#  BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Village Hall on

Thursday 7th November 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors M Blackwell, S Breese, N Cox, S Bird, J Butler, A Sage

S Reading (Chairman), and A Lord (Vice Chairman)

County and District Councillor: Carl Etholen

Clerk: Tracey Martin

 Mr Nick Jefferies (to discuss North Mill Road)

1. **Apologies for absence**

None.

1. **Dispensations**

None.

1. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd October 2019.**

The minutes were approved following a proposal by Cllr Blackwell and seconded by Cllr Lord.

The Chair signed the minutes as a true record.

1. **Outstanding Actions**
	1. **Installation of new bins in the Parish:** The clerk reported that she still needs to action this.
	2. **Verge Gardening:** The clerk reported that there has been no update through FixMyStreet.
	3. **Princes Risborough & Chinnor Railway:** This will be deferred to the next meeting.
	4. **Parking Solutions Saunderton:** Cllr Etholen confirmed that leaflets were delivered on the 19th October to 100+ houses and the consultation will run until the 15th November with residents responding via the website. **Action: Cllr Etholen**
	5. **Bledlow Cross:** Cllr Sage confirmed he will chase the estate this week but asked for this to be deferred until after Christmas. **Action: Cllr Sage**
	6. **Extending Saunderton Burial Ground:** Clerk is to look at the Land Registry for a potential site. **Action: Clerk**
	7. **School Zig Zags Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge:** Cllr Reading reported that we are still waiting to hear on the LAF funding. Discussions were hand on the use of the wording of Zig-Zags as no solution has been agreed. Cllr Reading confirmed that the request is for a professional consultation on solutions. Clerk to amend wording on outstanding actions to Parking Solutions Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge. **Action: Clerk**
	8. **Bledlow Churchyard Wall:** Cllr Breese confirmed that we had received two quotes. One for around £11k and a second which reads well for £6976 inc VAT. Clerk to contact the 2nd quote from JG Restorations to enquire about the ongoing maintenance required. Cllr Breese confirmed that the cement will be raked out and replaced with lime mortar.

Cllr Cox added that a WDC Council officer would need to approve. Clerk to send quote to Wycombe District Council Conservation Officer. **Action: Clerk**

Subject to an ongoing maintenance regime Cllr Breese asked the Council for agreement in principle. No objections were raised.

Formal proposal to be added to next month’s agenda and added to the budget. **Action: Clerk**

* 1. **Planning Enforcement Meeting:** Cllr Reading confirmed that he and Cllr Castle had met with Penelope Tollitt and that a report had been circulated to all Councillors.
	2. **50% Grass Cutting Charge Saunderton Burial Ground:** Ongoing **Action: Clerk**
	3. **CIL Report:** The Clerk reported that progress had been made with this.
	4. **Salt Bins**: Cllr Reading asked for this to be put back onto Outstanding Actions until they are put in place.
1. **Broadband:** Cllr Breese reported that the Repeater on North Mill Road is up and working. The only issues which still remain are Chivells Farm and Callodown Farm.

Cllr Breese needs to write a final letter to residents.

1. **Speedwatch:** Cllr Lord referred to the previously circulated quote for the signs and requested approval. Cllr Etholen confirmed that he had applied for the £500 payment towards the signs. Cllr Lord stated that after VAT the signs will cost the Parish Council around £70. Cllr Lord asked if there were any objections: no Councillors objected and the purchase of the signs was approved unanimously.
2. **Devolved Services and Parish Maintenance:**
	1. **Meadow Styles Playground Inspection Report:** The clerk referred to the previously circulated report and asked if there were any comments. Cllr Sage stated that we need to wait for the Parents Group to report back to the Parish Council on this.
	2. **Street Sign Cleaning:** The clerk reported that Princes Risborough would be happy to take on this work on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Breese suggested that we get all signs cleaned within 30mph speed limit initially to which Cllr Sage agreed and suggested we need to get an inventory and then get into a rotation of cleaning the signs. The street signs within the 40mph were discussed. Cllr Etholen will raise these with TfB and respond to the Parish Council. This will also be raised at the Devolved Services meeting which is taking place tomorrow with Bucks County Council.
	3. **Bench – Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge:** The Clerk had previously circulated a quote for the bench to be repaired. Cllr Cox suggested that the Clerk obtain a quote for a new bench so prices can be compared. Cllr Castle added that the Parish Council require 3 estimates. Cllr Cox replied that the clerk may find it difficult to find two more mobile welders to quote. **Action: Clerk**
3. **North Mill Road**

Mr Jefferies referred to the previously circulated report to Councillors and thanked the Clerk for doing this. Cllr Reading asked Mr Jefferies what he felt that the Parish Council could do over and above what Mr Jefferies had already done and stated that any stop on a footpath is unwelcome and the Parish Council support Mr Jefferies with this.

Cllr Breese stated that the initial complaint was about a footpath and it’s a priority to get this reopened. Clerk to write to the Rights of Way Officer, Cllr Butler to assist with drafting the letter.

Cllr Reading to write to Phill Fox, Bucks County Council supporting Mr Jefferies concerns regarding the blocked footpath (number 81). **Action: Clerk / Cllr Butler** **/ Cllr Reading**

1. **Consultation on the priorities and budget for the Buckinghamshire Council**

All Councillors to look at this previously circulated email and action. **Action: All Councillors**

1. **Planning Matters**

Planning applications where discussed and comments made.

Cllr Lord reported that the Parish Council had received a report that a piece of land below the Woodland Trust in Radnage is being used inappropriately. Cllr Lord will visit and take a look to see if this is something that needs reporting to Wycombe District Council. **Action: Cllr Lord**

1. **Application for Grants**

The Parish Council has received a grant application from Cathy Stone at the Messenger which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

The Councillors discussed the application and where happy to support the grant application at a sum of £265 for the year.

1. **Authorisation of Payments**

The following payments were submitted for approval:



All payments were approved following a proposal by Cllr Blackwell and seconded by Cllr Bird.

1. **Quarterly Financial Report – Q1 and Q2**

The clerk presented a summary of the finances for Quarter 1 and 2 for 2019/2020 circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting. Cllr Sage questioned whether these should be displayed on our website along with our budget. Clerk to contact BALC. **Action: Clerk**

1. **Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk**
	1. Cllr Etholen introduced the conservative candidates that had been selected for the new

 Unitary Council. Mrs Shade Adohand and Mr Robert Carrington. Cllr Etholen also confirmed that he would be standing.

* 1. Cllr Breese confirmed that there is a new sign in place in Church End.
	2. Cllr Blackwell reported that he has been contacted by a previous tenant of the bungalow on the corner of the Molins site in Haw Lane. The resident has concerns that there is no title

 deeds for the property and questioned whether council tax was being paid as it appears that

 the house is / or is being prepared for occupation. Clerk to contact Wycombe District Council to inform them of the concerns raised **Action: Clerk**

* 1. The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Scope regarding the need for textile bins

 in the Parish. The Councillors felt that there was no need as clothes are collected with normal

 bin collections.

* 1. Cllr Reading informed the meeting that Bill Bendyshe-Brown and Cllr Etholen were on ITV

news on Monday reporting about the Household Waste Recycling Centre. Cllr Etholen confirmed that they had engaged the planning consultants. Cllr Etholen also confirmed that they are in negotiations with regards to the terms of the lease for 25 years with an opportunity to break clause every five years. Cllr Reading stated that a bigger fundraising is required.

* 1. Cllr Reading reported that he has been asked to lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council

 at Bledlow Remembrance Service.

* 1. Cllr Lord confirmed that when Speedwatch signs are received he is happy to put up the ones

 on poles but the ones that go on gates will require someone with a drill. Cllr Sage offered assistance.

* 1. Cllr Lord reported that his wife had been contacted through the Contact magazine as they

 were disappointed that nothing was in the magazine from the Parish Council re: the Household Waste Recycling Centre. Cllr Lord responded to the email.

* 1. Cllr Bird reported that she had read through the Standing Orders and noticed that everyone

 on the Parish Council is referred to as he. Cllr Castle stated that we should refer this to BALC because the Standing Orders the Parish Council use are set by BALC.

Clerk to contact them for advice. **Action: Clerk**

* 1. Cllr Butler referred to the field between Deanfield and where the houses start where the

 hedge is severely overgrown. Clerk to find out who owns the land and write a letter. **Action: Clerk**

1. **Members of the Public Invited to Speak**

Mr Jefferies reported that he was surprised that the County Council didn’t ask the body who know about local matters anything about the issue at North Mill Road.

1. **Next meeting**

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday 5th December 2019 starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

**Signed…………………………………………….. Date…………………………………………..**