

BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday, 4th April 2013

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

Apologies For Absence: Cllrs. Britnell, Reading, Mrs. Stallwood and Stone.

Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2013 were approved after a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. Butler, seconded by Cllr. Cox, and were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising

Road Maintenance and Traffic Calming

The Chairman noted that several potholes had been reported to TfB by Parish Councillors. There are various problems, most notably in Bledlow Ridge, regarding water leaks and the perceived poor reaction to repairing them by Thames Water. There are still leaks, despite their having been reported as far back as January, in Haw Lane and in Chinnor Road. There is also a leak at the northern end of West lane in Bledlow, which was reported at least ten days ago.

Cllr. Cox suggested that the Clerk contact or write to the Area Manager, putting our complaints of poor service to him or her. The Clerk confirmed that he would make the necessary calls tomorrow. The Clerk also confirmed that he has a scheduled site visit on 5th April to meet the technician in charge of the VAS and gateway installations in Bledlow. Installation is expected before the end of April.

The Parish Council has also submitted an application to LAF for two VAS to be installed one at each end of the 30mph zone in Bledlow Ridge.

Churchyard Trees

Two quotes had been received for tree surgery work at Holy Trinity churchyard: one from Four Seasons Tree Care Ltd and the other from South Bucks Tree Surgeons. The former had submitted the cheaper price, but there are dissimilarities in detail that need to be reconciled before a decision can be made. The meeting agreed that the decision about awarding the contract be delegated to the Chairman and Clerk.

Internet and Website

In Cllr. Britnell's absence, the Chairman reported that Mr. Glen Adams had constructed an impressive pilot site, but discussion about authorship and ownership are continuing. The Chairman suggested to the meeting that if the Parish Council is to contribute financially to the website then it should have ownership. on behalf of the Parish so that the community can have use of the site and domain in perpetuity.

The Chairman further recommended that Cllr. Britnell should be the site's editor.

Saunderton Civil Burial Ground

The Clerk had written to the PCC about the dwindling number of available plots at Saunderton, and had been assured by the churchwarden that there are sufficient plots elsewhere in the parish for Christian burials. The Clerk was urged to reply and ask whether non-churchgoing persons or people of other faiths would qualify for burial in those plots.

Planning Matters

Parish Council Decisions

13/05575/FUL Cross Lanes Farm, Skittle Green, Bledlow
Construction of two-storey extension, raising ridge line to single-storey wing and incorporating new dormer windows and gable window.

Applicant: Mr. H. Skinner

Resolved: No objection

13/05630/CTRE Church End Cottages, Church End, Bledlow

Re-pollard three lime trees back to crown

Applicant: Mr. N. Taylor

Resolved: No objection

Cllr. Breese declared a personal interest

13/05640/FUL The Barn Cottage, West Lane, Bledlow

13/05641/LBC Construction of single-storey rear extension and demolition of existing detached garage.

Applicant: Mr. A. Hill

Resolved: Objection. The current proposals for the roof are detrimental to the street scene and it is recommended that the roof be redesigned to join with the existing building, ideally with a thatched roof.

Wycombe District Council Decisions

13/05129/FUL Highlands, Hill Top Lane, Chinnor

Retention of the greenhouse, pond, tennis court and tree house with walkway and platform (retrospective).

Applicant: Mrs. L. Fitzpatrick

PERMISSION GRANTED

13/05220/FUL 1 Virginia Gardens, Bledlow Ridge

Construction of front entrance porch

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Archer

PERMISSION GRANTED

13/05316/FUL The Barn, Manor Farm, Lee Road, Saunderton

Conversion of barn to two-bed dwelling, with erection of pitched roof over flat roofed element and alterations.

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. A. Morris

PERMISSION GRANTED

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

PERMISSION GRANTED

Financial Matters

Deposit Accounts

In Cllr. Reading's absence, the matter of suitable deposit accounts for Parish Council reserves was held over to the next meeting.

Payments

The following payments were authorized following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Hojer.

Cheque No.	Amount £	Payee	For
100333	35.00	Bledlow Ridge Village Hall	Hire of Hall
100334	443.22	M J Evins	Salary & Expenses
100335	10.00	WDALC	Annual Subs
100336	27.36	TBS Hygiene Ltd	Bin Emptying
100337	323.04	BALC	Annual Subs
Total	838.62		

Applications for Grants

None

Sundry Parish Matters

Bledlow Children's Home

The Chairman had asked District Cllr. Bendyshe-Brown to enquire about whether the Conservation Officer had come to any conclusions about the continuing slow progress on the home, and had been told in reply that there are problems with the work that has been done on the roof, and that a further ecological report is awaited. The Chairman had replied to Cllr. Bendyshe-Brown asking for further clarification of these statements.

Parking on Grass Verges

Cllr. Cox declared a personal interest in the ensuing discussion In view of his parking on verges.

There had been a complaint from a Bledlow Ridge resident that cars are being parked on Haw Lane verges, spoiling them, making them unsightly, and reducing visibility for vehicles pulling out of Virginia Gardens.

The meeting finally agreed that, provided vehicles are fully taxed and insured, there is nothing illegal in parking on the verges, and that the Parish Council could not realistically resolve the problem. Causing traffic hazards by unreasonable parking, is a matter for the Police.

Correspondence

Letters of thanks for the Parish Council grants had been received from both newsletter editors.

Any Other Business

Nuisance Dog

Cllr. Mrs. Taylor reported that there is an intimidating dog brought on to Tudor Stud that is allowed to run wild, worrying people and straying unattended on to the cricket ground. She had received several complaints about the matter., which the Clerk would report to the WDC Dog Warden.

Date of Next Meeting

There being no other business and no members of the public present, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall starting at 7.30pm on Thursday, 4th April 2013 with the Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the Council's AGM.

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