



BLEDLow-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held via Zoom on
Thursday 1st April 2021 at 7.30pm

**Present: Councillors: N Cox, A Sage, J Butler, S Bird, D Dobson, S Breese,
M Blackwell, S Reading (Chair), A Lord (Vice Chair)**
Clerk: Tracey Martin
Councillors: Carl Etholen and Shade Adoh
Two 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:** None

2. **Dispensations:** None

3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th March 2021**

It was agreed by those councillors present that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2021 where a true and accurate account of the meeting.

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

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

4.1. A Member of the Public who was present thanked the Parish Council for the work which they do.

4.2. A Member of the Public raised concerns and discussions took place on the appeal which has been lodged with the Secretary of State for non-determination of the planning application for the HWRC.

5. **To receive an update on Lydebrook, North Mill Road, Bledlow**

5.1. Cllr Breese reported that the Clerk had written to Buckinghamshire Council requesting an update and informing them that the Police had been called to Lydebrook due to notices having been taken down. The PCSO who attended advised the Owners of Lydebrook not to put up any further signs until the matter is resolved. Unfortunately, Buckinghamshire Council have provided no update.

5.2. Cllr Breese requested that Cllr Etholen step in as the footpath closure is a separate issue to the road issue being dealt with by a Member of the Public. Clerk to send copies of the letters which have been sent to Buckinghamshire Council to Cllr Etholen. **Action: Clerk**

6. **To receive an update from Cllr Etholen , Buckinghamshire Council:**

6.1. Cllr Etholen reported that Buckinghamshire Council have released an additional restriction grant scheme for business affected in February / March 21. Applications can be made through Buckinghamshire Council and the deadline is April 30th 2021.

6.2. Cllr Cox raised a concern with highways maintenance on the Chinnor Road – Uplifting of kerbs by The Boot car park, car fire where a replacement surface was marked out and the last being the footpath outside the village shop. No action has been taken in the last year on these issues and all have been reported through Fixmystreet. Cllr Cox to share details with Cllr Etholen to follow up. **Action: Cllr Cox**

6.3. Cllr Cox raised an issue with ditching which has been carried by Molins and also in 26 other parts of the County and the Parish Council is having issues getting action taken in Sandpit Lane and North Mill Road. A meeting is taken place with the Local Area Technician on the 6th April so will monitor how this progress.

6.4. Cllr Etholen reported that the Saunderton Parking Consultation will commence after the May elections.

6.5. A Member of the Public asked Cllr Etholen what was being done by Buckinghamshire Council to improve Broadband in outlying areas. Cllr Etholen responded that the North West Community Board Sub Group - Economic and Regeneration is carrying out a feasibility study to explore what options are available and these will be put forward to the Community Boards to see if funding is available.

6.6. Cllr Sage raised a query with how the North West Chiltern and South West Chiltern Community Boards work together as money could be saved by working across borders and asked whether there is any mechanism to liaise over County borders. Cllr Etholen responded that there should be some cross county communication / initiative and will feedback to the Community Boards.

7. **To consider and approve an amended submission to the Planning Inspectors in additional to the Parish Council's earlier comments on the Bledlow Ridge Household Recycling Centre,**

- 7.1. Cllr Reading opened the discussion by stating that the Parish Council has already made a submission on the planning application and the Planning Inspectorate is now giving a further opportunity to make any amended points.
- 7.2. Cllr Sage stated that a draft form of words had been circulated to all Councillors. Councillors had looked at what Buckinghamshire Council had put out in their report had they decided the case.
- 7.3. Cllr Sage stated that there was an error in the highways report which had not been addressed and this should be raised within the Inspectorate. If permission is granted this will be for the land and not the CIC so regardless of who runs the HRC the Parish Council needs to ensure these facts are presented now. Cllr Sage added that waste should be limited to household waste only and a limit of 5,500 tonnes per annum.
- 7.4. Discussions took place on what would happen if the 5,500-tonne limit was met at a point through the year, Cllr Lord stated if the tonnage limit was met then it would have to shut as that was one of the key criteria of approval.
- 7.5. A vote was taken with 8 Councillors in agreement to submit the drafted wording and 1 Councillor abstaining.
- 7.6. Clerk to submit the Council's comment on the Planning Inspectorate website under case number: 3266409.

Action: Clerk

8. **Outstanding Actions:**

- 8.1. **Rapid Rural:** Cllr Reading stated that this is now in the hands of the Church. Cllr Lord raised a concern that it had been outsourced to the Church and the payment would be made to them.
 - 8.2. **Piccadilly:** Cllr Breese reported that a meeting had taken place and paperwork had been submitted to the Community Boards and the Parish Council is now just waiting for an estimate from TfB. Clerk to follow up for an update.
- Action: Clerk**
- 8.3. Cllr Reading left the meeting and Cllr Lord took over as Chair 8.42pm.
 - 8.4. **Shootacre Lane Update:** Cllr Bird reported that herself, Cllr Breese and Cllr Reading had attending a meeting on the Princes Risborough Expansion. It appears that Pitts's Lane / Shootacre Lane will not be used as part of the relief road. The existing main road in Princes Risborough maybe better suited for the heavy lorries. They are hoping to bring forward construction of the Culverton link as soon as possible however, it's being funded by the developers. Cllr Breese requested Cllr Etholen's support to see whether a Consultation Group can be implemented of Shootacre Lane residents to avoid Shootacre Lane being used.
 - 8.5. **Footpath Proposal Haw Lane:** Cllr Butler reported that she had been liaising via letter and email and the land owners are still considering the proposal. It was agreed to keep this informal and for Cllr Butler to continue pursuing.

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

Covid-19 Support Group:

- 9.1. Cllr Sage reported that there are still occasional requests and the Support Group will remain in place whilst there is the potential for a 3rd wave.

Devolved Services and Community Maintenance Committee:

- 9.2. Concerns were raised on the cut which took place recently on The Crest hedge. It was agreed that a consultation will take place over the Summer.
- 9.3. Cllr Butler raised the issue of bins and requested it be added to the agenda of the Devolved Services and Community Maintenance Committee. **Action: Clerk**
- 9.4. A concern was raised with the number of empty dog waste bags which are being discarded around the village. Cllr Sage stated that the litter pick which had taken place recently was very successful and has made a huge improvement to the village. Thanks was given to Susie Smith from the Parish Council for arranging the litter picking.

10. **Applications for Grants:** No applications received.

11. Planning Matters:

New Planning Applications:

- 11.1. 21/05504/FUL: 19 Fords Close, Bledlow Ridge – No objection
- 11.2. 21/05552/CTREE: Holy Trinity Church, Bledlow – No comment submitted
- 11.3. 21/05527/LBC: The Manor House, Bledlow – No objection
- 11.4. 21/05691/VCDN: 1 Little Lane Saunderton – No objection
- 11.5. 21/05739/PNP6A: Longwood Cottage, Saunderton – Requested full planning application
- 11.6. 21/05619/FUL: Resthaven, Bledlow Ridge – No objection
- 11.7. 21/05793/CLP: Medeway, Princes Risborough – No comment to make
- 11.8. 21/05806/ADRC: Land at Capel Farm & The Workshop, Bledlow Ridge: Information only
- 11.9. 21/05799/FUL: Bay Tree House, Bledlow Ridge – No objection
- 11.10.21/05847/LBC : Bledlow House, Bledlow – No objection
- 11.11.APP/P0430/W/266109: Bledlow Household Recycling Centre Appeal: Comment discussed under item 7. Comments to be submitted
- 11.12.21/05900/CLP: Ashridge House, Bledlow Ridge – New application comment to be submitted
- 11.13.21/05906/FUL: Poplar House, Bledlow Ridge – New application comment to be submitted

Planning Applications which have been decided:

- 11.14.20/08455/FUL – The Spinney, Princes Risborough: The Parish Council had no objections and the application was permitted
- 11.15.21/05043/PNP3S – OS Parcel 0012, Saunderton: The Parish Council requested this application come forward as a full application but the details were approved
- 11.16.21/05290/MINAMC – 1 Little Lane, Saunderton: No comment was required from the Parish Council and the application was refused.
- 11.17.21/05151/ADRC – Land at Capel Farm, Bledlow Ridge: No comment was required from the Parish Council and the application was split – detail reserved by condition.
- 11.18.21/05088/FUL – Crossview, Princes Risborough: The Parish Council objected to this application and the application was refused.
- 11.19.20/08076/TPO – Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club: The Parish Council had no objections and the application was permitted.
- 11.20.21/05143/FUL – Crendon House, Bledlow Ridge: The Parish Council objected and the application was withdrawn.
- 11.21.20/05461/VCDN – OS Parcel 8300, Bledlow: The Parish Council objected to this application and the application was permitted.
- 11.22.20/08317/CTREE – Bledlow House, Bledlow: The Parish Council did not comment on this application and it was decided not to make a tree preservation order.
- 11.23.20/08307/FUL – The Jays, Bledlow Ridge: The Parish Council objected to the application and the application was permitted.

12. Authorisation of Payments:

The following payments were submitted for approval:

Payments for approval at April 2021 Meeting						
Date	Inv No	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
		Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council	Invoices to be paid £5697.90 + reinstate balance £315.15	£6,013.05		£6,013.05
26/02/2021	412	TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying February	£21.00	£4.20	£25.20
n/a	n/a	Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club	Meadow Styles Rent for 7 Years	£70.00		£70.00
12/03/2021	41586	Bledlow PCC	2 Page Advertising Jan21-Dec21 Incl Messenger	£500.00		£500.00
	Feb 21 Mtg	Bledlow Ridge Cricket Club	Grant for Tree Works	£5,107.20		£5,107.20
						£0.00
		Total		£5,698.20	£4.20	£5,702.40

Lloyds Bank Account Spend April 2021 Meeting						
	Invoice No:	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
10/03/2021	285	TBS Hygiene	Bin Emptying January	£26.25	£5.25	£31.50
10/03/2021	05497/2021	Duckworth Associates	Tree Report Holy Trinity Church	£620.00		£620.00
10/03/2021	4168	Reids Playground Maintenance	Free Standing Slide Repairs & Painting Seesaw	£1,990.00	£398.00	£2,388.00
10/03/2021	n/a	Ken Hanson	Felling of Tree Bledlow Ridge CC as agreed at June 2020 meeting - Token payment made	£1.00		£1.00
10/03/2021	n/a	Ken Hanson	Felling of Tree Bledlow Ridge CC as agreed at June 2020 meeting - Token payment made	£799.00		£799.00
	n/a	Richard Sainter	Donation Towards Bear at CC	£25.00		£25.00
12/03/2021	n/a	Amazon	Sanitiser & Dispenser for Bus Shelter	£34.98		£34.98
12/03/2021	na	Rennie Grove	Donation	£200.00		£200.00
						£0.00
		Total		£3,696.23	£403.25	£4,099.48
Standing Orders - April Meeting						
Date	Invoice No:	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
10/03/2021		Tracey Martin	Salary March	£648.96		£648.96
10/03/2021		Tracey Martin	IT Allowance	£10.00		£10.00
						£0.00
		Total		£658.96	£0.00	£658.96
Lloyds Direct Debits - April Meeting						
Date	Invoice No:	Payee	Description	Net Amount	VAT	Amount
05/03/2021	203025270747	IONOS	Monthly Fee	£19.99	£4.00	£23.99
08/03/2021	203025310140	IONOS	Monthly Fee	£8.99	£1.80	£10.79
15/03/2021	1615783718928	GiffGaff	Mobile Top UP	£5.00	£1.00	£6.00
19/03/2021	75180331	Zoom	Monthly Fee	£11.99	£2.40	£14.39
		Total		£45.97	£9.20	£55.17

All payments were approved following a proposal by Cllr Breese and seconded by Cllr Dobson.

13. Kendrick Homes Development:

- 13.1. Cllr Blackwell raised the issue of flooding on Smaldean Lane which is coming off the Coal Yard development. When it rains the water isn't going into the drains it is flooding down the middle of the road. Discussions were had and it was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Etholen would write to Buckinghamshire Planning Enforcement. Cllr Sage to prepare words to be submitted:

Action: Cllr Sage and Clerk

Cllr Reading returned to the meeting 9.15pm

14. Motion to Extend On-line Meetings:

- 14.1. The Clerk reported that this motion had been overtaken by recent government guidance which does not permit online meetings after 6th May 2021. It was agreed that the Clerk would check on broadband at both Bledlow and Bledlow Ridge Village Halls. Bledlow Ridge seemed to be the favoured village Hall as it has wi-fi and a projector. **Action: Clerk**

15. Confirmation of Notice of Public Rights for 2019/2020 Accounts

- 15.1. The Clerk reported of the requirement for the public inspection rights to be confirmed in the minutes and a letter signed by the Chair. All Councillors were in agreement that the requirements were met with the commencement date being 18th June 2020 through till the 29th July 2020.

16. To consider and if thought fit approve the use of the Bledlow Green for filming for two productions

- 16.1. The Parish Council has been approached by two filming companies to film on Bledlow Village Green. Discussions took place on the fees which the Parish Council should be receiving and it was agreed this would be a minimum rate of £250 for set up / take down and £500 per day for filming. The Clerk, Cllr Dobson, Cllr Blackwell and Cllr Breese to negotiate fees and the agreement / contract. Clerk to arrange onsite meeting for end of week commencing 6th April 2021. **Action: Clerk, Cllr Dobson, Cllr Blackwell and Cllr Breese.**

17. Correspondence, reports and issues from Councillors and Clerk

- 17.1. The Clerk reported that Bledlow Cricket Club had passed on their thanks for the grant which the Parish Council had given for tree works.
- 17.2. Cllr Cox stated that the Bledlow Ridge bear - which the Parish Council had contributed for a name on the plaque was money well spent.
- 17.3. Cllr Bird requested whether the grant which the Parish Council made to Bledlow Village Hall will be confirmed in writing, it was stated that the minutes form the confirmation however, due to the size of the grant it would be good for the Parish Council to send a letter confirming the amount

and stating how the money can then be spent. The Clerk suggested this could include the recommendations from the Working Group. **Action: Clerk**

- 17.4. Cllr Sage stated that confirmation had been received from the Community Boards with regards to Bledlow Cross match funding. The cost to the Parish Council is slightly less than agreed at £700. The timetable for the works will be October through to December 2021.
 - 17.5. Councillors expressed their concern with the manner of some Councillors at the meeting.
 - 17.6. Cllr Butler asked whether there was any update from Molins following the last meeting where it was requested the Clerk write to them. Clerk responded that she had made contact and they would look into the fly-tipping.
 - 17.7. Cllr Lord thanked the Covid Committee for inserting a hand sanitiser in the shop and book bus shelter.
 - 17.8. Cllr Lord reported that it had been claimed to him that Cllr Cox had visited the Country Store and stated that if a sign was not put in place for the sanitiser it would be removed. Cllr Cox responded that he hadn't stated that the Parish Council would take away. The Clerk visited The Country Store and reassured them that the Parish Council would not be taking anything away.
 - 17.9. Cllr Lord reported that he will not be seeking re-election.
 - 17.10. Cllr Reading reported that he had informed Bledlow Cricket Club that the Parish Council would not be contributing to the wood around the oil drums in the car park but would welcome other solutions.
 - 17.11. Cllr Lord stated that he would be remaining on the CIC as a Director and would remain on Speedwatch as an agent of the Parish Council if the Parish Council wishes.
 - 17.12. Cllr Reading stated that if he re-elected that he would not be standing for Chair.
18. **Next meeting:** It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 20th April 2021 with the Annual Meeting of the Council starting at 7pm followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm. Location to be confirmed once enquiries have been made about the wifi access at the Village Halls.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed..... Date.....