

BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday 1st June 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors M Blackwell, J Butler, P Castle, N Cox, A Lord, and S Reading

(Chairman) Clerk: Jocelyn Cay Mr & Mrs Guerzoni

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Bird, Breese and Sage and also from County and District Councillor Carl Etholen.

2. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 3rd May 2017

The minutes of the Annual Meeting were approved and signed by the chairman as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Butler.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting were approved and signed by the chairman as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Blackwell and seconded by Cllr Butler.

3. Neighbourhood Plan

Luca Guerzoni provided the council with an update on the Neighbourhood Plan. On the 19th May 2017 Wycombe District Council (WDC) formally contested the Judicial Review claim that had been lodged by St Congar's representatives. It is thought that it will be decided by mid-August 2017 whether or not the judicial review has grounds for consideration. In the meantime WDC will continue the process of adopting the Neighbourhood Plan. It is not known how the judicial review will impact the Neighbourhood Plan, if it goes ahead.

4. Planning matters

- 4.1. Current applications were discussed and responses approved. Cllr Blackwell highlighted several reasons for objecting to a barn conversion situated on land at the bottom of Haw Lane.
- 4.2. The clerk informed the council that she had looked into the work at Hillview Farm, Saunderton and that there was a prior notification notice in place for the works. Cllr Reading asked the clerk to follow up further with planning enforcement as he believed the work being carried out was not acceptable, specifically the very high fence.

Action: Clerk

- 4.3. The clerk reported back to the council that, following Cllr Cox's query at the previous meeting regarding "Wayside", the planning officer's decision notice could be found on the WDC Planning Portal.
- 4.4. The clerk informed the council that she had received notification that a planning appeal for 68 Haw Lane with respect to a triple garage had been dismissed.
- 4.5. Cllr Cox asked the clerk to chase up on the verge gardening and the planning permission required for outbuildings at Rocworth House, Bledlow Ridge as it had recently changed ownership.

Action: Clerk

5. Bollards at Hillview

The clerk informed the council that she had asked the residents of Hillview, Saunderton, about their views on installing bollards around the grass area. Of the replies received, 4 residents were against the idea and 2 were in favour. The council therefore agreed that it would not be sensible to go ahead with the bollards project and the Clerk will inform the LAF.

Action: Clerk

6. Applications for grants

No applications had been received.

7. Village Hall Funding Policy

Cllr Castle had provided the clerk with some amended wording to the policy and the clerk had adjusted the format to read in bullet points as requested by Cllr Cox. Cllr Cox if a decision could be postponed to the next meeting as he would like more time to consider the policy.

Action: Cllr Cox

8. Annual Return

Cllr Reading signed the Annual Accounts as an accurate record of the financial statements. The Electors' Rights to inspect the accounts was set for the period Monday 3rd July to Friday 11th August.

9. Authorisation of payments

The following payments were unanimously agreed following proposal by Cllr Blackwell, seconded by Cllr Castle:

Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Total
100676	Jocelyn Cay	Salary – May 2017	£458.33		£458.33
100677	Jocelyn Cay	Expenses	£111.92	£4.58	£116.50
100678	Bledlow Village Hall	Rent – 3 rd May	£36.00		£36.00
100679	Stephen Reading	Broadband – sim card & router	£151.53	£23.17	£174.70
100680	John Lawrence	Grass cutting x 2	£536.00		£536.00
100681	BALC	Chairmanship Training	£37.06		£37.06
100682	Princes Risborough Town Council	Grass cutting	£240.00	£48.00	£288.00
	Total for month		£1570.84	£75.75	£1646.59

10. Broadband

Cllr Reading provided an update from the Broadband Working Group. The Rapid Rural installation on the church tower at Bledlow continues to attract more users however some users are having difficulties due to leaves on trees blocking the signal. This is being overcome by "bouncing" the signal around the village and is still a work in progress. The paperwork with the diocese to enable the installation to become a permanent feature is still ongoing.

Connected Counties work is continuing although it remains a challenge to get information from them as to how the project is progressing. The boxes have now been installed in Bledlow Ridge, including the contested box near to Mr & Mrs Philpott which has now been re-located to the other side of Chinnor Road.

The remaining challenge for the Broadband Working Group is a solution for properties outside of Bledlow Ridge and they are still looking at alternatives with the vision of the Working Group being to actively pursue the possibility of building its own infrastructure.

Cllr Blackwell asked about the 4G possibilities. Cllr Reading confirmed that 4G was being trialled but official coverage maps do not align with the signal received in reality. There is the potential for further work to be done by providers in that respect however there have been cases of residents asking to borrow routers to trail 4G. More information is available on the parish council website.

11. Correspondence, reports and issues from councillors and clerk

- 11.1. Cllr Castle reported that Janet Shaw, Chair of Bledlow Consolidated Charities, intends to stand down. She has been a trustee of the charity for approximately 15 years and Chair for 10 yeast and has indicated her preferences now prior to re-election in August where a new 4-year term will commence. Her intention is to resign after one further year of office once a replacement has been found and a smooth handover has been achieved.
- 11.2. Cllr Blackwell reported that building work had begun at West Yard Saunderton. It is not clear if this work has been permitted by WDC so the clerk will make appropriate enquiries with WDC. Cllr Blackwell reported that the contractors had filled in the bunker without informing Network Rail and

that Network Rail were not pleased.

- 11.3. Cllr Blackwell reported that he had attended a meeting on the Unitary Authority proposals held at the Clare Foundation in Saunderton.
- 11.4. Cllr Blackwell reported that a proposed £1m flood prevention programme for Saunderton was currently on hold for the general election but that, once re-scheduled, would involve approximately 200 days of work and lengthy road closures and diversions.
- 11.5. Cllr Lord reported that he had attended a "Demystifying Planning" course and that it had been very useful.
- 11.6. Cllr Lord updated the council on the latest Speed Watch session where 24 cars had been caught speeding on Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge. The next session will be held in July.
- Cllr Reading informed the council that he had been invited to the AGM of the Rural Defibrillator

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