



BLEDLow-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Village Hall on Thursday 6th
September 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors S Bird, M Blackwell, S Breese, J Butler, P Castle, N Cox, A Lord,
S Reading (Chairman), and A Sage
Members of the public: 1

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from the clerk Jocelyn Cay and County and District Councillor Carl Etholen.

2. **Dispensations**

None

3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd August 2018**

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

4. **Outstanding Actions**

It was noted that the clerk had reported all outstanding actions were completed or in process.

5. **Broadband**

Cllr Reading provided a brief update. Cabinet 23 in Bledlow was now active and performing well. There was further discussion of the status of various cabinets in the parish and of "fibre to the premises". The church installation was progressing positively albeit slowly.

6. **Planning Matters**

- 6.1. Planning applications were informally discussed due to the absence of a planning schedule from the clerk. Cllr Sage would send the latest list of applications to Councillors to comment and respond accordingly.
- 6.2. Cllr Sage reported that a revised application for 130 houses was to be submitted for the Molins site in 2019 by St Congar. Cllr Reading would enquire of Wycombe District Council (WDC) if they have had discussions with St Congar.
- 6.3. Cllr Reading's meeting with Ms Tollitt and others at WDC Planning Department on the important subject of enforcement had been aborted in the absence of WDC attendees. Cllr Reading would rearrange the meeting as a matter of urgency and Cllr Sage would be available to attend.
- 6.4. Cllr Reading would write to Network Rail regarding obtrusive fencing that had recently been erected adjacent to the bridge over the Lower Icknield Way.
- 6.5. Clarification was sought regarding the various aspects of the Old House (Bledlow Ridge) planning application, specifically in relation to the common pond, converting agricultural land into domestic curtilage and the re-siting of the drive. Cllr Cox would review the status of comments submitted, noting that the closing date had now passed. The clerk would seek clarification of the position from WDC.
- 6.6. The member of the public sought clarification over the height of a Bledlow planning application.

7. **Application for grants**

There were no applications for grants.

8. **Authorisation of payments**

The following payments were approved:

Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Total
	Jocelyn Cay	Salary – August 2018	£458.33		£458.33
	Jocelyn Cay	Expenses	£133.98	£3.80	£137.78
	Princes Risborough Town Council	Grass cutting (Devolved services)	£154.50	£30.90	£185.40
	Manor Estates	Annual footpath clearance	£1,200.00	£240.00	£1,440.00
	Total for month		£1,946.81	£274.70	£2,221.51

9. Bledlow Household Waste Centre

It was noted that the proposed closure of Bledlow Household Waste Centre was subject to an 8 week consultation period. It was agreed that the council should respond as a consultee. Councillors would consider the issues carefully and report the next meeting when a considered response would be formulated for submission to Wycombe District Council.

10. Correspondence, reports and issues from councillors and clerk

10.1. It was noted that Bledlow Ridge Village Hall (BRVH) were not able to sell back electricity generated from their solar panels to the grid because the project received public funds. It was suggested that BRVH should take up the issue with the contractors.

10.2. Nominees for the devolved services sub-committee would be contacted by Cllr Sage.

10.3. Cllr Lord had written to Ivinghoe Parish Council regarding speed watch and was awaiting a response.

10.4. Cllr Bird reported that there were still no new bins for dog waste and that footpath signs had been erected some distance from the customary routes that had been in use for decades. Cllr Bird would forward the footpath details to Cllr Butler.

10.5. Cllr Bird reported that the lady living in a tent between the railway lines at Saunderton was causing concern to local residents however the situation is irresolvable as the police prefer to take no action.

10.6. Cllr Cox reported that the footpath at the far end of the parish on Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge was blocked. Cllr Cox would pass the details to Cllr Butler for further investigation.

11. Next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday 4th October 2018 starting at 7.30pm.

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