



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Village Hall on Thursday 1st
September 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors M Blackwell, P Castle, N Cox, A Lord and S Reading
(Chairman);
Clerk: Jocelyn Cay
County and District Councillor: Carl Etholen

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Sue Bird, Simon Breese, June Butler and Andrew Sage.

2. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 4th August 2016

The minutes were approved and signed by the chairman as a true record.

3. Neighbourhood Plan

The minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group were acknowledged.

4. Planning matters

4.1. Current applications were discussed and responses approved.

4.2. The clerk informed the council that a complaint had been submitted to Wycombe District Council (WDC) Planning Department in respect of a violation at Hillview Saunderton. A response had been received from the planning officer stating that no planning violations had been made. It was therefore discussed how the land owner could be prevented from accessing his property across the grass verge. Bollards were suggested and Cllr Etholen confirmed that bollards could be a LAF project. He also suggested that the council could apply for village green status with the BCC rights of way department but that it would take a long time. It was agreed that the clerk would add bollards to the LAF project application.

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5. Applications for grants

No applications had been received.

6. Authorisation of payments

The following payments were unanimously agreed:

Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Total
100623	Jocelyn Cay	Salary – August 2016	£458.33		£458.33
100624	Jocelyn Cay	Expenses	£15.99		£15.99
100625	John Lawrence	Parish grass cutting	£268.00		£268.00
100626	BALC	Annual Subs – replacement cheque	£338.64		£338.64
100627	Princes Risborough Town Council	Grass cutting – devolved services	£220.00	£44.00	£264.00
	Subtotal		£1,300.96	£44.00	£1,344.96
Neighbourhood Plan Expenditure					
	Subtotal		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Total for month		£1,300.96	£44.00	£1,344.96

7. Quarterly financial report

The report was acknowledged.

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8. WDC draft residential design guide

This was acknowledged but there were no further comments. It was agreed that Cllr Breese would be more knowledgeable on the subject and it was difficult to make any comments in his absence.

9. Beat the bounds

Cllr Cox informed the council that a report of the event is in the process of being compiled by himself along with Cllr Bird, it will include maps and locations of the items discussed on the tour. The report will include information that either requires attention from the council or is for information purposes but there is nothing urgent to be addressed.

10. LAF – proposals for TfB schemes

In addition to the bollards suggested above (4.2) the following items were suggested:

- The gate on Chinnor Road at the entrance to Bledlow Village – this was originally funded through LAF and therefore TfB will not make the repairs. It was suggested the repairs or a replacement could be put forward again for LAF funding. Cllr Etholen commented that, if the cost of a repair was under approximately £200 then it could be covered under his WDC ward budget. In order to process this he would need an estimate of the costs involved. The clerk will obtain a quote.

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- Resurfacing and upgrading of the A4010 cycle path along with more notices encouraging usage of the cycle path. Cllr Etholen suggested that this could be eligible for funding from ActiveBucks.
- Cllr Etholen suggested mobile VAS units could be funded through LAF however it was agreed that it should first be ascertained if there is actually an issue with speeding in the parish through running a Speedwatch scheme (see item 13 below).
- A parking scheme, perhaps double yellow lines, for Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge to help ease the traffic problems around school pick-up time.
- A footpath from Bledlow Ridge to the Molins site however, in the absence of Cllr Butler, it was agreed this should be discussed at the next meeting.

11. CIL – local priorities

To be discussed at the next meeting.

12. Footpaths – restoring the record

Cllr Butler has requested that the council obtain a copy of “Rights of Way” to help with her work on the project. In the absence of Cllr Butler it was agreed this would be discussed at the next meeting.

13. Speedwatch

Cllr Lord reported that he had successfully met with PC Turnham of Princes Risborough Police and that they would be progressing with setting up a Speedwatch scheme in the parish. A training session will be taking place at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on 28th September 2016 and at least 6 people are required to attend as, in general, 3 people will be required to run Speedwatch alongside PC Turnham each time. Cllr Lord suggested that there should be at least one councillor from each ward present. There will be two one-hour Speedwatch sessions run in the parish per month with the aim to reduce the speed of vehicles rather than catch people. After Speedwatch has been running in the parish for a year the council will be eligible to buy equipment if desired.

14. Correspondence, reports and issues from councillors and clerk

14.1. The clerk reported that notification had been received stating that part of the Lower Icknield Way at Bledlow would be closed between Perry Lane and Summerleys Road for 5 days from October 3rd 2016. This was to allow improvements to the drainage system in order to prevent further flooding in the area.

14.2. The clerk informed the council that a letter had been received from Mrs Joy Mackinnon stating that her term as a trustee for Bledlow Charities had come to an end but that she was happy to continue in the role.

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14.3. The clerk confirmed that representatives from BCC would be attending the next meeting on 6th October to present to the parish council on the proposed Unitary Authority. The clerk had been asked by BCC if representatives from neighbouring parish councils could also attend the presentation. It was agreed that the BCC presentation should be held at 7pm on 6th October to enable third parties to attend and without impacting on the timings of the usual parish council meeting which would be held at 7.30pm as usual. The clerk will request this change of time with BCC.

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14.4. Cllr Etholen updated the council with an email and press release regarding broadband and that it is due to begin rollout this autumn.

14.5. Cllr Cox voiced his displeasure regarding the manner in which Neighbourhood Plan boundary lines were discussed at the council meeting on 4th August. Cllr Cox believed the alternative plans proposed by Cllr Castle should have been circulated to council members prior to the meeting and that, as they had not, he had therefore been placed in a difficult position during the discussions as his property was involved and he was unsure as to whether he should declare an interest. After lengthy discussions it was decided that there would be no benefit from pursuing the matter with the Standards Committee and that, in future, proposals should be distributed prior to a meeting.

14.6. Cllr Blackwell reported that he had been contacted by the owners of 12 Chiltern View regarding the fact that their property was being damaged by roots from the trees growing in the grass verge of Hillview. It was agreed that the parish council have no responsibility for the trees on Hillview and therefore would be unable to take any action.

15. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday 6th October 2016 starting at 7.30pm.

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