



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm
on Tuesday 9th November 2021 in Dinton Village Hall**

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

6 Residents Cllr M Caffrey (Bucks Council)
 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 T Heath
(isolation) and Cllr N Cottman (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 12th October 2021

RESOLVED: To accept and sign the minutes of 12/10/21 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. No specific matters 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.**

- Resident commented on her concerns and objections to planning application 21/04027/APP. She was of the opinion that there were too many houses being proposed for the site and that the village needed affordable houses for young people to be able to live in Dinton.
- Resident commented on her objections to planning application 21/04027/APP and stated that affordable housing was needed and that 7 houses on the site was too many and the designs needed changing. The proposed development would cause further parking problems for the area and concerns were raised about road safety with access from the A418 and New Road being narrow at that initial access point. More trees also needed to be protected and also new

ones planted. She also asked if this type of development would trigger any S106 funding for the community.

- Resident commented on his objections to planning application 21/04027/APP. He raised concerns that no Planning Yellow Notices had been displayed. He stated that whilst it is inevitable that more houses would be built it was important that trees are protected and new ones planted. He also asked if the developers would contribute funding for the community orchard project, which is currently being considered by the parish council, or any other community planting of trees.
- Resident asked about the water leak in Dinton and she was informed this had been reported to Thames Water.
- Resident spoke in support of his planning application 21/04027/APP. The developer will be the same company who built houses in Aston Clinton and was supported by their parish council. He wished to maximise the plots for housing and he had thought long and hard about building on this land but he had to think of his future and his family. He also raised with the developers suggested additional matters such as electric charging points for the properties as well as community funding for trees.
- Resident from Ford also stated that they were having problems with water leaks and that Thames Water were aware of this.
- Cllr Vane reported that the wooden fence post was still broken – the Clerk has asked if this can be fixed and was waiting for confirmation.
- Cllr Horn asked for assistance in delivering the Bigg Issue, which councillors volunteered to assist, as well as some residents in the room offering to assist.
- Cllr Usherwood gave an update on the bonfire on a private field, which had caused considerable concern over the amount of rubbish being deposited in the field. This had now been burnt. He had attended the BMKALC meeting with Bucks Council planning enforcement team and stated that there are still concerns over planning and enforcement and not enough staff in place to deal with matters. He suggested another community litter pick, which was agreed, and a date will be arranged to do this. It was also suggested that an approach be made to the Community Board for them to provide funding for litter pickers and equipment – Cllr Horn and Usherwood would raise this with the Community Board. Discussion also took place on possible Community Board funding for benches for the parish which was something that the parish council should consider applying for. Some communities are making preparations for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – Green Canopy project for planting trees.

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

6. Finances and Orders for Payment

RESOLVED: That the following orders and retrospective orders for payment presented by the RFO and/or Clerk be agreed.

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| • Fairford Leys Centre | 2 x Wreaths | £34.00 | 101036 |
| • D Smedley | Bus Shelter Clean | £75.00 | 101039 |

RESOLVED: To receive, and agree, the monthly finance report from the Finance Officer & RFO – Bank - Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 30 October 2021.

7. 2022 Precept and Budget

Council to consider the setting of the precept and budget for 2022 so that Bucks Council can receive the agreed figure.

30th November 2021 - Valuation list to produce tax base
6th December 2021 - Tax Base sent to preceptors
31st January 2022 - Deadline for precept
February 2022 - Council Tax set
March 2022 - Bills sent to residents

RESOLVED: To note the above dates and a working group be arranged to discuss and agree the Precept and Budget for 2022.

8. Community Led Plan

To receive any updates on the plan.

To receive an update on the Parish Orchard project and to discuss the future management proposals for the land area.

- Nothing to report.

9. 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.

- No update received as Cllr Lamkin was not present.
- Councillors suggested drawing up a list of roads, in the parish, that would be suitable for 20mph limit.

10. Devolved Services

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

The Clerk reported that Bucks Council were continuing with the current Devolved Services Agreement for another 12 months with an uplift of 3% on the agreement. A review, and new agreement, would be made in 2023. The Clerk reported that Aylesbury Town Council, as the Cluster Lead operative to carry out work for several neighbouring parish councils, would not be taking on any additional land areas or works unless Bucks Council paid them for the additional works. Several years have passed with no changes to the funding for all the works carried out by parish councils, yet the amount of work has risen. Town and Parish Clerks, across the County, have repeatedly requested a meeting with Bucks Council to discuss the Devolved Services Agreement.

11. 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.

The Clerk gave an update on Hs2 representative meetings with Coldharbour Parish Council and Aylesbury Town Council. He also gave an update on traffic matters and current and future works on or near the A418 and local community areas.

12. Roads & General Maintenance

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

The Fix-My-Street system continues to work and residents should report all road problems on this system.

13. 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. Cllr Caffrey is still discussing this matter with planning officers.

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

No further updates. This continues to be a residential property and business being operated from these premises, yet BC Planning Dept have still not enforced planning regulations.

3. Shepherds Hut, Gibraltar - 20/00456/C0NB

A retrospective planning application should be made for the Shepherds Hut and the parish council should be receiving this for comment in due course. The application has been received.

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.

• **21/04027/APP**

Land East of New Road, Dinton

Demolition of existing buildings and structures and erection of 7 two storey properties with new access off New Road, garaging, parking, Landscaping and all enabling works.

RESOLVED: Object

- The sewage and water system for this area of the Village needs to be investigated and consultation with Thames Water needs to take place, due to the historical problems we have had with the drainage and additional housing will cause further wear and tear on the drainage, sewage and water system.
- New Road (at the top of the road near this proposed site) comes off the main A418 and additional traffic will cause problems and concerns over safety and access to the site.
- Parking on New Road is already a problem (new housing has already taken place on the opposite side of this road to the proposed new development) and people will park additional cars on this road.
- The proposed housing could mean an additional 14 vehicles to the area and parking is already a problem.
- The building of 7 properties on this site is too much and will cause a negative impact on the community.
- There is a flood risk and there needs to be a proper Flood Risk Assessment and discussion with Thames Water.

• **21/04062/APP &**

The Cottage, Gibraltar, Dinton

- 21/04063/ALB** Householder application for single storey side extension
Listed building consent for proposed single side
extension.
RESOLVED: No Objection
- **21/04196/APP** **The Cottage, Gibraltar, Dinton**
Householder application for repositioned shepherds hut.
RESOLVED: No Objection
 - **21/04077/APP** **Donnington Cottage, The Green, Dinton**
Householder application for single storey rear
extension, garage conversion, internal alterations and
amendments to the fenestration.
RESOLVED: No Objection

There being no further business of the Council, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____