm

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