

BLEDLow CUM SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday,
3rd February 2011**



Present: Cllrs. Barker, Breese, Cox, Heggie, Ingram, Keen, Nixey, Stone and Uglow (Chairman).

District Cllr. Devine

Clerk: M. J. Evins

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Cox and Nixey, County Cllr. Rogerson

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6th January 2011 were signed by the Chairman as a true record. Acceptance was proposed by Cllr. Keen, seconded by Cllr. Stone. All in favour.

3. Matters Arising

Section 106

There had been no further developments on this matter, and nothing had been heard, as expected, from WDC Cllr. Teasdale, the relevant cabinet member.

Hillview Trees

Nothing to report. Cllr Ingram is yet to make a Land Registry search.

Bledlow Ridge School Car Park

A reply to the Clerk's letter to Mr. Edington at BCC had offered to arrange to have the height barriers painted green, and to install a planter at the Parish Council's cost. The Clerk was asked to agree to the repainting of the barriers, but to turn down the planter. Mr Edington had also said that he would take up with the County education authorities the Parish Council's concerns about the barriers being locked, with the result that the school bus could not turn round in the car park, as it had before the barriers were erected. The Clerk said that Cllr Cox had spoken to the Chairman of the school governors, who claimed to know nothing of the controversy, but had promised to take up the matter with the school's head-mistress

Saunderton Vale Parking

District Cllr. Devine had issued an email on the subject, proposing that legally enforceable parking restrictions should be considered as a means of solving or reducing the problem.

Cllr. Breese said that any such restrictions could in fact reduce the usage of Saunderton station, possibly leading to Chiltern Ralways closing it. Cllr. Devine said that this is very unlikely, involving, as it would, an Act of Parliament. Cllr. Devine is to carry out an informal poll of local residents' views on the matter, before submitting it to BCC for a formal course of action.

Road Repairs

The Clerk confirmed that the condition of local roads is now causing concern and taking time to deal with the many reports of holes needing repair. County Cllr. Rogerson had toured his County Council ward with the Local Area Tecnician, who had compiled a report that fell short of being complete. Some repair work had been done recently, notably of one very bad hole in Perry Lane, and of a long stretch of Haw Lane and Chinnor Road in Bledlow Ridge.

The local newsletters will contain a message from the Parish Council for residents to directly report potholes to the Highways-on-Call phone line.

4. Planning Matters

Applications

10/07917/CLP Kingsley Cottage, 8 Routs Green, Bledlow Ridge
Certificate of Lawfulness for construction of single-storey rear extension.
Applicant: Mrs. C. Cotes

Resolved: No objection

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- 10/07918/FUL Kingsley Cottage, 8 Routs Green, Bledlow Ridge
Part two-storey, part single-storey rear extension and associated external alterations
Applicant: Mrs. C. Cotes
Resolved: No objection in principle subject to consideration of 50% rule.
- 10/07924/FUL Windrush House, Skittle Green, Bledlow
Erection of single-storey rear extension.
Applicant: Mr. D. Buchanan
Resolved: No objection
- 11/05061/REN Badgers View, Red Lane, Bledlow Ridge
Extension of time limit to permission granted under 08/05868/FUL for the demolition
of existing dwelling & annexe & erection of two-storey detached dwelling with
integral garage.
Applicant: Mr. S. Miners
Resolved: No objection
- 11/05108/FUL 4 The Vineyards, Chinnor Road, Bledlow
Construction of part single-storey, part two-storey front and rear extensions
Applicant: Mr. G. Belgrove
Resolved: Objection. Too large and obtrusive at front of property
- 11/05126/FUL The Gables, Skittle Green, Bledlow
Raising of roof and conversion of existing garage to form annex and associated
external and internal alterations.
Applicant: Mrs. L. Ryan
Resolved: No objection

Wycombe District Council Decisions

- 10/06910/FUL Holly Green Farm, Sandpit Lane, Bledlow
Replacement agricultural building for housing livestock
Applicant: A. J. Walker (Farm) Ltd.
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 10/06992/FUL Foxgloves, Routs Green, Bledlow Ridge
Conversion of existing carport & storage to create home office & gym/playroom
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Tipper
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 10/07268/FUL Capel House, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge
Conversion of existing storage area in detached garage to habitable accommodation
ancillary to main dwelling.
Applicant: Mr. A. Goddard
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 10/07337/ADV Hill View, Lee Road, Saunderton
Display of a non-illuminated stand-alone sign (part retrospective)
Applicant: Mr. K. Piekieniak
PERMISSION GRANTED

5. Financial Matters

Payments

Cheque No.	Amount £	Payee	Description
	100149	35.00	Bledlow Ridge village Hall Hire of Hall
100150	437.71	M. J. Evins	Salary & Exp.
100151	33.49	TBS Hygiene Ltd	Waste Emptying
100152	10.00	Trustees of Meadow Stiles	Playground Rent
100153	27.36	TBS Hygiene Ltd.	Waste Emptying

Total **543.56**

The above payments were authorised by the meeting following a proposal by Cllr. Baker, seconded by Cllr. Keen.

Receipt

K. Y. Green & Co. 45.00 Burial Fee

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Applications for Grants

Bledlow Ridge Village Hall had applied for a grant of £3000 to help with the costs of refurbishing the ladies toilets. The grant was agreed in principle, subject to receipt of formal builders' quotes for the work, and for bills rendered to the Parish Council. It was also agreed in principle that £2000 would be set aside from the current year's budget, and the balance from next year's.

6. Sundry Parish Matters

Travellers

The Chairman told the meeting that one of the remaining families had formally requested a judicial review of the Secretary of State's decision to disallow the appeals against WDC's enforcement notice and refusal to grant planning permission. It was thought that the clock had stopped, as a result, on the timescale for evacuation of the site. In answer to the question, Cllr Stone thought it very unlikely that the Parish Council could submit representations to the judicial review, as the procedure was simply a means of ensuring or otherwise that the Secretary of State's decision was lawful.

Bledlow Children's Home

A reply to a Parish Council query had revealed that the a buyer for the site had been selected, and that the papers had been passed to the County Council's legal department. It was expected that a date for exchange of contracts would be in March.

HS2.5

There had been an article in the Sunday Times on 30th January, revealing a 'secret' alternative route for the High Speed line that looked remarkably similar to HS2.5. Mrs. Hughes had suggested as result of this that all local interested parties remain vigilant on the matter. The Chairman made the point that any action on HS2 should be co-ordinated by the County Council, to whom the Parish Council would give as much support as necessary.

BCC Budget and Transport Consultations

The Clerk had been asked to review these documents. he said that the Transport proposals were very worthwhile and could hardly be argued against as a wish list. However, it seemed likely that the budget proposals, involving some stringent cuts in expenditure, would to a very large extent negate the transport proposals: for more cycle routes and bus usage, for example.

Localism

Cllr. Stone had reviewed the Government's Localism Bill proposals and had produced a paper on the subject. The proposals aim to devolve some powers currently in the hands of district and county councils to town and parish councils. These would give, for example, parish and town councils more control of local planning issues, the right to challenge excessive council tax rises and to hold local referenda.

It was agreed that whilst some of the proposals were very worthy in theory, it would remain to be seen how they would work, or be allowed to work, in practice.

7. Correspondence

No further action required as a result of a review of other correspondence.

8. Other Business not Requiring Notice

Bird & Tole Building Development

Cllr. Ingram said that heavy lorries are parking on the path in Chinnor Road to offload building

materials as they could not access the Bird & Tole site along the designated track. The pathway is being very badly damaged as a result, as well as pedestrian access being blocked by the vehicles. The Clerk was asked to write to Shanly Homes with a copy to the Police, requesting a halt to the problem and for the damaged pathway to be repaired at the developers' expense.

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Hawes, Wests Yard

Cllr. Keen asked for the Parish Council to oppose the renewal of Hawes' operating license at the site, as more vehicles are currently using it than are licensed to do so. The Clerk would write to the Traffic Commissioners.

There being no other business, and no members of the public present, the meeting was closed at 9.20pm

The next meeting will be held in Bledlow Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, 3rd March 2011.

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