

BLEDLow-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Village Hall on Thursday, 7th March 2013

Present: Cllrs. Mrs. Butler, Breese (Chairman), Cox, Ms. Hojer, Reading, Mrs. Stallwood, Stone, and Mrs. Taylor.

Apologies For Absence: Cllr. Britnell.

Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2013 were approved after a proposal by Cllr. Hojer seconded by Cllr. Reading, and were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising

Road Maintenance and Traffic Calming

The Chairman made the suggestion that, in view of the continuing poor condition of local roads, each member of the Parish Council be allocated an area to monitor and make subsequent reports of potholes to TfB.

Allocations were agreed as follow:

West Lane, Perry Lane, Bledlow Ridge Road, Wigans Lane. Cllr. Breese.

B4009, Sandpit Lane, North Mill Road, Cllrs. Britnell and Stone.

Upper Icknield Way, Lee Road, A4010. Cllr. Reading

Chinnor Road Bledlow Ridge, Haw Lane. Cllrs. Butler, Cox and Hojer.

County Cllr. Rogerson had confirmed that the resurfacing of the bottom section of Haw Lane is now in TfB's schedule, as are Sandpit lane and North Mill Road. He had also said that the flooding of the B4009 on the Longwick side of the S bends is being kept under observation.

Churchyard Trees

A report conducted by Four Seasons Tree Care on the condition of the trees in Holy Trinity churchyard had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report contained details of suggested tree surgery with a view to ensuring the trees' safety and continuing good condition. Mr. Keith MacGregor had quoted for a full arboricultural survey and report at a cost of £1250.

After discussion of the merits of Four Seasons report it was agreed to accept its findings, and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotes to do the work specified in it. He was also asked to get estimates of the life expectancy of the three species involved, and to ensure that the Churchwarden was given a copy of the report. The Clerk was also asked to email the Churchwarden telling him of the Council's proposal and the likely life expectancy of the trees.

Internet and Website

In his absence, the Chairman read out Cllr. Britnell's summary of progress so far in the campaign for faster broadband. About 120 people have so far registered their interest on the Bucks CC website out of 350 mailings to local email addresses. Twenty five people have so far indicated their interest in being include for links to the yet-to-be-developed Parish Council website.

The Chairman told the meeting that he is still communicating with Mr. Adams about developing the website, and that a test website was said to be in existence.

Planning Matters

Parish Council Decisions

- 13/05254/FUL Gladestry, Bledlow Road, Sauderton
Construction of two-storey side and rear extension, two-storey front extension and associated internal alterations.
Applicant: Mr. F. Connor
Resolved: No objection
- 13/05316/FUL The Barn, Manor Farm, Lee Road, Sauderton
Conversion of barn to two-bed dwelling, with erection of pitched roof over flat roofed element and alterations.
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. A. Morris
Resolved: No objection
- 13/05356/FUL Highlands, Hill Top Lane, Chinnor
Retention of original dwelling as annexe and workshop to new dwelling, without complying with Condition 7 of planning permission 09/05488/FUL
Applicant: Mrs. L. Fitzpatrick
Resolved: Objection. The former dwelling is long overdue for demolition, and Condition 7 of permission 09/05488/FUL required this. We see no reason for this Condition to be changed.
- 13/05369/REN 1 & 2 Light Dragoon Cottages, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge
Proposed extension of time limit to permission 10/05200/FUL for construction of two-storey rear extensions to 1 & 2 Light Dragoon Cottages.
Applicant: Mr. J. Twitchen
Resolved: No objection
- 13/05372/FUL Rhoose, Lower Icknield Way, Bledlow
Erection of single-storey 3-bed bungalow with pitched roof on land adjacent to Rhoose bungalow.
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Tapping
Resolved: No objection

Wycombe District Council Decisions

- 12/07762/FUL Rocworth House, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge
Construction of single-storey rear extension for new swimming pool
Applicant: Mr. B. Keeping
PERMISSION REFUSED
- 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
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 12/07906/FUL Glen View, Deanfield, Sauderton
Extension to existing field shelter/haystore for agricultural feed and livestock (retrospective).
Applicant: Mr. P. Collins
PERMISSION GRANTED

12/07907/REN Land adj. Medeway, Shootacre Lane, Princes Risborough
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 Proposed extension of time limit to permission granted under Ref. 10/7357/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.
 PERMISSION GRANTED

Children's Home

The Clerk was asked to get in touch with the WDC Conservation Officer to obtain an update on the status of the Children's Home development.

Financial Matters

Deposit Accounts

Cllr. Reading said that deposit account interest rates continue to be very low, and that he would make further enquiries about suitable accounts for the Parish Council's reserves.

Applications for Dispensation

The Localism Act requires that all Parish Council members make an application for dispensation to vote for local authority budgets, when otherwise their interests in property could compromise their ability to vote.

All Parish Councillors had completed a dispensation application form, and acceptance of this requirement by the Parish Council was adopted following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. Butler and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Hojer.

Payments

The following payments were authorized following a proposal by Cllr. Stone and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Butler.

Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	For
100325	35.00	Bledlow Village Hall	Hire of Hall
100326	181.36	M J Evins	Salary & Expenses
100327	255.20	HMRC	Clerk PAYE
100328	27.36	TBS Hygiene Ltd	Bin Emptying
100329	192.00	Four Seasons Tree Care Ltd	Tree Survey
100330	200.00	Bledlow PCC	Grant
100331	200.00	Contact	Grant
100332	500.00	Bledlow CC	Grant
Total	£1590.92		

Applications for Grants

Grants of £200 each were agreed for The Parish Messenger and Contact after a proposal by Cllr. Cox, seconded by Cllr. Mrs Taylor.

An application by Bledlow Cricket Club was considered for a grant of £1000 towards the cost of new nets. After discussion, a suggestion was proposed by Cllr. Cox to advance £500 now and to later consider a further grant subject to an update from the Cricket Club on how funding was going. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Hojer and accepted unanimously.

These grants are included in the list of authorised payments above.

Sundry Parish Matters

Saunderton Civil Burial Ground

The Clerk told the meeting that the civil burial ground in Saunderton churchyard now had only seven vacant plots available and, at the historic rate of take-up, these would be gone within two to three years. The Clerk was asked to write to the church warden on the matter, so that the PCC could be updated and alerted to the need for additional consecrated burial space.

In an associated discussion, the meeting agreed with a proposal by Cllr. Reading, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Butler, to raise the burial fee to £100.

Correspondence

Meadow Stiles Playground

Consideration was given to changing responsibility for the annual safety inspection of the playground from ROSPA to a private firm advertised by the Council’s insurance brokers. It was finally agreed that the responsibility be retained by ROSPA

Any Other Business

None

Date of Next Meeting

There being no other business and no members of the public present, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, 4th April 2013

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

