

**BLEDLow CUM SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday,  
2nd February 2012**

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Present: Cllrs. Cox, Ingram, Stone, Mrs. Stallwood, Mrs. Taylor, Uglow (Chairman) and Mrs. Wylie  
Clerk: M. J. Evins

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. Breese.

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Approval and signing of the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 5th January 2012 were held over to the next meeting because of an incomplete planning decision.

**3. Matters Arising**

**Saunderton Vale Parking and Train Services**

A reply had been received from Mr. Brighthouse, the Managing Director of Chiltern Railways, to the Council's letter asking for the current peak hours' Saunderton train service to be retained following the forthcoming statutory review of the entire service. Mr. Brighthouse had said that the parking problems at Saunderton were mainly as a result of the free parking facility having attracted commuters from further afield. He contended that Saunderton commuters were too few in number to warrant maintaining the current peak hours' service, and that Chiltern Railways are minded to reduce them to one an hour.

The meeting agreed that nothing further could be done, and asked the Clerk to forward a copy of Mr. Brighthouse's letter to the Chairman of the Saunderton Rail Users Group.

It was noted that BCC's proposed parking limitation scheme for Saunderton Vale is soon to be put out for local consultation.

**Road Repairs**

BCC have informed the Parish Council that the upper section of Haw Lane is to be resurfaced on 29th and 30th March. There has been no news of similar work being done to Chinnor Road and Wigans Lane, although it is noted that water services work in Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge is likely to last into March.

Meanwhile, potholes continue to be reported.

**Traffic Calming**

Nothing has yet been heard about the results of the pilot scheme using mobile VAS in Ellesborough, but Cllr. Mrs. Wylie asked that consideration be given to installing power points for mobile VAS in Haw Lane, should there be favourable results from the pilot.

Cllr. Mrs. Stallwood voiced concern about the Council's preference for removing the central white line from Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge when it is resurfaced.

**Website**

The Parish Council's website is still with bucksinfo, and there is no news about when it will be transferred to Cambridge Open Systems. The Clerk will pursue the matter.

**Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

The Clerk urged the meeting to finalise bunting requirements as soon as possible, as BCC are pressing for answers and want to place orders by the end of February. Cllr Uglow said that he will know Bledlow's requirements when he attends a meeting on 15th February, and Cllr. Cox would try to get Bledlow Ridge's orders by 20th February.

Cllr. Ingram made the proposal that given the difficulty of identifying and locating children to qualify celebration mugs the Parish Council should order new and suitably inscribed

noticeboards.

A fund of up to £1000 to be used for celebration expenses was proposed by Cllr. Cox and seconded by Cllr Stone. The proposal was agreed by the meeting.

#### **Localism Act**

The meeting agreed that the extent of powers likely to be devolved to parish councils is still far from clear, and that nothing more need be done at the moment. Cllr. Mrs. Wylie expressed an interest in attending a workshop on the subject to be held in Chesham on 8th March.

### **4. Planning Matters**

#### **Applications**

- 11/07957/FUL Corham, Ridgeway Meads, Bledlow  
Creation of dropped kerb and hardstanding to create vehicular access to Chinnor Road  
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. M. Sanchez  
Resolved: Objection. Potentially dangerous access on to B4009 and if allowed would create precedent for remaining properties in this development.
- 12/05069/CLP Longwood Cottage, Lee Road, Saunderton  
Certificate of proposed lawfulness for the construction of a two-storey front extension to adjoin an original wall of the front elevation  
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. B. Needham  
Resolved: It would seem that current planning law as defined by the Town and Country Planning Act allows the addition of any extension or other building provided that the total footprint of all the buildings does not exceed 50% of the property curtilage. The Parish Council is far from happy with this position, which appears to conflict with WDC's local rule of 50% of the existing building's footprint

#### **Wycombe District Council Decisions**

- 11/07356/FUL Throcking, Bledlow Road, Saunderton  
Raising roof, roof extensions and alterations to create first-floor living accommodation and construction of side, rear and front extensions.  
Applicant: Mr. G. Harper  
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 11/07481/FUL OS Parcel 5129, Radnage Lane, Radnage  
Erection of two mono pitched agricultural buildings & hardstanding for storage of machinery and hay.  
Applicant: Mr. R. Stevens  
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 11/07486/FUL 6 Deanfield Close, Saunderton  
Insertion of one dormer window in first floor rear extension.  
Applicant: Mr. M. Findlay  
PERMISSION REFUSED
- 11/07585/FUL 5 Little Gibbs, West Lane, Bledlow  
Construction of detached summerhouse/shed with decking area and detached shed to rear garden.  
Applicant: Mr. D. Gruchy  
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 11/07738/FUL Forge Cottage, Perry Lane, Bledlow  
Insertion of one front and one rear velux windows and alterations to fenestration.  
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Williams  
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 11/07742/FUL The Old Seven Stars, Sandpit Lane, Bledlow  
Erection of single-storey flat-roofed rear extension to from porch, single-storey in-fill extension with alteration to existing pitched roof & reinstatement of existing front entrance door with associated works.  
Applicant: Mr. G. Moore  
PERMISSION GRANTED

### **5. Financial Matters**

#### **Payments**

Cheque No.	Amount £	Payee	Description
	100235		Bledlow Ridge Village Hall
Hire of Hall			
100236	450.26	M. J. Evins	Salary & Exp.
100237	5826.00*	S. J. Williams	Work at BRVH
100238	87.60	Lawrence Landscapes Ltd	M/Stiles hedges
100239	10.00	Meadow Stiles Trustees	Playground Rent
100240	100.00	R. Uglow	Chairman's Exp.

**Total 6508.86**

\*Grant for refurbishment of ladies' toilets in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall as agreed at the meeting held on 3rd February 2011.

**6. Sundry Parish Matters**

**Bledlow Children's Home**

In view of the rapidly deteriorating state of the listed building, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to WDC, the listing authority, to ask them whether they could enforce temporary work to prevent or slow the continuing damage.

**Molins Site**

As no progress is being made to carry out construction on the site in accordance with planning permission, the Clerk was asked to write to eshelters' agents to enquire about what plans there are for a resumption of work on the site.

**Hedge at The Crest**

The Bledlow Ridge councillors unanimously agreed that the hedge had been left in an unacceptable condition following its having been cut.

**7. Correspondence**

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

**8. Other Business not Requiring Notice**

There being no other business, and no members of the public present, the meeting was closed at 9.00pm

The next meeting will be held in Bledlow Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, 5th March 2012.

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