



## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Downley Parish Council held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at Downley Community Centre.**

Present: Councillors M Lazenby (Chairman presiding), P Brooks, K Chandarana, A Lennard, A Mann, W Monroe-West and W Steneskog.

In attendance:

Five members of the public

Officers: G Tandy (Clerk)

### **1) Apologies for absence (8967/01/25)**

Apologies were received from Cllr S Biggs & from Buckinghamshire Cllr P Turner.

### **2) Declarations of interest and dispensations (8968/01/25)**

None.

### **3) Minutes (8969/01/25)**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

### **4) Public participation session (8970/01/25)**

A member of the public spoke regarding crime and nuisance in the village. Following the discussion at the December 2024 meeting residents had spoken with the police and met with local PCSO's. There had been an increased police presence in Downley which had in turn seen a reduction in incidents. A second member of the public reiterated these comments and explained that residents had been more proactive in reporting incidents to the police. He went on to explain that the general consensus amongst residents that physical measures against speeding such as speed bumps, chicanes and cameras, were not welcomed as they would lead to an urbanisation and deterioration of the Common.

### **5) To receive and note the report of Buckinghamshire Councillors (8971/01/25)**

Councillor Turner had previously issued his written report which had been circulated to Councillors. This highlighted that the two local Conservative Councillors have been in discussion with Thames Valley Police regarding anti-social vehicle activity such as speeding, parking, trading, abandoned vehicles, illegal number plates etc. They are hopeful that TVP will be committing resources to the area soon to tackle these issues.

### **6) Councillor Reports (8972/01/25)**

None.

### **7) Correspondence (8973/01/25)**

Council considered a report from a resident that the path under trees in Ford Way was slippery with moss. The immediate problem has been reported to the Parish Council's gardening contractors while the resident has reported the matter to Buckinghamshire Council for them to consider cutting back trees there which block light and encourage the build-up of moss.

### **8) Crime and nuisance within Downley (8974/01/25)**

Council had received reports from the public regarding crime and nuisance within the village particularly around the Common to the North of the village. Residents were concerned by the use of nitrous oxide, car and motorcycle racing, theft and fireworks being set off. There followed a discussion on these

behaviours that emphasised the importance of reporting issues to the police, in order that they become aware of the volume of incidents and can allocate resources accordingly.

#### 9) Mannings Field and dogs (8975/01/25)

Current signage at Mannings Field makes no mention of dogs being prohibited from the area. As the area is used as a sports and recreation ground it was **RESOLVED** unanimously that two new signs be installed to show that dogs are prohibited from the sports ground.

#### 10) Heritage Project (8976/01/25)

In the absence of Cllr Biggs, the Clerk read a statement from him outlining progress on the project and examined a polycarbonate prototype sign that had been produced for us. Council expressed some concerns around the project and the prototype itself. It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the installation of physical plaques be discontinued and that an alternative should be explored such as an interactive map linking to the photographs to be displayed on our website.

#### 11) Allotment fencing (8977/01/25)

Council considered a request to replace a section of fencing that borders the allotments along the pathway to the Community Orchard. It was **RESOLVED** that members of the allotment committee and the clerk should inspect the boundary and report back to Council.

#### 12) CIL Projects (8978/01/25)

Council considered projects that could benefit from the Community Infrastructure Levy. Those discussed were the installation of electric vehicle charging points, at possibly the Community Centre. The installation of village boundary gates as a traffic calming measure. To look at the location of a pedestrian crossing across Plomer Green Lane. The installation of an electricity supply at Jubilee Green.

#### 13) Invoices (8979/01/25)

Payments made since the last meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 were noted and approved . The schedule of invoices received through December and January still outstanding was considered and authorised.

Date	Payee	Details	Ex-VAT	VAT	Total
04/12/2024	Amazon	Battery for SID	£ 37.08	£ 7.42	£ 44.50
17/12/2024	Castle Water Ltd	Allotments water usage	£ 29.88	£ 5.98	£ 35.86
27/12/2024	BT	Phone and broadband	£ 32.36	£ 6.47	£ 38.83
31/12/2024	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	£ 6.00	£ -	£ 6.00
17/12/2024	Six Wise Goats	Grant	£ 129.00	£ -	£ 129.00
27/12/2024	Staff	Salaries	£ 1,831.10	£ -	£ 1,831.10
27/12/2024	HMRC	Tax and NIC	£ 493.00	£ -	£ 493.00
27/12/2024	SSE	Street lighting	£ 1,213.49	£ 60.67	£ 1,274.16
06/01/2025	Smarty Mobile	Mobile 'phone	£ 4.17	£ 0.83	£ 5.00
07/01/2025	Buckinghamshire Pension Fund	Staff Pensions	£ 809.57	£ -	£ 809.57
16/01/2025	RBL High Wycombe	Wreath	£ 25.00	£ -	£ 25.00
16/01/2025	BMKALC	Training courses	£ 80.00	£ -	£ 80.00
16/01/2025	The Chiltern Society	Path clearance	£ 251.76	£ -	£ 251.76
16/01/2025	Shield Maintenance	Bin collections	£ 156.00	£ -	£ 156.00
24/01/2025	Telecoms World	Telephone	£ 12.07	£ 2.41	£ 14.48
24/01/2025	BT	Cloud voice and Broadband	£ 32.66	£ 6.53	£ 39.19
	Totals		£ 5,143.14	£ 90.31	£ 5,233.45

**14) The Clerks Progress Report (8980/01/25)**

Noted

**15) To note the date and place of the next meeting (8981/01/24)**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7:30 p.m. at the Downley Community Centre**

**16) Closure of the meeting (8982/01/24)**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:31.

Chairman

Date