



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Village Hall on Thursday 1st
November 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
County and District Councillor: Carl Etholen
Clerk: Jocelyn Cay
1 member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Dispensations

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th October 2018

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

4. Outstanding Actions

The clerk highlighted the main outstanding action as being a meeting of the proposed working group for devolved services and parish maintenance. The clerk advised that, along these lines, she was meeting with James Tunnard of Transport for Bucks (TfB) to consider the responsibility of cutting the hedge at The Crest, Bledlow Ridge.

5. Broadband

Cllr Reading provided an update to the council. The faculty application for the mast on the roof of Bledlow church to become a permanent fixture has now been submitted and is awaiting review. OpenReach have activated some more infrastructure within the parish but it's not yet known how well this is working for residents. The Broadband Working Group have been fairly quiet of late but, as the Connected Counties project is due to finish in December 2019, the group are aware they need to re-engage with Connected Counties and Wycombe District Council (WDC) to ensure the work is completed with the timescale. The working group are holding meetings throughout November so Cllr Reading will have a more in-depth report on progress at the December meeting.

6. Planning Matters

6.1. Current applications were discussed and responses approved.

6.2. Planning enforcement in the parish was questioned and the clerk will follow this up with WDC.

7. Application for grants

An application had been received from Cllr Etholen for the parish council to provide £4,983.26 of match funding towards the parking scheme in Saunderton. The councillors were of the opinion that they did not know enough about the scheme in order to make a decision. The clerk will forward on the supporting documents and the council will reconsider the grant application at the December meeting.

8. Authorisation of payments

The following payments were approved following proposal by Cllr Blackwell, seconded by Cllr Sage:

Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Total
	Jocelyn Cay	Salary – October 2018	£458.33		£458.33
	Jocelyn Cay	Expenses	£34.92	£4.99	£39.91
	Manor Estates Groundcare	Clearance of Saunderton Churchyard (parish maintenance – John Lawrence)	£400.00	£80.00	£480.00
	Zurich	Annual insurance renewal	£749.45		£749.45
	Wycombe District Council	Annual playground inspection	£52.50		£52.50
	Total for month		£1,695.20	£84.99	£1,780.19

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9. Quarterly financial review

The clerk presented a summary of the finances at the end of quarter 2 of 2018/2019. It was noted by the council.

10. 2019/2020 draft budget

The clerk presented an initial draft of the 2019/2020 budget. The councillors will consider this during the next couple of weeks and email the clerk if there are any queries or issues. The clerk will also make further investigations into the current number of properties in the parish and the impact of this on the precept.

11. Speedwatch

Cllr Lord informed the council that he had met with a SpeedWatch team in Ivinghoe to see a demonstration of their equipment and that it had been very impressive. He had also met with Korinne Leny from the LAF and PC Turnham from Thames Valley Police to discuss how a SpeedWatch team would work in practice. Cllr Lord concluded that the council should purchase a SpeedWatch device and he will submit a formal application for funds at the December meeting.

12. Correspondence, reports and issues from councillors and clerk

12.1. The clerk informed the council that she had received correspondence from a parent at Bledlow Ridge school asking for the council's opinion on the installation of safety bollards on Chinnor Road at the junction with Church Lane. The council were supportive of the idea providing the bollards are only in position during school drop-off and pick-up times. This raised a further discussion about more permanent solutions to the parking problem at Bledlow Ridge school and the possibility of yellow zig zags being installed on Chinnor Road. The clerk will liaise with the school to ascertain their viewpoint.

12.2. The clerk advised that a meeting had been arranged between Cllr Sage, Historic England and the Carington Estate to discuss the state and maintenance of Bledlow Cross.

12.3. Cllr Etholen reported that it had been agreed that, subject to Parliamentary approval, Buckinghamshire would be moving to a single unitary authority from 1st April 2020. This will most likely impact the District elections due to take place in 2019.

12.4. Cllr Breese advised that the church wall at Holy Trinity in Bledlow has cracked in several places and may need some maintenance work. The clerk agreed to contact Mick Evins, who was clerk when the wall was last worked on, for advice.

12.5. Cllr Breese asked for the Neighbourhood Plan pages on the parish council website to be update. The clerk agreed to look into this as a priority.

12.6. Cllr Bird reported that the refurbishment work on the Bledlow playground had now been completed.

12.7. Cllr Bird reported that the issue with incorrect signage of footpaths in Saunderton had been resolved by the signs being moved.

12.8. Cllr Butler asked about progress on the installation of new bins in the parish. The clerk reported that she had heard nothing back from Mark Tattam or Teresa Morrissey on the situation despite emailing several times. It was agreed that the situation should be escalated to Cllr Etholen.

12.9. Cllr Reading announced that he had been asked to lay wreaths at the Remembrance Day services at Bledlow and Saunderton.

12.10. Cllr Butler mentioned the fact that the Bledlow Ridge Village Hall would be returning the funding the parish council had paid towards their solar panel project as receiving public funds was preventing them from selling back extra power to the grid.

13. Next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday 6th December 2018 starting at 7.30pm.

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