

BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Village Hall on Thursday,
2nd January 2014**

Present: Cllrs Breese (Chairman), Britnell, Butler, Cox, Reading, and Stone

Two members of the public.

Apologies For Absence: Cllrs. Hojer, Stallwood and Taylor
County Cllr. Etholen and District Cllr. Angell

Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2013 were signed as a true record following a proposal by Cllr. Britnell seconded by Cllr. Butler.

Matters Arising

Risborough Area Community Bus

Nothing to report, but awaiting a report from Cllr. Cox for the next meeting.

Solar Farm

The anticipated planning application had still not been received, but the Chairman said that he had spoken to a Hive representative recently and said that Hive would be welcome to speak during any public discussion of the matter, but they and the public would be treated even-handedly.

Traffic Calming/Road Maintenance

It was noted that the B4009 at the S bends in Bledlow had been resurfaced and that the work carried out on the culvert outside Queens Cottages had been largely successful, with only relatively amounts of standing water on the road on the Brew House Farm side.

The pothole in Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge near Routs Green had been repaired.

Flooding under the railway bridge in Upper Icknield Way had been reported.

The possible highway encroachment in Bledlow Ridge had not been resolved, but the Clerk would contact the gentleman at BCC who had recently objected to the proposed sign at the village shop on the grounds that it would encroach on Highways land.

Planning Matters

Parish Council Decisions

13/07824/FUL Owlswood, Hill Top Lane, Chinnor
Construction of single-storey rear extension.
Applicant: Mrs. Sommerhalder
Resolved: No objection

13/07857/AMD Cheriton, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge
Proposed non-material amendment to permission for construction of single storey front porch and rear utility extension and roof extension and alterations to include

insertion of 3 x front and 3 x rear dormers in connection with roof conversion, front and rear gables and new chimney under householder planning ref: 05/05859/FUL

Applicant: Mr. Gowers

Resolved: Objection. Applicant said by WDC to be in breach of planning regulations. Clerk to convey to WDC the PC's concern about the process.

Cllr. Reading declared a personal interest

13/07888/FUL Parsonage Farm, Lee Road, Saunderton

Construction of a replacement greenhouse (retrospective)

Applicant: Mr. J. Tubb

Resolved: No objection

13/07961/FUL Foxgloves, Routs Green, Bledlow Ridge

Construction of single-storey lean-to garden store.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs. T. Tipper

Resolved: No objection

13/08033/FUL 42 Haw Lane, Bledlow Ridge

Render cladding to all external walls, replacement of current UPVC fascia boards with wooden, replacement of current vertical tiled area on front elevation with wood cladding with insertion of two velux rooflights to side.

Applicant: Mr. P. Tabram

Resolved: No objection

13/08054/FUL 50 Haw Lane, Bledlow Ridge

Construction of first floor side extension.

Applicant: Ms. D. Speziali

Resolved: Objection. Overdevelopment of the site

13/08070/FUL Cutlers Orchard, Perry Lane, Bledlow

Erection of replacement dwelling to front with associated detached garage and erection of two five-bed dwellings with detached double garages and associated access alterations (alternative scheme to 12/07404/FUL)

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. B. Lansley

Resolved: Objection. Overdevelopment of the site.

13/08077/CLE The Ho, The Old House, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge

Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of The Ho in breach of planning permission WR/499/49 (Agricultural residency).

Applicant: Mr. M. Philpott

Resolved: No reason that WDC should withhold issue of Certificate.

Wycombe District Council Decisions

13/07577/FUL Fifty Nine, Bledlow Road, Saunderton

Front extension to existing stable block at rear to facilitate garaging of vans & erection of detached triple garage building to rear (retrospective)

Applicant: Mr. J. Williams

PERMISSION GRANTED

Concern was expressed by Cllr. Cox about the process being adopted by WDC in respect of work over and above that allowed by the original permission at Cheriton, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge. The work consists of additional dormer windows and a full-length clear glass window in the flank wall

overlooking the neighbouring property. WDC have issued a 'non-material' application (13/07857/AMD) on which consultation is not permitted. Cllr. Cox said that in his opinion, the additional work is far from non-material and should be the subject of a new retrospective planning application. The Clerk was asked to challenge the process with Mr. Power at WDC.

Cllr. Cox also asked the Clerk to make and file copies of the plans accompanying application Ref. 13/08077/CLE as they showed the two ponds at The Old House as not being in the property's curtilage.

Financial Matters

Payments

The following payments were approved following a proposal by Cllr. Stone and seconded by Cllr. Britnell.

Cheque No.	Payee	For	Amount £
100383	C. Putnam & Sons Ltd	BVH Car Park (Part Payment)	8320.00
100384	Bledlow Village Hall	Hire of Hall	37.00
100385	M. J. Evins	Salary & Expenses	460.38
100386	TBS Hygiene Ltd	Bin Emptying	34.20
100387	Cancelled		
100389	BALC	Good Councillor Guide (10 copies)	20.00
Total			8871.58

Budget and Precept

The draft budget had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The Clerk had made some calculations using a WDC Council Tax calculator to demonstrate the effect of a 2% rise in the precept on the parish Band D Council Tax, and of a 2% Council Tax rise on the precept. The meeting agreed with the Chairman that the resultant small rise in the precept was hardly material, and that an unchanged precept of £16800 plus a Council Tax Reduction grant of £353.56 should be requisitioned for the year ending 31st March 2015. The resolution was proposed by Cllr. Cox and seconded by Cllr. Britnell, with all in favour.

The Chairman then told the meeting that income from the new Community Infrastructure levy, though variable and unpredictable in amount, will nevertheless have an impact on the Parish Council's grant allocations for capital work on village halls for example.

He therefore proposed that he, Cllr. Stone and the Clerk meet with as much historic budgetary data as possible to hand to devise a strategy for preparing future budgets.

Applications for Grants

None.

Sundry Parish Matters

None.

Correspondence

None.

Any Other Business

Larkfield, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge

Cllr. Cox said that a stable building has been erected in the field behind Larkfield, and suggested that planning permission could be required. The Clerk would take the matter up with WDC.

Broadband

Cllr. Britnell said that he would try to get Mr. Rawson along to the next meeting to give an update on how the faster broadband project is progressing.

Date of Next Meeting

There being no other business , the Chairman closed the meeting at 0830pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall starting at 7.30pm on Thursday, 6th February 2014.

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