



BLEDLLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held via Zoom on
Thursday 7th January 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: N Cox, A Sage, J Butler, S Bird, M Blackwell, D Dobson, S Breese, S Reading (Chair), A Lord (Vice Chair)
Clerk: Tracey Martin
Councillor: Shade Adoh
Eight members of the public present

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:** Cllr Carl Etholen

2. **Dispensations:** None

3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd December 2020**

Cllr Lord stated that an action was required for himself against item 16.4.

It was agreed by those councillors present that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2020 where a true and accurate account of the meeting.

The minutes were approved following a proposal by Cllr Butler and seconded by Cllr Dobson.

4. **Members of the Public Invited to Speak:**

4.1. A few members of the public were present to share their frustrations on the length of time it is taking to get the footpath opened up by Lydebrook.

4.2. A member of the public raised a concern with broadband in some parts of the village. Cllr Breese has spoken with the member of the public prior to the meeting and has asked for some data to be collected, once this has been received the Parish Council will look into whether we can help.

4.3. A member of the public raised a concern with the HWRC and that no surveys / assessments had been carried out.

5. **Outstanding Actions:**

5.1. **Rapid Rural:** Cllr Reading reported that we are awaiting a decision from the Registrar of the Church of England Faculties.

6. **Reports from Sub-committees:**

Covid-19 Support Group:

6.1. Cllr Breese reported that during the 1st and 2nd Lockdown residents seem to have established their own support networks and that the main purpose of the groups will be the repurposing of laptops however, the Support Group is still available for those that need it.

6.2. Cllr Sage reported that 8/10 laptops have been offered already with potentially a further 42 on offer.

6.3. Cllr Sage will be sending an email to all the previous Support Group volunteers to check their availability and to enquire whether any of the volunteers would be interested in helping out with the reprogramming of laptops.

6.4. Cllr Breese reported that the Covid Support Group will be meeting on Monday 11th January 2021.

Devolved Services and Community Maintenance Committee

6.5. The first meeting has been scheduled for the 20th January and the group plan to agree a regular date and time each month to meet.

Cllr Blackwell joined the meeting

7. **Motion HRC / CIC:** The Parish Council to write to the planning department and CIC on the following items only:

- Due to the enlarged catchment area over the county boundary and the extra footfall it will create – enquire whether a traffic survey will be carried out.

- Ask for clarification on how Buckinghamshire Council will monitor the site when capacity (tonnage) has been reached due to the extra footfall.
- 7.1. The motion was not seconded due to new information being received that the application had gone to the Secretary of State for non-determination therefore Buckinghamshire Council no longer involved in the decision.

8. Parish Maintenance

- 8.1. **Approval of Meadow Styles quote for repairs to Cableway:** The previously circulated quote was discussed and all Councillors were in agreement to proceed with the quote from Reids Playground Maintenance at a cost of £880 plus vat.
- 8.2. **Approval of Tree Condition Survey quote for Bledlow Churchyard:** The previously circulated quote was discussed and all councillors were in agreement to proceed with the quote from Duckworth Associates at a cost of £620.

9. **Applications for Grants:** No applications for grants had been received.

10. Planning Matters:

New Planning Applications:

- 10.1. 20/08113/CTREE – Church End Cottages, Bledlow: The Parish Council has no objections to this application.
- 10.2. 20/08186/FUL– Yew Tree Cottage, Bledlow Ridge: The Parish Council has no objections to this application.
- 10.3. 20/08076/TPO – Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club: The Parish Council has no objections to this application.
- 10.4. 20/08317/CTREE– Bledlow House, Bledlow: The Parish Council has not made comment on this application.
- 10.5. 20/08307/FUL– The Jays, Bledlow Ridge: The Parish Council has objected to this application.
- 10.6. 20/08335/FUL– Princes Risborough Golf Club: The Parish Council has no objections to this application.
- 10.7. 19/06805/FUL– The Old House, Bledlow: An appeal against refusal of application has been submitted.

Planning Applications which have been decided:

- 10.8. 20/07646/FUL– Red Kites Bledlow Road Saunderton: The Parish Council had no objections to this application and the application was permitted.
- 10.9. 20/07644/FUL– Deanfield House, Saunderton: The Parish Council objected to this application and the application was permitted.
- 10.10.20/07714/FUL – 6 Routs Green Bledlow Ridge: The Parish Council had no objections to this application and the application was permitted.
- 10.11.20/07672/FUL – 13 Crownfield, Saunderton: The Parish Council objected to this application and the application was permitted.
- 10.12.20/07754/FUL– Farley Cottage, Saunderton: The Parish Council had no objections to this application and the application was permitted.
- 10.13.20/07851/FUL – OS Parcel 5382 Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge: The Parish Council objected to this application and the application was refused.
- 10.14.20/07887/TPO– The Boot, Bledlow Ridge: The Parish Council had no objections to this application and the application was permitted.
- 10.15.20/08141/HPDN – 13 Fords Close, Bledlow Ridge: The Parish Council had no objections to this application and the application was refused.

11. **Authorisation of Payments:** The following payments were submitted for approval:

Payments for approval at January 2021 Meeting						
Cheque No	Inv No	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
		Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council	Reinstate balance (£140.78) plus below highlighted payments	£283.66	£20.70	£304.36
	2205025891	Buckinghamshire Council	Annual Playground Inspection	£43.50	£8.70	£52.20
	154880	TBS Hygiene	Bin emptying November	£31.00	£6.20	£37.20
						£0.00
		Total		£283.66	£20.70	£304.36
Lloyds Bank Account Spend January 2021 Meeting						
Invoice No:	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount	
4'	G Spratt	Cutting hedge Meadow Styles	£250.00		£250.00	
154759	TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying October	£26.25	£5.25	£31.50	
05368/2020	Duckworth Arboriculture	Tree Surveys	£775.00		£775.00	
2021/2022'	WDALC	Subs	£15.00		£15.00	
12258	PRTC	Devolved Services	£189.00	£37.80	£226.80	
159455229	Stephen Reading	Laptops for Kids - Wireless Network Adaptor and Webcam	£39.80		£39.80	
D211474203	Rennie Grove Hospice Charity	Donation - Nick Ingram Teddies (Chairmans Allowance)	£100.00		£100.00	
	Amazon	5 Reams of paper	£19.99		£19.99	
	Total		£1,415.04	£43.05	£1,458.09	
Standing Orders - January Meeting						
Date	Invoice No:	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
10/12/2020		Tracey Martin	Salary December	£648.96		£648.96
10/12/2020		Tracey Martin	IT Allowance	£10.00		£10.00
						£0.00
		Total		£658.96	£0.00	£658.96
Direct Debits - January Meeting						
Date	Invoice No:	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
07/12/2020	203024135446	IONOS	Monthly Fee	£8.99	£1.80	£10.79
06/12/2020	203024098810	IONOS	Monthly Fee	£19.99	£4.00	£23.99
15/12/2020	1608007584529	GiffGaff	Monthly Top Up	£6.00		£6.00
19/12/2020	INV58272644	Zoom	Monthly Fee	£14.39		£14.39
		Total		£49.37	£5.80	£55.17

All payments were approved following a proposal by Cllr Sage and seconded by Cllr Lord.

12. **Discuss and Approve Precept for 2021/2022.**

12.1. The previously circulated precept details were discussed. It was unanimously agreed that the precept for band d properties would remain the same as previous year at £15.02 with the Parish Council receiving £18,840 which is a slight decrease on previous year. Precept approved for 2021/2022

13. **Haw Lane Footpath Footpath Link**

13.1. Cllr Butler raised a concern with the lack of public footpath between the Bridleway/Deansfield crossing on Haw Lane and the residential properties up the hill toward Chinnor Road. New owners have purchased the land which could provide a solution to the issue. After discussions, it was agreed that the Parish Council would contact the new owners by letter requesting an informal meeting to discuss the matter and any other Footpath issues now under their stewardship. A map identifying this area of land needs to be produced so that councillors are clear on the area concerned. Clerk to send letter. **Action: Cllr Butler / Clerk**

With agreement from Councillors the Chair decided to take agenda item 15 ahead of agenda item 14.

14. **Lydebrook – To consider and discuss any actions required from the Parish Council with regards to the Road and Public footpath outside Lydebrook, North Mill Road.**

14.1. Cllr Breese reported that the closed footpath issue had been going on for over 18 months now and proposed to Councillors that the Parish Council write to Buckinghamshire Council serving notice under section 130 with regards to the Footpath. Cllr Breese proposed and Cllr Butler seconded. All councillors were in favour. **Action: Clerk**

15. **Community Engagement Motion:** The Parish Council agrees in principle to allocate £10,000 from reserves to establish a “Parish Council Covid Relief Fund / This Parish Council agrees to establish a Working Party to administer the fund.
- 15.1. The Motion was withdrawn by Cllr Reading following discussions that the proposal could be dealt with under the Covid-19 Support Group. Will be raised at the Covid Support Group Meeting on the 11th January 2021. Guidance needs to be prepared on how the funds would be allocated and also how this will be communicated to groups. **Action: Cllr Reading**
16. **Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk**
- 16.1. Cllr Butler raised a concern that the Hedge at The Crest had still not be cut. The Clerk reported that TfB had planned to cut it back in December however, the Parish Council were not happy with how it had been cut previously so asked them to cancel the job. The Clerk is still trying to get the hedge devolved to the Parish Council.
- 16.2. Cllr Butler stated that there is a lot of fly tipping in and around the Molins site. It was discussed and agreed that all fly tipping should be reported through Fixmystreet.
- 16.3. Cllr Bird reported last month about a potential planning breach in Shootacre Lane. Buckinghamshire Council have now responded and planning permission is not required.
- 16.4. Cllr Reading reported on the HS2 Road Safety Fund. The application process is being restarted and will continue to monitor and update the Parish Council.
17. **Next meeting:** It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday 4th February 2021 starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

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