

BLEDLow CUM SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday, 3rd June 2010

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Present: Cllrs. Barker, Breese, Cox, Heggie, Ingram, Keen, Nixey, Stone and Uglow (Chairman).
District Cllr. Devine
Clerk: M. J. Evins

Also in attendance were PCSO Logan and PC McKinney Thames Valley Police, who were invited by the parish is a low-crime area. Nobody had been apprehended for the Children's Home arson, nor for the break-in although six persons had had their personal details recorded. Because the site is deemed to be unsecured, the Police have no grounds for bringing criminal charges.

After the Police representatives left the meeting, the Council considered their response to include measures and that fall far short of that required by the local community. The Clerk was asked to

1. Apologies for Absence

County Cllr. Rogerson

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 13th May 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a true record. Acceptance was proposed by Cllr. Nixey, seconded by Cllr. Barker. All in favour.

3. Matters Arising

Road Maintenance

The Clerk was asked to inform BCC about the poor state of the road surface near the Household Refuse site in Wigans Lane, and that the drain cover outside Mill House in Perry Lane needs a It was noted that the B4009 at Cuttlebrook is at last being repaired, the work involving a road closure for six days.

Bledlow Ridge Village Hall

The Clerk read out a reply from Claire Shann to his email pointing out that Cllr. Ingram felt that his attendance at Hall Committee meetings were largely a waste of his time. Mrs. Shann's reply was noted.

Vandalised Slide

A quote for £6300 to repair the slide had been received. This compared to £7600 to replace it. After consideration of the matter, the Clerk was asked to investigate alternative suppliers, in view of the high cost.

Bledlow Cross

Nothing had been heard from The Chiltern Society. The Clerk would email them again.

4. Planning Matters

Applications

10/05796/FUL Summer Orchard, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge

Construction of roof extension to create gable end, insertion of a dormer window in connection with loft conversion, construction of single-storey rear extension with terrace over, insertion of

- window to front in connection with garage conversion and associated internal and external alterations including rendering of brickwork.
 Applicant: Mr. S. Muga
 Resolved: No comment. Unable to interpret proposals from drawings available. Hard copy plans called for.
- 10/05863/FUL Dean Farmhouse, Deanfield, Bledlow Ridge
 Conversion of existing garage to living accommodation and erection of replacement detached Outbuilding to provide new garage accommodation with studio over.
 Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Stringfellow
 Resolved: No objection
- 10/05880/FUL Westering, Routs Green, Bledlow Ridge
 Construction of enlargement (incl height) and replacement of existing roof to include additional bed and bathroom
 Applicant: Mrs. I. Worrel
 Resolved: No objection
- 10/05939/FUL Church Farm House, Church Lane, Saunderton
 Construction of music room extension and lobby link to main house and reconstruction of annexe building with addition of external covered walkways and single-storey bedroom extension. (alternative scheme to that permitted under 08/06773/FUL)
 Applicant: Mr. M. Berman
 Resolved: No objection in principle, but we comment that this is the latest in a series of applications, giving the appearance of 'creeping' development.
- 10/06016/FUL Glademore House, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge
 Erection of detached double garage to front
 Applicant: Mr. S. Dunn
 Resolved: Objection. Proposed garage in front of building line. Not in keeping with the existing street scene
- 10/06035/FUL Bird & Tole Ltd., Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge
 Erection of two 3-bed dwellings with integral garages (alternative to house types on plots 3 and 4 only on that approved under 09/05086/VCDN)
 Applicant: Shanley Homes Ltd.
 Resolved: No objection
- 10/06045/FUL Orange PCS Site BUK 0028. Molins, Haw Lane, Saunderton
 Erection of 15 metre high wooden clad monopole with antenna and ground-based equipment for the purposes of telecommunications.
 Applicant: Orange PCS
 Resolved: Objection. 15m high mast out of keeping with existing permission for low-height Buildings on this site.
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- 10/06088/CLE Harpers Farm, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge
 Certificate of Lawfulness for use of land for recreational purposes ancillary to the residential use of Harpers Farm.
 Applicant: Mr. M. Westerman
 Resolved; Objection. Claimed ten year use disputed
- 10/06094/CLE Harpers Farm, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge
 Certificate of Lawfulness for use of land within the curtilage of the dwelling house
 Applicant: Mr. M. Westerman
 Resolved: Objection. Claimed ten year use disputed.

Wycombe District Council Decisions

- 10/05555/FUL Chawley Green Farm, Bottom Road, West Wycombe (Bledlow Ridge Ward)
 Erection of garden shed to side.
 Applicant: Miss S. Plumridge
 PERMISSION GRANTED
- 10/05593/FUL The Granary Barn, Haw Lane, Bledlow Ridge

10/05594/LBC Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of two-storey rear extension
Applicant: Mr & Mrs. N. Thompson
PERMISSION GRANTED

5. Financial Matters

Payments

Cheque No.	Amount £	Payee	Description
100108	35.00	Bledlow Ridge Village Hall	Hire of Hall
100109	437.88	M. J. Evins	Salary & Expenses
100110	100.00	Air Ambulance Trust	Section 137 Grant
Total	572.88		

6. Sundry Parish Matters

Travellers

The Chairman told the meeting that at present it is likely that he would only be able to attend the first day of the Planning Inquiry. Cllr. Stone agreed to find out whether could make arrangements for a Parish Council representation after that.

Bledlow Children's Home

The recent fire and break-in at the Home, and the Thames Valley Police response were noted with regret, in the knowledge that the disposal of the site is subject to further delay and possible value reduction as a result of these incidents.

HS2.5

Cllr. Breese's letter about the Exceptional Hardship Scheme on behalf of the Parish Council was noted with thanks.

The Chairman had attended the recent NW Chilterns Area Forum meeting, where the topic had been discussed. It was noted that both the Conservation Board and The Chilterns Society are challenging the project's strategic and economical needs. Meanwhile, properties affected by both the HS2 and HS2.5 routes are blighted until a decision one way or the other.

The Boot

Cllr. Cox reported that a registered company, The New Boot Ltd., had been formed to promote the acquisition of the premises, and that fund-raising is progressing well.

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Illegal Rave

There had been another illegal rave on Lord Carrington's land at the Piggeries, and Carrington Estates are calling on BCC to downgrade the adjoining byway (BOAT 74) to a bridleway status so that access by motorised vehicles can be made illegal. The meeting concluded that it would be unlikely that this measure would prevent future trouble, but would nevertheless support the landowners' application.

S106 Monies

BCC had consulted on this issue, and in its comments on the recent planning application for houses on the Ridge Service Station site, had said that the £17000 levied in this case should be put to local use. District Cllr. Devine told the meeting that these funds are at present disbursed at the whim of WDC officers and not necessarily as might more usefully be the case. The Clerk was asked to write to BCC to make the Parish Council's views clear.

7. Correspondence

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

8. Other Business not Requiring Notice

None.

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, 1st July 2010.

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