



BLEDLow-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Devolved Services and Community Maintenance Committee
Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 15th March 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. **Approval of Minutes:**
It was agreed by those councillors present that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2021 where a true and accurate account of the meeting.
The minutes were approved following a proposal by Cllr Reading and seconded by Cllr Sage.
4. **Members of the Public Invited to Speak:** No Member of the public were present.
5. **Devolved Services:**
 - 5.1. **The Crest Hedge:** Discussions were had on the quote which had been received to flail The Crest on either side. It was questioned whether the arisings would be cleared Clerk to check. The Clerk highlighted that the quote states that wheel marks may be left. All Councillors present resolved to proceed with the quote from Mr Gomme at a cost of £120. Clerk to arrange for the work to be carried out this week to avoid the bird nesting season. **Action: Clerk**
 - 5.2. **Any other outstanding Devolved Services Issues:** None
6. **Meadow Styles:**
 - 6.1. **Costings for Rubber Asphalt:** The previously circulated quotes for Rubber Asphalt were discussed. The Committee decided to rule out Wet Pour and opted for Rubber Mulch as it more cost effective. Cllr Sage will remeasure the area and Clerk to obtain 3 revised quotes. **Action: Cllr Sage & Clerk**
 - 6.2. **Any other outstanding Meadow Styles Issues:** None
7. **Parish Maintenance:**
 - 7.1. **Holy Trinity Church Tree Report:** Cllr Sage and Cllr Cox are meeting with the Arboriculturalist on site on Thursday 18th March to go through the report.
 - 7.2. **Bin:** Cllr Sage highlighted the dog waste bin outside Meadow Styles which has been decommissioned but is still in place. Councillors agreed the bin should be removed. Clerk to obtain quote. **Action: Clerk**
8. **Sandpit Lane Bledlow – Flooding Issue:**
 - 8.1. The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from the Local Area Technician of TfB which could be used for enforcement however, this was to be used as a last resort and not sent to all residents.
 - 8.2. Discussions were had on the Parish Council hiring a digger however, it was agreed that this wouldn't be possible due to public liability and obtaining the right licenses.
 - 8.3. Cllr Reading to report back to the "Digger Club" informing them that the Parish Council now have a legal recourse.
9. **CIL Eligible Projects:**
 - 9.1. **Memorial Bench:** Discussions were had on a Memorial Bench around the tree outside the Lions of Bledlow on the green which could hold plaques for up to four people. Councillors discussed the material of the bench and agreed that it would need to be Hardwood possibly recycled materials due to maintenance / environmental issues. Cllr Cox and Cllr Sage to measure the tree in order for the Clerk to obtain quotes. **Action: Cllr Cox, Cllr Sage, Clerk**

- 9.2. **Parish Benches:** Councillors discussed and identified benches which are currently in the parish.
Bledlow by Church Wall x 2
Top of Haw Lane
Corner of Church End / Perry Lane
Bledlow Green
By the Rose and Crown
- 9.3. **Bench for Teddy Bear Corner:** Cllr Cox stated that he had been contacted by a member of the parish who is considering raising funds to install a Bench on Teddy Bear Corner (The Crest) for when lockdown finishes and the Teddy Bears are gone. Councillors present thought that it was a good idea and a suitable location for the bench.
- 9.4. Discussions were had on possible locations for a bench in Saunderton. Cllr Reading to liaise with Cllr Blackwell and Cllr Etholen as to whether there is a requirement. **Action: Cllr Reading**

10. **Next meeting:**

- 12th April 2021 starting at 7.30pm via Zoom
- 17th May 2021 starting at 7.30pm via Zoom

Meeting closed at 8.38pm

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