



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Village Hall on Thursday 6th
July 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors S Bird, M Blackwell, S Breese, J Butler, P Castle, N Cox, S Reading (Chairman) and A Sage.
County and District Councillor C Etholen
Clerk: Jocelyn Cay

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Lord.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st June 2017

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

3. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Reading confirmed to the council that Wycombe District Council (WDC) had now "made" the Plan. Cllr Blackwell asked about the implications for planning applications already in progress and Cllr Breese advised that certainly any applications made from now onwards will be subject to the Neighbourhood Plan but it was not known how applications in progress would be handled. Cllr Breese also advised that the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group are planning on hosting a session whereby councillors will be talked through the plan along with recent examples to ensure that everyone understands and remembers what is in the Plan.

Cllr Breese asked the councillors for their approval of a press release regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. The council agreed that it was suitable for release.

Cllr Reading reported that he had been approached by the Chair of Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish Council regarding help with their Neighbourhood Plan. It was suggested that the enquiry be referred to Luca Guerzoni.

Cllr Etholen congratulated all involved with the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and the Plan.

4. Planning matters

4.1. No new planning applications had been received.

4.2. Cllr Blackwell provided an update on the work taking place at West Yard, Saunderton reporting that the residents around the site have been disrupted by noise and traffic. Several planning transgressions had been witnessed including:

- Demolition and filling-in of the bunker on the site despite Cllr Blackwell advising that Network Rail needed to be informed beforehand. Cllr Blackwell reported the incident to Network Rail who are now investigating.
- Building work is now planned to take place up to the current fence line rather than the boundary hedge. The hedge has previously been identified as being on contaminated land and therefore the Environment Agency have been informed and are investigating.
- The site will have 3 feet of soil added to raise the ground level and get around the issue of clearing the ground contamination. There is concern that this will impact the height of the buildings and therefore the planning permission.
- Large lorries and vehicles have been accessing the site via Chorley Road and Slough Lane which is forbidden by the planning permission. Cllr Blackwell had photo evidence of this and the issue has been reported to Wycombe District Council (WDC).
- There have been reports of large lorries parking before the railway bridge across Slough Lane and a crane lifting items from the lorries over the railway line.

It was agreed that the clerk would write to Wycombe District Council and to Network Rail regarding the site.

Action: Clerk

5. Applications for grants

No applications had been received.

6. Village Hall Funding Policy

The wording of the policy was proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Castle. The proposal was agreed by a unanimous vote with one abstention. It was agreed that the clerk would send copies of the policy to the Chairs of the village hall committees and that a copy would also be added to the parish website under a new "appendices" section to the Standing Orders.

Action: Clerk

7. Authorisation of payments

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Total
	Jocelyn Cay	Salary – June 2017	£458.33		£458.33
	Jocelyn Cay	Salary – July 2017	£6.99	£1.40	£8.39
	John Lawrence	Grass cutting	£268.00		£268.00
	Total for month		£733.32	£1.40	£734.72

8. Broadband

Cllr Reading provided an update from the Broadband Working Group which meets once a month. The group are still working towards the wireless installation on the church tower in Bledlow to be made a permanent feature. 4G equipment also continues to be trialed in the parish.

Cllr Cox referred to the recent announcements from Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) and Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) that they have increased their budgets for broadband provision and asked Cllr Etholen about WDC's budget for broadband. Cllr Etholen agreed that nothing new had been agreed in this financial year however Cllr Reading stated that he had received a press release from WDC announcing more money was available. Cllr Reading has requested a meeting with WDC. Cllrs Breese and Sage recommended that local groups should be more involved and receive funding direct from WDC in order to investigate and provide wireless solutions. Cllr Reading agreed and cited the partnership between AVDC and Over the Vale which provides broadband to small villages in the north of the county and is doing very well.

Cllr Reading advised that a meeting is scheduled for 13th July with BT Community Broadband which exists to fill in the gaps in broadband provision. Cllr Reading will attend and report back.

9. Asset register and defibrillators

Cllr Reading had attended the Rural Defibrillator Group's AGM and had been asked if the council would consider adding all the defibrillators in the parish to its Asset Register and insurance. It was proposed that the council would be agreeable to this providing the insurance cost did not increase by more than about £50 per annum, that all the defibrillators are properly registered with the Ambulance Service and that the current insurance will cover defibrillators.

Action: Clerk

10. Correspondence, reports and issues from councillors and clerk

10.1. Cllr Etholen informed the council that the HS2 Petitioners Group had approximately £500,000 in funding available for safety on the A4010. BCC had approached Cllr Etholen along with West Wycombe and Princes Risborough councils for ideas and Cllr Etholen had proposed the upgrading of the cycle track/footpath at a cost of around £70,000. The ideas will be put to the group, voted on and then put out for consultation. Cllr Blackwell reported that the Petitioners Group are aware that Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council have previously missed out on being included and are now open to the council being included. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the Petitioners Group

asking to be able to make a proposal for the A4010 given that it runs through the parish.

Action: Clerk

10.2. Cllr Castle reported that the footpath running behind the Boot to Chapel Lane is very overgrown. The clerk will report the issue to the Chiltern Society who are undertaking path clearance for the council.

Action: Clerk

10.3. Cllr Castle enquired how the application for internet banking was progressing. The clerk informed the council that the process had stalled due to issues with paperwork and approved signatories. A face-to-face meeting is required at HSBC in order for it to be resolved and the clerk will do this once the school holidays are over.

Action: Clerk

10.4. Cllr Blackwell reported that there had still been no decision from the flood planning team on the new pipework at Saunderton however it is expected to take place soon as the work will need to be completed before the A4010 can be used for HS2 construction traffic.

10.5. Cllr Breese reported that the nettles along the road at Skittle Green and Forty Green are very overgrown. The clerk will report the issue to Transport for Bucks.

Action: Clerk

10.6. Cllr Brid advised that a meeting was being held by Princes Risborough Town Council on Thursday 13th July regarding their town plan however it is only open to residents.

10.7. Cllr Sage asked who is responsible for emptying the bin at Meadow Styles as it regularly overflows and needs emptying more often. The clerk will make enquires with WDC.

Action: Clerk

10.8. Cllr Cox reported that some rubbish had been dumped in a lay-by on Wigans Lane. The clerk will report this to Transport for Bucks.

Action: Clerk

10.9. Cllr Cox enquired about grass cutting in Princes Risborough as there is an area of grass that is regularly cut around the sign marking the entrance to the town on the main Aylesbury Road despite being situated in a 40mph zone. The clerk agreed to find out from Princes Risborough Town Council.

Action: Clerk

10.10. Cllr Cox informed the council that Thames Water have been carrying out works on Chinnor Road in Bledlow Ridge to replace the lining of the water main. There has been a large leak and the traffic lights are proving disruptive.

10.11. The clerk reported that the Meadow Styles parents group had completed their recent inspection of the playground and found no major issues.

11. Next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday 3rd August 2017 at 7.30pm.

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