



# BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday  
5<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors M Blackwell, S Breese, J Butler, P Castle, N Cox, A Lord, S Reading (Chairman) and A Sage.

Clerk: Jocelyn Cay

2 Members of the public (Mr & Mrs Peter Malaure)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Sue Bird and County and District Councillor Carl Etholen.

**2. Dispensations**

None.

**3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

The minutes were approved following a proposal by Cllr Butler, seconded by Cllr Blackwell. The chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

**4. Broadband**

Cllr Reading informed the council that detailed information had finally been provided to the Broadband Working Group (BBWG) by Jacqueline Ford prior to a Freedom of Information request needing to be implemented. The BBWG have analysed the postcode-level data and, although it may still be subject to change, it has provided a much better understanding of the scale and scope of the project. Further clarification is required and the BBWG will continue their work. Cllr Reading also updated the council on progress with securing a "faculty" in order to make the wireless broadband installation on Bledlow Church a permanent feature. Work on this will continue in conjunction with the PCC.

**5. Planning Matters**

5.1. Two members of the public were present to discuss a proposed planning application in Bledlow Ridge to convert a garage into carer's accommodation. The council advised that they were unable to provide a consultation service on proposed planning applications and directed the applicants to the planning department at Wycombe District Council.

5.2. Current applications were discussed and responses approved.

5.3. Cllr Blackwell asked whether CiL monies would be available from the development planned for the Clare Foundation, Saunderton. The clerk confirmed that CiL money was only payable on development which creates net additional floor space and therefore that it was unlikely any CiL funds would be received. Cllr Reading noted that he had been asked to speak to the developer (Martin Group) along with Cllr Etholen and that he had been asked for the thoughts and input of the parish council.

**6. Application for grants**

None had been received.

**7. Authorisation of payments**

The following payments were unanimously agreed following proposal by Cllr Lord, seconded by Cllr Sage.

Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Total
	Jocelyn Cay	Salary – March 2018	£458.33		£458.33
	Jocelyn Cay	Expenses	£10.00		£10.00
	TBS Hygiene Ltd	Bin emptying	£63.00	£12.60	£75.60
	Playdale Playgrounds Ltd	M. Styles – new equipment (MS funds)	£2,008.55	£401.71	£2,410.26
	Technix Rubber & Plastics Ltd	M. Styles – Matting (PC funds)	£482.20	£96.44	£578.64
	<b>Total for month</b>		<b>£3,022.08</b>	<b>£510.75</b>	<b>£3,532.83</b>

**8. Correspondence, reports and issues from councillors and clerk**

- 8.1. The clerk highlighted the fact that the government had announced that it was minded to approve a single unitary authority for Buckinghamshire. Cllr Breese had, prior to the meeting, circulated the letter previously sent on the matter supporting a single unitary authority and had asked the councillors to consider if they thought it still stands. The councillors agreed that their position had not changed and therefore no further action was required.
- 8.2. The clerk reported that a resident of The City, Bledlow Ridge had requested the parish council make an application for a new salt bin. A discussion took place around whether or not this was something the council should do. It was agreed that the clerk would obtain a quote for how much it would cost and a decision would be made once the price was known.

**Action: Clerk**

- 8.3. The clerk reported that Nick Jeffrey had conducted a litter pick along Perry Lane. The council noted that they were grateful for his work.
- 8.4. Cllr Breese reported that he had been in touch with the Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway with respect to a new stop at Bledlow Cricket Club and that he was due to be contacted by Andrew Walker, the Development Director.
- 8.5. Cllr Butler raised the issue of rubbish that had been dumped on the Molins property on Haw Lane and also the overgrown Hedge on Haw Lane. The clerk confirmed that both of these issues had already been reported.
- 8.6. Cllr Butler also asked about progress with investigating the installation of private bins in the parish. The clerk advised that she would look into this.

**Action: Clerk**

- 8.7. Cllr Reading raised the issue of clearance of Bledlow Cross. The clerk advised that Historic England were in the process of chasing their Scheduled Monuments Team in order to provide guidance on how the project should be undertaken.
- 8.8. Cllr Sage asked about the Devolved Services Agreement with Bucks County Council (BCC) and if it had been possible to identify the aspects that were causing issues. Cllr Reading and the clerk advised that they had reviewed the agreement together and that the council had been working correctly with regards to the agreement however a further meeting with Mark Averill of BCC would be arranged as soon as possible to ensure that the contract is fully reviewed and understood. In particular it was agreed that there is a need to identify land within the parish that is owned by BCC.

**Action: Clerk & Cllr Reading**

- 8.9. Cllr Sage reported that the fencing along the Icknield Way was still in place. It was agreed that Cllr Breese would contact Neil Taylor at the Carington Estate to discuss where the boundary is.

**Action: Cllr Breese**

- 8.10. Cllr Lord reported that he had received an official complaint about cars parking on the pavement on the Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge, near to the junction with The City. The clerk confirmed that, as per the Devolved Services Agreement, parking issues should be reported to the police and that this would be done.

**Action: Clerk**

- 8.11. Cllr Lord reported that he had been in touch with Cheryl Evans, the Senior Road Safety Officer of West Berkshire Council, regarding the possibility of witnessing Sentinel SpeedWatch equipment in action prior to the parish council making a purchase. Cllr Lord will agree a date with Cheryl Evans for himself, Cllr Cox and the clerk to visit.

**Action: Cllr Lord**

- 8.12. Cllr Cox mentioned that the "Chalk, Cherries and Chairs" scheme of the Chiltern Conservation Society had recently been discussed at the Rural Forum and that projects had been identified in Bradenham and Radnage. He questioned why nothing had been earmarked for Bledlow-cum-Saunderton. Cllr Sage advised that he was aware that money was available for projects that the community came up with.

8.13. Cllr Cox asked about the removal of the ivy from the verge near Meadow Styles, Bledlow Ridge. It was agreed that this would be reported to Transport for Bucks.

**Action: Clerk**

9. **Next meeting**

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held at Bledlow Village Hall on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 starting immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council that will start at 7.30pm.

**Signed**.....

**Date**.....