



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Village
Hall on Thursday 7th January 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors M Blackwell, S Bird, J Butler, S Breese
(Chairman), A Sage, Dr P Castle, N Cox, S Reading and A Lord,
Clerk: Julie Bunker
Two members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from County and District Councillor Carl Etholan.

2. **To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd December 2015**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Nigel Cox and seconded by Cllr Sue Bird.

3. **Neighbourhood Plan**

To receive and acknowledge minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.
Kim Martin a member of the Molins Action Group asked for clarification around the emphasis the Parish Council appeared to be giving towards housing in Saunderton and also the name of the Task Group 'Saunderton Station', which some residents regarded as misleading.

After explanation from the Working Group and further discussion it was agreed that Saunderton Station was the best name for the Task Group and should remain. The Neighbourhood Planning process is based upon public consultation and would reflect the views of the whole community. All residents in the parish will be offered a range of alternatives including housing and mixed use for the site. Cllr Sage would address the residents' concerns in the February edition of Contact.

Action: Cllr Sage

There would be further opportunities for all residents to put forward their opinions, first through the Survey, which will be posted to all residents at the end of the week. Secondly two public exhibitions are planned at which residents can make their opinions known in person, one on Saturday 27th February 2016 at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall and one on Saturday 5th March 2016 at Bledlow Village Hall.

To agree the Task Group Terms of Reference.

The Task Group Terms of Reference were unanimously agreed.

Neighbourhood Plan Budget – Update.

The Parish Council noted the updated budget.

4. **Planning Matters**

To Resolve/Endorse Planning Applications responses

Current applications were discussed and responses approved. (Please see attached)

5. **Applications for Grants**

To consider any applications received

No applications had been received.

6. **Bucks County Council Local Transport Plan 4**

To agree response from the Parish Council

The proposed response was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Lord would amend and circulate for comment before a submission was made by the end of January.

Action: Cllr Lord

Sustrans/Sandpit Lane Safety Measures – Update from Cllr Reading

A site meeting had taken place between TfB, Sustrans, residents of Sandpit Lane and Cllr Reading on 17th December 2015. TfB have produced a list of options to improve safety here, which could include kerbing, signage, tactile paving, cutting back of vegetation and some remodelling. TfB have not provided costs for this work as they would prefer not to do so until funding is secured. LAF funding, initially promised for this FY, is unlikely to be forthcoming due to BCC non-essential spending cuts. The Clerk will contact BCC and Cllr Etholan for a funding update..

Action: Clerk

7. **Community right to bid – Update from Clerk**

No update available.

8. **Devolved Services from Wycombe District Council**

Land at Hillview – To agree to take on the grass cutting on this piece of land, trees to remain the responsibility of WDC.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would take on the grass cutting responsibility for this piece of land, subject to Princes Risborough Town Council being able to fulfil the obligation for the monies being offered by Wycombe District Council. The Clerk will take this forward.

Action: Clerk

9. **Authorisation of Payments**

To approve Payments for January 2016

The payments were unanimously agreed.

Payments for approval at January 2016 Meeting					
Cheque No	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
100548	Julie Bunker	December Salary	£458.33		£458.33
100549	Julie Bunker	Expenses (December)	£42.49	£1.00	£43.49
100550	Bledlow Village Hall	Jan PC meeting	£36.00		£36.00
100551	John Lawrence	Grass Cutting	£393.00		£393.00
100552	TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying (Nov)	£22.80	£4.56	£27.36
	Subtotal				£958.18
Neighbourhood Plan Expenditure					
100553	Bledlow Village Hall	Venue Hire for 5th Mar 2016	£72.00		£72.00
100554	Bledlow Ridge Village Hall	Venue Hire for 27th Feb 2016	£50.00		£50.00
100555	Collect Plus	Envelope delivery	£7.00	£1.39	£8.39
100556	rCOH Ltd	Consultant Fee (Invoice 1)	£2,550.00	£510.00	£3,060.00
100557	Adlam Repro	A5 Flyers	£162.50		£162.50
	Subtotal				£3,352.89
	Total for month				£4,311.07

10. Draft budget for 2016/17

To agree the budget and precept for the next financial year

The updated budget was discussed and amendments agreed. After a short discussion a small increase in precept was proposed in proportion to the number of new properties built in the Parish so as to keep the liability for each household the same.

It was unanimously agreed to set the Precept at £18144.00.

Action: Clerk

11. Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk

- Councillor Blackwell reported that the Community Flood Plan had come to a standstill and was being reviewed due to the floods being experienced elsewhere in the Country. Leaflets will be distributed around the A4010 Saunderton flooding hotspot for volunteers to help man pumps if necessary. Cllr Blackwell asked that any flooding in the Parish to be reported to him, with exact locations and preferably photographic evidence.

Action: All

12. To confirm next meeting to be held on Thursday 4th February 2015 at Bledlow Ridge Village hall at 7.30pm

Signed..... Date.....
Chairman