

BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Village Hall on Wednesday, 1st May 2013

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

Apologies For Absence: Cllr. Britnell.

Parish Council Appointments

Election of Chairman

After a nomination by Cllr. Cox, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Butler and there being no other nominations, Cllr. Breese was unanimously re-elected Chairman for the current year.

Appointment of Vice Chairman

After a nomination by Cllr. Breese, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Hojer and there being no other nominations, Cllr. Stone was appointed Vice Chairman for the current year.

WDALC

Cllrs. Cox and Mrs. Stallwood were appointed as the Parish Council's representatives.

Local Area Forum

Cllr. Breese was appointed as the Parish Council's representative, with Cllr. Stone acting as deputy.

Bledlow Village Hall Representative

Cllr. Britnell was provisionally appointed as the Parish Council's representative.

Bledlow Ridge Village Hall Representative

Cllr. Mrs. Butler was appointed as the Parish Council's representative.

Bledlow Consolidated Charities

Cllr. Breese is the current representative until his trusteeship becomes renewable in August 2013.

Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

Cllr. Mrs. Hojer was appointed as the Parish Council's representative.

Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2013 were approved after a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Hojer, and were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising

Road Maintenance and Traffic Calming

It was noted that the village entry gates have been installed in Bledlow, but that the promised VASs have yet to appear. Meanwhile, the Parish Council has applied to LAF for funding of two VASs in Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge, which the Police insist is one of the worst speeding zones in the local area.

The Clerk was asked to contact County Cllr. Etholen, along with other clerks in his constituency, to urge that he honour Paul Rogerson's five priority roads and adopt Cllr. Rogerson's schedule of necessary road repairs.

The resident of Vine Cottage in Bledlow had complained to the Parish and County Councils about the continuing serious flooding of the B4009 outside the property.

Cllr. Cox reported that the water leaks at the top of Haw Lane had been repaired, but Cllr. Breese confirmed that the leak in West Lane persisted.

Potholes continue to be reported by individual Parish Council members.

Churchyard Trees

The contract to do work on all the trees in Holy Trinity churchyard had been awarded to Four Seasons Tree Care Ltd, and a planning application had been submitted to WDC on behalf of the Parish Council. It is not yet known whether a faculty is required from The Oxford Diocese.

Internet and Website

Given Cllr. Britnell's absence, this matter was deferred until the next meeting.

Saunderton Civil Burial Ground

The Clerk had written to the churchwarden, and had received a reply confirming that anyone living in the Parish at the time of death was entitled to be buried in the ecclesiastical burial ground.

Planning Matters

Parish Council Decisions

13/05746/FUL Land North of Brambles, Holly Green Lane, Bledlow

Erection of three-bed bungalow with study and array of free-standing solar panels to the rear, extension to existing barn for use as garage, erection of post and wire fencing to highway boundary, and creation of driveway with new access from Holly Green Lane.

Applicant: Mr. W. Bendyshe-Brown

Resolved: No objection

All Bledlow Ward Councillors declared a personal interest

13/05750/FUL Studmore Farm, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge

Erection of pitched roof over existing flat roof in connection with creation of rooms in roofspace, raising of roof & alterations to existing barn to facilitate conversion to one 4-bed dwelling & erection of double carport/logstore, accessed via access to Studmore Farm.

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. McDonnell

Resolved: No objection

Cllr. Cox declared a personal interest

13/05795/FUL Merwood, 16 Crownfield, Saunderton

Raising roof with associated roof alterations, construction of rear extension and construction of replacement detached utility/store in rear garden.

Applicant: Mr. M. Exley

Resolved: No objection

13/05832/FUL Crofters, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge

Erection of detached two-bed single-storey granny annexe with office and boot room with shared access to rear of main dwelling.

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Miller

Resolved: Objection. Inappropriate building in the AONB

13/05861/CTRE Holy Trinity Church, Church End, Bledlow

Maintenance works to trees on site (38 in total) as set out in schedule of works included with application.

Applicant: Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council

Resolved: No comment, but interest declared.

- 13/05862/FUL Frenches Wood, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge
Construction of two-storey front extension incorporating existing garage to provide workshop and extension to existing bedroom to main building.
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Sainter
Resolved: No objection. Query 50% status.
- 13/05901/FUL 1 to 5 Bledlow Cottages, Perry Lane, Bledlow
Construction of first floor rear extensions to 1 to 5 Bledlow Cottages with associated external alterations.
Applicant: Bledlow Cottage Development Ltd
Resolved: No objection
- 13/05916/FUL 5 The Crest, Bledlow Ridge
Extensions to existing garage and porch roof.
Applicant: Mr. S. Groom
Resolved: No objection

Wycombe District Council Decisions

- 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
PERMISSION REFUSED
- 13/05254/FUL Gladestry, Bledlow Road, Saunderton
Construction of two-storey side and rear extension, two-storey front extension and associated internal alterations.
Applicant: Mr. F. Connor
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 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
PERMISSION REFUSED

Financial Matters

Deposit Accounts

Having consulted several sources, and given the poor rates of interest currently available across the board, Cllr. Reading recommended that the Parish Council's reserves be left in the HSBC deposit account. This recommendation was accepted.

The Clerk was, however, asked to contact Handelsbanken in High Wycombe to enquire whether better rates are available from them.

Payments

The following payments were approved following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. Butler and seconded by Cllr. Reading.

Cheque No.	Payee	For	Amount £
100338	Bledlow Village Hall	Hire of Hall	35.00
100339	M. J. Evins	Salary & Expenses	441.18
100340	TBS Hygiene Ltd	Emptying hygiene bins	34.20
100341	D. A. Fane	Payroll Admin 2012/2013	75.00
100342	Post Office Ltd.	Postage Stamps	25.60
Total			610.98

Applications for Grants

An application from Bledlow Ridge Village Hall for a grant of £2000 for the purchase of chairs was approved following a proposal by Cllr. Stone and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Hojer. The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Ley, the applicant, to make clear that the money granted is the maximum available for the current financial year.

Sundry Parish Matters

Bledlow Children's Home

WDC's Conservation Officer had again been asked to state the current status of work on the site, given the fitful progress being made and in the context of an extension of the planning permission being applied for. The reply had been unsatisfactory and somewhat evasive, and District Cllr. Bendyshe-Brown had been asked to investigate further.

Community Infrastructure Levy

The Parish Council's response to the nationwide consultation on this topic was deferred until the next meeting. Cllr Stone had previously agreed to provide a summary of the proposals.

Correspondence

None to consider.

Any Other Business

Molins

Following a point made by Cllr. Cox, the Clerk was asked to write to WDC to alert them to the vandalism of the ballroom roof.

County Cllr. Rogerson

The Clerk was asked to write to Paul Rogerson, who is not standing for re-election to the County Council, to thank him for the help and support he has given to the Parish Council over his term of office.

Date of Next Meeting

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

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall starting at 7.30pm on Thursday, 6th May 2013.

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

