



Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council

Village Support Group

Minutes of Meeting held 12th October 2020 at 6pm, Virtual meeting through Zoom

Online: - Cllr Simon Breese, Cllr Andrew Sage, Cllr Stephen Reading

Pat Cooke, Rayna Owens

Apologies: Sarah Daly

Tracey Martin (Minute Taker)

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1. Cllr Breese opened the meeting by explaining that following a grant application from Bledlow Ridge School for 20 Chromebooks which the Parish Council increased to 22 to cater for children not at Bledlow Ridge School, it was identified that there may be more children in the parish in need of laptops / PCs should there be another lockdown or if a class bubble has to isolate.

Since the last meeting of the Parish Council Cllr Breese confirmed the need for further screens identified by the headmaster of Bledlow Ridge School and also spoke to Longwick School who have a similar need.

2. Cllr Breese stated that the Support Group is looking for volunteers to collect the PCs which both Sarah Daly and Rayna Owens have offered to assist with. The PCs / laptops will then need to be left for 3 days before a technical volunteer wipes them and installs Linux Mint. Once this is complete the machines will then be passed to the schools.
3. Discussions were had on finding a competent IT person in Opensource and Cllr Breese reported that the Chairman of the Parish Council had agreed an interim budget so the project can proceed in the short term. This will cover the costs of cleaning materials and other consumables needed. The meeting also considered that should a suitable volunteer not step forward then we might approach local companies who may agree to help for a nominal fee.
4. Discussions were had on the ongoing support for the machines and also the deposits and it was agreed that this would be down to the schools as the Support Group would be handing the machines over to them.
5. Cllr Breese to liaise with Bledlow Ridge and Longwick school to enquire whether the machines would be adequate for their need.
Action: Cllr Breese
6. Cllr Breese to write material for newsletters, parish magazines and Facebook. **Action: Cllr Breese**
7. Cllr Reading to approve the report which was circulated prior to the meeting so it can be shared with Councillors.
Action: Cllr Reading
8. Cllr Sage asked whether we need to 'reboot' the Support Group as the way the Covid figures are heading, in a week's time we could be back where we were in March. Discussions were had and it was agreed that it is slightly different this time round with people knowing who their neighbours are and supermarkets having upscaled their deliveries and schools remaining open. Cllr Breese to include a statement in the material he writes stating that the Support Group is still able and willing if people require assistance.
Action: Cllr Breese
9. Rayna Owens stated that the winter conditions could present other difficulties i.e. getting to the Ridge if you don't have a four-wheel drive and ice on drives and pathways. Cllr Sage to contact

volunteers and see if they would like to continue and asking if they have a four-wheel drive. Cllr Sage to coordinate with Sarah Daly so information is collated across the board. **Action: Cllr Sage**

Next Meeting: Monday 19th October @ 6pm

Meeting closed at 6.45pm