

BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Village Hall on Thursday, 3rd January 2013

Present: Cllrs. Breese (Chairman), Britnell, Cox, Reading, Mrs. Stallwood, Stone, Mrs. Taylor, District Cllr. Bendyshe-Brown and County Cllr. Rogerson.

One member of the public.

Apologies For Absence: Cllr. Mrs. Butler and District Cllr. Angell

Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2012 were approved after a proposal by Cllr. Stone, seconded by Cllr. Reading, and were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising

Parish Council Vacancy

The vacancy in Bledlow Ridge ward had been advertised for election on the local noticeboard, and the expiry date for applications for election is 8th January. If no applications are received by this date, the vacancy will be advertised for co-option.

Hemley Hill

District Cllr. Bendyshe-Brown told the meeting that the travellers' final appeal is pending, after which the clock for leaving the site will restart. An appeal to the European Court is possible. The Chairman asked whether Cllr. Bendyshe-Brown could help ensure that effective weekend emergency telephone access to planning officers is put in place. Cllr. Bendyshe-Brown said that a telephone number is available, and that he would make it known to the Parish Council.

Road Maintenance and Traffic Calming

The Chairman invited Mr. Drennan, the member of the public present, to give his opinion about the location of the proposed VAS on the Chinnor side of the Bledlow S bends. Mr. Drennan said that he had observed many accidents on the approach to the S bends, and that he considered that the Parish Council's choice of location of a VAS opposite the Village Hall as being too close to the S bends. He thought that it should be nearer Chinnor, before the first 'kink' in the road. At Cllr. Rogerson's suggestion, the Clerk would contact Sue Brown at BCC Highways Road Safety Section, to try to clarify the situation.

The Clerk told the meeting that he had met the new LAT, Rob Anderson, in a 'get to know each other' discussion. Rob had spoken about several issues, such as the work carried out to alleviate flooding in Haw Lane. He said that he will erect some fencing round the ditch dug adjacent to the borehole. The Clerk had urged the painting of the 40mph roundels in Bledlow Ridge, and the need to finish off the surfacing of Haw Lane. Rob had said that this work is now scheduled, but only by default should other more urgent work not be done. Repairs to the footway in Bledlow Ridge would also be made.

The flooding on the B4009 in Bledlow was claimed by Rob to have been cured following work done on the culverts. However, the Chairman disputed this claim, and Cllr Rogerson confirmed that the problem is still an outstanding one. It was agreed that the Clerk should again raise this with TfB.

Website

No further action had been taken, with the matter held over to the next meeting.

Community Infrastructure Levy

The new levy had come into operation on 1st November 2012, but District Cllr. Bendyshe-Brown said that WDC remains unclear about some aspects of it, in particular how much of the money raised would accrue to the District Council and thence to town and parish councils. Government guidance is still awaited. At Cllr. Bendyshe-Brown's suggestion, the Clerk would speak to Mr. John Callaghan at WDC to try to get more clarity.

Planning Matters**Parish Council Decisions**

- 12/07569/FUL 80 Haw Lane, Bledlow Ridge
Alteration of hipped roof to gable ends including dormer windows to front and rear elevations to accommodate first-floor living accommodation.
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. G. Bunker
Resolved: No objection
- 12/07652/FUL Bledlow Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, Bledlow
Demolition of existing building and construction of one 3-bed dwelling and detached double garage.
Applicant: Mr. C. Goodall
Resolved: Objection. Previous permissions to convert building should stand.
- 12/07721/TPO 50 Saunderton Vale, Saunderton
Raise crown to 4 metres and reduce lateral branches by 6ft to oak T1 and beech T2 subject to TPO 23/2004
Applicant: Mr. P. Madden
Resolved: No objection
- 12/07762/FUL Rocworth House, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge
Construction of single-storey rear extension for new swimming pool
Applicant: Mr. B. Keeping
Resolved: No objection provided no breach of 50% rule.
- 12/07803/FUL Yaffles Haunt, Red Lane, Chinnor
Construction of single-storey extension to provide porch/cloakroom to main dwelling and construction of replacement detached garage.
Applicant: Mr. G. Miller
Resolved: No objection
- 12/07865/REN Bledlow Homes, Perry Lane, Bledlow
Extension of time limit to permission granted under planning reference 06/05876/LBC.
Applicant: Oakminster Homes Ltd.
Resolved: Objection. Extension should be refused in order to prevent further delays in starting meaningful work on the site.
- 12/07867/FUL Meadow Barn, Sandpit Lane, Bledlow
Construction of two-storey rear extension
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. A. Williams
Resolved: No objection

- 12/07907/REN Land adj. Medeway, Shootacre Lane, Princes Risborough
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 Proposed extension of time limit to permission granted under Ref. 10/07357/REN for
 outline application for the erection of one 3-bed detached dwelling & creation of
 new access with all matters being reserved.
 Applicant: Arlesley Ltd.
 Resolved: No objection
- 12/07906/FUL Glen View, Deanfield, Saunderton
 Extension to existing field shelter/haystore for agricultural feed and livestock
 (retrospective).
 Applicant: Mr. P. Collins
 Resolved: No objection

Wycombe District Council Decisions

- 12/07281/FUL 13 The Crest, Bledlow Ridge
 Two-storey side extension, first floor rear extension, insertion of rear dormer
 window in existing rear roof slope and single-storey rear extension
 (alternative to permission on 11/07461/FUL)
 Applicant: Mr. J. Dodds
 PERMISSION REFUSED
- 12/07464/TRE Bakehouse Farm, West Lane, Bledlow
 Various tree surgery works on nine trees of different species, including a
 flowering plum, buddleia, sorbus, beech, lilac stump, willow, maple, yew and
 copper beech.
 Applicant: Mrs. M. Phillips
 TPO NOT REQUIRED

Financial Matters

Payments

The following payments were authorized following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Cox.

| Cheque No. | Amount £ | Payee | For |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 100314 | 35.00 | Bledlow Village Hall | Hire of Hall |
| 100315 | 625.97 | M. J. Evins | Salary & Expenses |
| 100316 | 75.00 | Lawrence Landscapes Ltd | Hedge Trimming |
| 100317 | 34.20 | TBS Hygiene Ltd | Bin Emptying |
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| Total | 770.17 | | |

New Bank Mandate

The Clerk said that when he had checked just before Christmas, the new mandate was still not in force. He would check again before the next meeting.

2013/2014 Budget

After reviewing guidelines issued by Mr. Tagg at WDC, the meeting agreed, after a proposal by Cllr. Cox, seconded by Cllr. Britnell, that the Parish Council should set a 'standstill' precept for the year ending 31st March 2014 of £16800. In addition, WDC would pay the Parish Council a Government grant of £353.56 payable with the first precept instalment in April 2013.

Co-Operative Bank

Further consideration of an investment in a Co-Op Bank fixed term account would be held over to the next meeting so that the Clerk could obtain details of any early withdrawal penalties.

Applications for Grants

None received.

Sundry Parish Matters**Local Priorities**

In response to a BCC Local Priorities programme, the meeting discussed how an application could be made within the official criteria of traffic management, youth activities, public transport, anti-social behaviour and support for older people.

Cllr. Britnell made the suggestion that work is urgently needed to provide faster broadband speeds in Bledlow, and that BCC funds for this could be argued on the basis of assisting both the young and older people. Cllr. Britnell was therefore asked by the Chairman to investigate the likely costs and work involved before the expiry date for applications of 31st January.

Correspondence

None to discuss.

Any Other Business**Churchyard Trees**

The Chairman raised the question of the need within the next few years to address the problem of what to do about the lime trees in Holy Trinity churchyard. He reminded the meeting that the trees had had their crowns reduced at considerable cost about seven years ago, but that the Parish Council needs to make early contingency plans for more radical work to be done, including felling and replanting should this be found to be necessary on the advice of a qualified arboriculturalist. It was therefore agreed that a plan would be drawn up, to include obtaining quotes from a number of approved arboriculturalists.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, 7th February 2013

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.05pm.

Signed.....(Chairman).....(Date)