

BLEDLLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Village Hall on Thursday,
1st May 2014

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

Three members of the public.

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Reading and Taylor, and County Cllr. Etholen.

Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2014 were signed as a true record following a proposal by Cllr. Butler seconded by Cllr. Britnell.

Matters Arising

WDC Local Plan

The Parish Council's comments on the draft Local Plan had been sent to WDC. **The full text of the submission is attached to these minutes.**

Traffic Calming/Road Maintenance

The meeting, having reviewed the further letter from a Bledlow Ridge resident about the siting of the VASs and other road safety matters, the Chairman had concluded that the authors of the letter are asking their questions of the wrong local authority, and they should address their concerns to Transport for Buckinghamshire. There was unanimous agreement for this stance and Cllr. Cox agreed to visit the residents to explain the Parish Council's position.

Broadband

Cllr. Britnell told the meeting that there is little prospect of Bledlow being able to get access to fibre-optic faster broadband in the foreseeable future, but that Bledlow Ridge could be connected by 2017.

The remaining options include appealing to BT, and lobbying via District Cllr. Bendyshe-Brown and County Cllr. Tett, the leader of Buckinghamshire CC. Cllr. Britnell emphasised the need to keep the pressure on the system.

Cllr. Britnell finally said that he had had a late indication that Cllr. Bendyshe-Brown had received some 'good' news, yet to be determined.

Planning Matters

Parish Council Decisions

14/05843/FUL Land adjacent Meadow Bank, Sandpit Lane, Bledlow

Demolition of all nursery related buildings and erection of one 3-bed dwelling and garage with associated access.

Applicant: Mr. B. Horwood

Resolved: No objection

14/05859/FUL Old Orchard, West Lane, Bledlow

Part conversion of garage into living accommodation, erection of rear canopy and associated external alterations.

Applicant: Mr & Mrs S. Walker

Resolved: No objection

14/05870/FUL Wests Yard, Slough Lane, Saunderton

Redevelopment of site comprising demolition of existing buildings and erection of 40 houses with vehicular access and pedestrian access onto Slough Lane, public open space, playspace, on-site car parking and landscaping.

Applicant: Saunderton Estates Ltd.

Resolved: No objection in principle, but questions and concerns about overdevelopment, on-site parking, employment facilities, access during the building process and thereafter on to the A4010, flooding, school and medical facilities and environmental issues. **The full text of the Parish Council's submission is attached to these minutes.**

14/05895/FUL Grangewood, Chapel Lane, Bledlow Ridge

Construction of 3-bay detached garage with garden store and associated works.

Applicant: Mr. S. James

Resolved: No objection

14/06072/FUL Ridge Cottage, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge

Construction of single-storey side extension.

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Grimsdell

Resolved: No objection

Wycombe District Council Decisions

14/05311/FUL 1 Sunrise, Wycombe Road, Saunderton

Construction of new roof over existing rear conservatory and existing single-storey rear extension and associated external alterations.

Applicant: Mr. A. Freeman

PERMISSION GRANTED

14/05607/TREE Bledlow Cricket Club, West Lane, Bledlow

Fell one maple on verge entrance to cricket club and railway line.

Applicant: Bledlow Village Cricket Club

PERMISSION GRANTED

14/05437/FUL The Seasons, Hill Top Lane, Chinnor

Alterations to existing detached garage unit to form staff accommodation incorporating fenestration works.

Applicant: Mrs. L. Fitzpatrick

PERMISSION GRANTED

14/05498/FUL Home Farm, Lee Road, Saunderton

Construction of detached three-bay cartshed.

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. M. Roberts

PERMISSION GRANTED

14/05631/VCDNRidge Farm, Upper Icknield Way, Saunderton

Variation of Condition 01 of PP 10/07870/FUL for the stationing of agricultural worker's dwelling to be extended for a further two years.

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. L. Bovingdon

PERMISSION GRANTED

Financial Matters

Payments

The following payments were approved following a proposal by Cllr. Britnell and seconded by Cllr. Cox.

Cheque No.	Payee	For	Amount £
100417	Bledlow Village Hall	Hire of Hall	36.00
100418	M. J. Evins	Salary and Expenses	437.79
100419	Post Office Limited	Postage Stamps	32.88
100420	BALC	Annual Subscription	329.60
100421	TBS Hygiene Limited	Bin Emptying	27.36
100422	Fane Acc. Services Ltd	Annual Internal Audit	86.40
Total			950.03

Applications for Grants

None applied for.

Sundry Parish Matters

Localism Act – Little Gibbs

The Parish Council had been advised that the Localism Act could have an effect on the allocation of homes in the Little Gibbs affordable housing scheme.

The meeting agreed that a better understanding of the Act's implications was needed, and the Clerk was asked to speak to Jean Fox at Community Impact Bucks and report back to the next meeting.

BCC Footpath Maintenance Scheme.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that this topic had been raised at the March 2014 meeting. The scheme is much like the former Parish Paths scheme, and the Parish Council would be paid 12 pence per metre for clearing public rights of way designated by the County Council.

The Clerk said that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Lawrence, who had said he would be able to do the work within budget. The scheme could be terminated after a year should it prove to run over the allocated budget.

The meeting agreed that the Clerk could inform BCC that the Parish Council would implement the scheme for the current year with a view to scrutiny before the 2015 season.

Bledlow Village Hall Playground

On behalf of the Village Hall committee, Cllr. Britnell asked the meeting whether the Parish Council could adopt the Bledlow playground in a way similar to that for Meadow Stiles playground in Bledlow Ridge.

The Clerk was asked to look into the likely costs of adopting the playground and report back to the next meeting. Cllr. Cox suggested that a lease could be required in order to allow access for maintenance. The Clerk would also look into this possibility.

Meadow Stiles

After some lengthy discussion of the playground’s finances and hearing from Mrs. Smith who was present, it was decided that Cllr. Stallwood would speak both to Mrs. Smith and the Clerk and produce a reconciled statement of the money received and spent to date. Cllr. Stallwood would produce a report for the next meeting if time allows. Otherwise the matter would be held over until the July meeting.

Correspondence

A copy of the Chilterns Conservation Board’s Chalk and Trees publication had been received. The copy was handed to Cllr. Cox.

Any Other Business

Community Infrastructure Levy

The Clerk had asked Mr. Gerard Coll at WDC for clarification of the calculation of CIL for developments such as that proposed for Wests Yard, it is clear that the Parish Council’s share of the money levied will be less than was thought possible by, amongst other factors, the scale of social housing within the development. Mr. Coll had been unable to give more clarity, and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Coll once more to get a better idea of the calculations involved.

Proposed Bledlow Solar Farm

Cllr. Stone told the meeting that Hive have had discussions with WDC about access to the proposed site during the construction phase of the proposed development.

Molins

There had been no more information about any proposals for redeveloping the site for housing.

Haw Lane

Having informed the parish Council that Haw Lane would be closed for resurfacing, TfB had eventually only patched the road. The Clerk was asked to contact TfB and ask whether a surface dressing would be applied.

Cllr. Stallwood reported that bricks from the Haw Lane railway bridge had fallen onto the road. The Clerk would report the matter to Network Rail.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall starting at 7.30pm on Thursday, 5th June 2014.

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

