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BLEDLow CUM SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in BledlowRidge Village Hall on Thursday, 5th April 2012

Present: Cllrs. Breese, Cox, Mrs. Stallwood, Mrs. Taylor, Uglow (Chairman) and Mrs. Wylie.

Clerk: M. J. Evins

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs. Ingram and Stone

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st March 2012 were signed by the Chairman as a true record after a proposal by Cllr.Mrs. Wylie, seconded by Cllr.Breese. All in favour.

3. Matters Arising

Bledlow Children's Home

The Clerk had spoken to a Conseration Officer at WDC and had been assured that the site owners would be asked to allow a site meeting so that an assessment could be made of the listed building, with the possibility of a Preservation Order being issued.

Saunderton Vale Parking

Two new parking restriction schemes had been devised by BCC and a consultation document ad been delivered to all Saunderton Vale residents by Cllrs. Mrs. Stallwood and Mrs. Taylor. Consultees are asked to choose between the two schemes or opt for nop action required. The results of the consultation are not expected before the end of April.

Road Repairs/Traffic Calming

Neither the Parish Council nor local residents are satisfied with the recent partial resurfacing of Haw Lane. It had been expected that the work would extend from Chinnor Road to the end of the 30mph limit.

Cllr. Rogerson had suggested that the Chairman, Cllr. Rogerson and County Council officers meet to discuss this issue and the extent and nature of the work proposed for Wigans lane and Chinnor Road.

It was noted that, despite BCC assurances that the Haw Lane borehole had been attended to, serious flooding of Haw Lane at Deanfield had followed the heavy rain of 3rd/4th April.

Cllr. Breese asked the Clerk to remind BCC of the flooding problem in West Lane, Bledlow under the railway bridge.

Hedge at The Crest

John Lawrence's quote for annual cutting of the hedge had been submitted to Si Khan, with the request for agency rights extended to the Parish Council on behalf of BCC. The request had been refused.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The Chairman reported that arrangements for the Jubilee celebrations in Bledlow and Saunderton are well in hand. A request for funds to purchase mugs for Bledlow Ridge school children had been received from Mrs Turner. The Clerk was asked to reply to let Mrs.Turner know about the £500 fund available to Bledlow Ridge and that Cllr. Mrs Wylie would contact her.

Molins Site

The Clerk was asked to request Police patrols of the site.

Village Ponds

Cllr. Mrs. Wylie had suggested that action be taken to enhance the appearance of the various

ponds in Bledlow Ridge. The issue would be discussed at the next meeting.

Inclosure Awards

The Clerk confirmed that the Awards are now at his address. Cllr. Breese asked the Clerk to send him details of the container, as he had a possible security company in mind for holding the documents.

4. Planning Matters

Applications

- 12/05440/FUL The Paddock, Routs Green, Bledlow Ridge
Construction of single-storey side extension with ridge height to match existing roof height and alterations including replacement of flat roofed dormer with two pitched dormers and insertion of new dormer in connection with loft conversion with demolition of rear utility extension.
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Johnson
Resolved: No objection
- 12/05508/FUL 1 Virginia Gardens, Bledlow Ridge
Construction of single-storey front/side extension at lower ground floor, single-storey rear extension, tiled roof over existing front bay, conversion of existing integral garages into habitable accommodation, plain vertical tile hanging over existing brickwork on first floor front elevation and cream painted render over existing brickwork on remaining front, side and rear elevations
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Archer
Resolved: Objection. Overdevelopment of the site.
- 12/05527/FUL Elmhurst, Bledlow Road, Saunderton
Construction of a ground and first floor extension and room in roof (alternative to 04/05598/FUL)
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Byerley
Resolved: No objection
- 12/05565/FUL 78 Haw Lane, Bledlow Ridge
Construction of extended raised roof with insertion of side dormers in connection with first floor accommodation; single-storey side and rear extensions with front porch extension and raised patio; construction of new detached garage and store in front garden with alterations and demolition of rear conservatory and garage.
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. S. White
Resolved: Objection. Overdevelopment of the site, with the proposed increased height and bulk leading also to loss of privacy and natural light to both neighbouring properties.

The Chairman invited comments from neighbours present at the meeting.

It was noted, in respect of the above application, that a planning notice had not been posted at the property, and that not all affected neighbours had been informed of the application. The Clerk would point this out to WDC.

Wycombe District Council Decisions

- 12/05101/FUL Bledlow Ridge Lawn Tennis Club, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge
Installation of six floodlighting columns to illuminate two tennis courts
Applicant: Bledlow Ridge Lawn Tennis Club
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 12/05196/FUL The Jais, Shootacre Lane, Princes Risborough
Construction of new front porch
Applicant: Mr. K. Nears
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 12/05203/LBC Michaelmas Cottage, Sandpit Lane, Bledlow
Rebuilding and repair work to existing chimney stack and installation of two new chimney pots
Applicant: Mrs. K. Irons
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 12/05273/FUL Pitch Green Farm, Chapel Lane, Bledlow
Demolition of single-storey porch and summer room, construction of two two-storey side

extensions; rebuilding of existing outbuildings, reconstruction of lean-to porch and internal alterations.

PERMISSION GRANTED

5. Financial Matters

The following payments were approved following a proposal by Cllr. Uglow and seconded by Cllr. Breese.

Payments

Cheque No.	Amount £	Payee	Description
	100247	35.00	Bledlow Ridge Village Hall
	Hire of Hall		
	100248	435.43	M. J. Evins Salary & Exp.
	100249	55.00	John Lawrence Churchyard
	100250	355.20	Playground Services Ltd.Swing Repair
	100251	30.00	Bledlow Village Hall HS2 Meeting
	100252	18.48	Post Office Limited Postage Stamps*
	100253	20.00	John Lawrence Fallen Tree
100254	200.00	Bledlow PCC	Grant
	100255	200.00	Contact Grant
	100256	319.18	BALC Annual Subs
	100257	115.20	Lawrence Landscapes Hedge/Tree Work
Total	1783.49		

NS & I Account

The Clerk confirmed that the funds in the larger of the two NS & I accounts had been transferred to the HSBC Deposit Account pending a decision on how to invest the funds.

Applications for Grants

A request had been received from the Trustees of Bledlow Ridge Village Hall for a grant towards the cost of new chairs and associated trolleys for the Hall. Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. Wylie, seconded by Cllr. Uglow, the meeting agreed that an effective grant of £2000 be offered subject to the invoice being addressed to the Parish Council for payment in full, with the Hall Trustees reimbursing half the net cost.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Uglow, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Stallwood, a grant of £200 be made to each of the two Parish Newsletters.

6. Sundry Parish Matters

There was none.

7. Correspondence

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

8. Other Business not Requiring Notice

WDALC

Reporting on her recent attendance of the WDALC, Cllr. Mrs. Wylie expressed concern at the lack of meaningful business on the agenda.

Of note is the confirmation of WDC's compliance with the government's policy of abolishing Standards Boards.

Localism

Cllr. Breese suggested that there is a reluctance by both central government and top tier local authorities to delegate powers to town and parish councils, as possibly shown by BCC's decision not to allow our Parish Council to assume responsibility for cutting the hedge at The Crest. Cllr. Cox had previously expressed similar concerns with regard to planning issues.

Molins

The Clerk would follow up Cllr. Mrs. Wylie's suggestion that the Police should make regular patrols to the Molins site.

There being no other business, and those members of the public who had attended the meeting earlier having left, the meeting was closed at 9.20pm.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held in Bledlow Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, 3rd May 2012.

Signed.....(Chairman)