



BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Village Hall on Thursday 3rd
November 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors M Blackwell, S Breese (Chairman), J Butler, P Castle (arrived 7.45pm), N Cox, A Lord, S Reading (arrived 8.00pm) and A Sage
Clerk: Jocelyn Cay
Mr & Mrs Luca Guerzoni (left 8.05pm)
County Councillor Bill Bendyshe-Brown (left 7.50pm)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Sue Bird and County and District Councillor Carl Etholen. Councillors Paul Castle and Stephen Reading also apologised in advance as they would be arriving late.

2. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 6th October 2016

The minutes were approved and signed by the chairman as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Blackwell and seconded by Cllr Butler.

3. Broadband

In the absence of County Councillor Carl Etholen, County Councillor Bill Bendyshe-Brown attended the meeting and provided an update. It is anticipated that it will be known in December which areas will be included within the scope of the project although it is inevitable that parts of the parish will see no improvement. With this in mind it was suggested that the Parish Council should set up a Working Group to look into what improvisations could be made to help those areas of the parish. Cllr Breese asked Cllr Reading to come up with details and a proposal for a Working Group in time for the December meeting.

Action: Cllr Reading

4. Neighbourhood Plan

4.1. Luca Guerzoni updated the council. The Reg 16 consultation run by Wycombe District Council (WDC) ended on 25th October. 14 representations were made, mostly from statutory consultees. Indications from WDC are that no new issues have arisen from the consultation process which is good news.

4.2. WDC, following consultation with The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG), has now appointed an independent examiner, Robert Yuille. The examiner will inspect all elements of the Neighbourhood Plan and will do so in any way he sees fit, there is no fixed process. The examiner has the right to call a public hearing and it is possible he may do so with respect to Molins, it will be known in the next couple of weeks if this is the case. It is anticipated, if there is no public hearing, that the examiner's report on the Neighbourhood Plan will be available by mid-December.

4.3. Luca Guerzoni also reported that the Molins appeal has been referred to the Secretary of State. Discussions with WDC and rCOH Ltd have suggested that the Secretary of State is likely to wait until the examiner's report on the Neighbourhood Plan is ready before deciding the appeal.

4.4. Cllr Castle informed the meeting that the Neighbourhood Plan's one-year budget period had now ended. A total of £22,456 has been spent and overall this represents a saving of £2,574 against the projected figure of £25,030 however the deficit (amount by which expenditure exceeds (grant) income) of £13,456 is £2,476 greater than budget of £10,980 because the Awards4All grant was not forthcoming. Cllr Castle was asked if anything needed to be allocated to the NP in the 2017/2018 budget and it was noted that the Parish Council may need to fund the referendum next year at a cost of circa £5,000 but that this would be re-paid by WDC. It was agreed that should such an eventuality arise a written undertaking specifying the repayment date should be obtained before consideration was given to making the loan.

4.5. Cllr Breese formally thanked Luca Guerzoni for his work on the Neighbourhood Plan project stating that it was submitted on time and appeared to be holding some weight.

5. Planning matters

5.1. Current applications were discussed and responses approved.

5.2. Councillors questioned the progress being made on the cases of verge gardening. The clerk agreed to chase up on reports previously made.

Action: Clerk

6. Applications for grants

No applications had been received.

7. Authorisation of payments

The following payments were unanimously agreed following proposal by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Blackwell:

Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Total
100636	Jocelyn Cay	Salary – October 2016	£458.33		£458.33
100637	Jocelyn Cay	Expenses	£90.39		£90.39
100638	TBS Hygiene Ltd	Bin emptying	£33.50	£6.70	£40.20
100639	Mazars LLP	Annual audit fee	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00
100640	Princes Risborough Town Council	Grass cutting	£240.00	£48.00	£288.00
	Subtotal		£1022.22	£94.70	£1116.92
Neighbourhood Plan Expenditure					
	Subtotal				
	Total for month		£1022.22	£94.70	£1116.92

8. Quarterly Financial Report

The clerk presented provisional quarterly accounts. The report contained correct figures however it had not yet been reconciled by Cllr Castle. The council acknowledged the report. It was suggested that going forward a CIL update could be included in the quarterly accounts.

Action: Cllr Castle and Clerk

9. Budget

This was in progress and therefore would be addressed at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

10. Beat the bounds

The report provided by Cllrs Cox and Bird prior to the meeting was acknowledged. Cllr Cox asked for any further observations to be forwarded to him so they could be added to the report. The intention is for the report and map to be placed on the website once it is accurate and complete. There are several items on the report that can now be worked on such as the entrance gate to Bledlow and the Robert's legacy. The clerk agreed to look into these. Cllr Lord expressed thanks to Cllr Cox for organising the event which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Action: Clerk and Cllr Cox

11. Princes Risborough Bypass

The council acknowledged the report provided by Cllrs Bird and Reading prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the route through the field adjacent to Culverton Farm was the best option for BcS parish. There was a discussion regarding the potential knock-on effects on surrounding roads but until finer details are known it is not possible to predict the outcomes or any actions required.

12. Correspondence, reports and issues from councillors and clerk

12.1. Cllr Lord stated that Speedwatch training would be arranged for January.

12.2. Cllr Lord also asked about the status of the village shop in Bledlow Ridge and it was agreed this would be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Cox agreed to look into the restrictions surrounding community ownership.

Action: Cllr Cox

12.3. Cllr Blackwell reported that there had appeared to be some surveys conducted at Wests Yard, Saunderton.

12.4. Cllr Reading raised an issue regarding hedge cutting. He had received a letter from BCC asking him to cut the hedge along the road by his property however the hedge does not belong to him. It was agreed that the clerk would speak to James Tunnard at BCC to discuss the issue of hedge cutting.

Action: Clerk

12.5. Cllr Butler mentioned the request for funding for the bus stop at Ministry Wharf, Saunderton that had been circulated by the clerk prior to the meeting. It was agreed that no decision would be made by the parish council until the outcome of the Molins Inquiry was known.

12.6. Cllr Castle queried the production of the minutes of the extraordinary meeting in August. The clerk agreed to investigate.

Action: Clerk

12.7. Cllr Castle requested and it was unanimously agreed that the clerk respond to Joy Mackman regarding her request to continue in the role of a nominated trustee of the Bledlow Consolidated Charities.

Action: Clerk

13. Next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held at Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday 1st December 2016 starting at 7.30pm.

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