



# BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday  
2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors M Blackwell, S Breese, J Butler, P Castle, N Cox, S Reading  
(Chairman), and A Sage  
County and District Councillor: Carl Etholen  
Clerk: Jocelyn Cay  
Members of the public: Mike Britnell, Bill Bendyshe-Brown

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Sue Bird and Anthony Lord.

2. **Dispensations**

None

3. **To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

3.1. Paragraph 4.5 of the minutes of the June meeting were manually amended to reflect that the grass cutting in question was not part of the devolved services agreement. The minutes were then approved following a proposal by Cllr Breese, seconded by Cllr Castle. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

3.2. The minutes of the July meeting were approved following a proposal by Cllr Blackwell, seconded by Cllr Castle. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true record.

4. **World War I commemorations**

Bill Bendyshe-Brown attended the meeting in order to brief the council of the celebrations planned for the centenary of the end of World War I. He highlighted the events taking place across the county and explained the commemorations planned for the parish which include the preparation of a book detailing the histories of the fallen soldiers listed on the memorials in Saunderton and Bledlow churches.

5. **Outstanding Actions**

The clerk worked through a list of all actions outstanding from previous meetings. Progress of note had been made in the following areas:

5.1. Manor Estates Groundcare will shortly be clearing all the footpaths that the parish council are responsible for under the Devolved Services agreement with Buckinghamshire County Council.

6. **Broadband**

Cllr Reading provided an update from the Broadband Working Group (BBWG). Representatives from Rapid Rural are due to attend the forthcoming BBWG meeting along with the Church Warden from Bledlow church in order to discuss the faculty application for a permanent installation on the church. Jacqueline Ford, of Wycombe District Council (WDC) has been on leave for several weeks but it is hoped that, now she is back, she will be able to provide some more information regarding the BT Open Reach installations. In particular the BBWG would like to find out if FTP (Fibre to Property) will incur any costs to the properties.

7. **Planning Matters**

7.1. Current applications were discussed and responses approved.

7.2. Cllr Reading informed the council that he is due to meet with WDC planning enforcement officers on 7<sup>th</sup> August to discuss their process and the ongoing concerns the parish council has regarding breaches of planning conditions in the parish.

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**8. Application for grants**

Bledlow Village Hall had applied for a grant towards their playground repairs. The parish council have received s106 monies from WDC for "Open Spaces" which had already been earmarked for the Bledlow Playground project. The council unanimously agreed to grant the £4835 plus VAT to the project following a proposal by Cllr Sage, seconded by Cllr Breese.

**9. Authorisation of payments**

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Total
100751	Jocelyn Cay	Salary – July 2018	£458.33		£458.33
100752	Jocelyn Cay	Expenses	£23.92	£4.79	£28.71
100753	TBS Hygiene	Bin emptying July 2018	£164.80	£5.60	£33.60
100754	Princes Risborough Town Council	Grass cutting (Devolved services)	£675.05	£32.96	£197.76
	<b>Total for month</b>		<b>£675.05</b>	<b>£43.35</b>	<b>£718.40</b>

**10. Devolved Services**

The clerk advised the council that Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) had offered a four-year extension to the current devolved services contract at the same annual rate of £3,354 per year. Cllr Cox was concerned that the amount would not be increasing. There was also an option to enter into an extended devolved services contract whereby the parish council would take on the responsibility for road repairs etc. The general consensus was that the current contract should be extended but that the parish is too small to be able to take on any further responsibilities. Cllr Sage made a proposal to extend the current contract by four years, seconded by Cllr Butler. It was unanimously approved however Cllr Cox abstained from the vote.

**11. Chilterns National Park**

A discussion from the last meeting was continued whereby the advantages and disadvantages of the Chilterns AONB becoming a National Park were discussed. There were no strong views either way but there were concerns over the boundaries and marginal zones, in particular if the National Park planning rules are the same as those for the AONB in respect of views both into and from the park. It was agreed that the clerk would respond to David Lidington's request for opinions highlighting these concerns.

**Action: Clerk**

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

- 12.1. Cllr Etholen updated the council on the progress of the Saunderton parking scheme. He is currently waiting for Kirk Adams of TfB to confirm costings.
- 12.2. The clerk confirmed that an unlimited number of email accounts could be created from the parish council domain for councillors if they wished to have them.
- 12.3. The clerk reported that a shared ownership property at Little Gibbs, Bledlow had become available. It was agreed that she would forward on the details to all councillors so they could help to advertise the availability.
- 12.4. Cllr Reading mentioned that Bledlow Ridge Village Hall had been considered as a possible location for a parish clerk's office. The Village Hall committee had been approached and were investigating the possibility of wi-fi.
- 12.5. Cllr Cox reported several issues including a pothole on the Chinnor Road, a water leak and overgrown trees blocking road signs in the parish.

**13. Next meeting**

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held at Bledlow Village Hall on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 starting at 7.30pm.

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