



BLEDLow-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Devolved Services and Community Maintenance Committee
Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 18th January 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: N Cox, A Sage, S Reading (Chair)
Clerk: Tracey Martin

The meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Council's Standing Orders as modified by the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

1. **Apologies for absence:** None
2. **Declaration of Interest:** None
3. **Members of the Public Invited to Speak:** No members of the public present
4. **Devolved Services:** To consider current contract and whether the Parish Council wishes to take on any new areas.
 - 4.1. On reviewing the scope of Devolved Services, it was agreed that footpath maintenance need to be added to the Terms of Reference
 - 4.2. Discussions were had on the hedge at The Crest as the measurements only seem to cover the cutting of one side. Clerk to liaise with Devolved Service to clarify. **Action: Clerk**
 - 4.3. It was agreed that a map is required from Devolved Services of all the hedges which have been devolved. Clerk to obtain. **Action: Clerk**
 - 4.4. Discussions were had on taking on additional grass, it was agreed to obtain a map / list of all the areas which Buckinghamshire Council currently cut within the 30mph zone and then the Committee can review any areas which they would like devolved to the Parish Council. **Action: Clerk**
5. **Meadow Styles:** To discuss any outstanding issues.
 - 5.1. The Clerk reported that the only items outstanding from the RoSPA are the maintenance issues i.e. matting which needs to be lifted and relayed. The quotes which have been received so far are not like for like due to different recommendations. It was agreed to consider current and alternatives including matting, grass and tarmac although this option was no favoured. Councillors to visit playgrounds and report back. **Action: All Cllrs**
Cllr Sage will also speak with the Parents Group as to what their preference is. **Action: Cllr Sage**
6. **The Crest Hedge:** Discuss specification.
 - 6.1. It was agreed to ask Duckworth Associates for their recommendation as to the specification of the cut. Clerk to arrange. **Action: Clerk**
7. **Parish Maintenance:** To discuss any other Parish Maintenance
 - 7.1. The Clerk confirmed that the new piece of grass in Deanfield, Saunderton has been added to our schedule with Princes Risborough Town Council.
 - 7.2. Discussions were had on the Churchyard grass cutting. Due to Covid restrictions a meeting has not yet taken place to agree grass cutting specifications. It was agreed to work to the spec which had been previously circulated to Councillors and try to arrange a meeting in the Summer.
 - 7.3. Discussions were had on this year's grass / hedge and footpath cutting and managing / awarding the contract. Due to Covid restrictions it was agreed to roll over the 2020 contract.
8. **Next meeting:** It was confirmed that future meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday following the Parish Council meeting starting at 7.30pm via Zoom. Dates as follows:
15th February 2021
15th March 2021
12th April 2021
17th May 2021

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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