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## **BLEDLow CUM SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday, 7th June 2012**

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

County Cllr. Rogerson, District Cllr. Angell

Clerk: M. J. Evins

Mr. R. Uglow

**1. Apologies for Absence**

None received.

**2. Cllr. Bob Uglow**

The Parish Council had heard with regret that Bob had tendered his resignation from the Council after almost fifteen years as a member and ten as its Chairman..

Cllr. Breese, speaking for the meeting, paid tribute to Bob's contribution to the Parish Council and local affairs. In his period as Chairman, he had overseen the eventual sale of the Children's Home site, with the resultant large increase in the funds of Bledlow Consolidated Charities; of the realisation of the West Lane social housing development; the redrafting of the Charities' trust deed to enable Saunderton residents to become potential beneficiaries; and of the renegotiation of the Meadow Stiles children's playground lease for a further twenty years. Cllr Cox endorsed the Chairman's tribute to Bob. The Chairman then handed Bob with a card and cheque as a token of thanks, and wished him well for the future and new home.

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 3rd May 2012 were signed by the Chairman as a true record after a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Cllr.Ingram . All in favour.

**4. Matters Arising**

**Road Repairs/Traffic Calming**

Cllr. Rogerson gave an account of his understanding of the current state of affairs, and opened by saying that there have been some managerial and structural changes involving Transport for Buckinghamshire (TfB) in which a client/service provider relationship is having to be bedded in. In place of Jim Stevens, who has retired, are Sean Rooney and John Collett, the latter having responsibility for our area.

Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge and Wigans Lane have been resurfaced. However, a large pothole has already appeared in the latter above the household refuse site. Haw Lane had already been resurfaced to a high standard, but only over part of its length. The meeting agreed that the section left unsurfaced was probably the worst and Cllr.Rogerson said that while it is unlikely that he could persuade TfB to complete the work, he would nevertheless try. District Cllr. Angell agreed with the Chairman's comments that the Haw Lane standard of work should be applied throughout the County otherwise the whole poor surface debate will recommence in a year's time.

Perry Lane is to be temporarily closed shortly for repairs and patching, and about £15000 has been set aside from TfB's delegated budget for traffic calming measures in Bledlow Ridge, whilst the B4009 in Bledlow is to have a programme of work to improve signage to help reduce traffic speeds at the Perry Lane junction.

Three flooding problems were also discussed: that in Haw Lane at the Deanfield junction, and under the bridge in West Lane. Cllr. Rogerson said that the Haw Lane borehole had been deepened, but that there is a 'missing' section of culvert thus preventing water to drain away totally. The flooding

had nevertheless reduced in length of time to drain completely. Further work on this problem is scheduled within the next two weeks. There is also serious flooding and resultant serious road damage under the bridge in West Lane. TfB is to investigate this more thoroughly, but it is thought that the problem has two causes: a fractured pipe carrying spring water, and a blocked roadside culvert. Meanwhile there is a very large and dangerous pothole under the bridge. The third flooding problem is outside Queens Cottages on the B4009 in Bledlow.

It was confirmed that the Saunderton Vale parking issue is no longer being pursued by either TfB or the Parish Council.

After criticism by the meeting of the time taken to address problems referred to TfB, Cllr. Rogerson was unable to explain the nature and details of any service standard expected from TfB by the County Council.

Cllr. Rogerson said that he is to meet John Collett on 12th June to discuss our area's continuing road issues, and the Chairman agreed that he too would attend and go on the planned tour of the parish.

### **Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

The belated notice that there was to be a party after all in Saunderton entailed re-allocating the Parish Council's grant money. This had eventually been resolved satisfactorily.

### **Village Ponds**

Cllr. Mrs. Wylie told the meeting that she had established that there is common land around the pond, but that the precise boundaries needed to be ascertained.

### **Notice Boards**

The Clerk showed the meeting examples of locking front-glazed boards, three of which could cost about £1800. After discussion of the merits of the proposal, it was agreed that more supply sources should be found and the matter was therefore referred to the next meeting.

## **5. Planning Matters**

### **Applications**

- 12/05995/FUL Chawley Green Farm, Bottom Road, West Wycombe  
Construction of detached summerhouse in rear garden  
Applicant: Miss S. Plumridge  
Resolved: No objection
- 12/06037/FUL Pitch Green House, Bledlow  
Erection of detached two-port carport & storage building to front & conversion of existing garage to office/gym with alterations  
Applicant: Mr. J. Chadwick  
Resolved: No objection
- 12/06093/FUL Windermere, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge  
Erection of a detached garage/studio building with accommodation in roof space.  
Applicant: Mr. R. Mitchell  
Resolved: No objection
- 12/06100/FUL Longwood Farm, Lee Road, Saunderton  
Demolition of conservatory and construction of first-floor infill extension to front elevation and new pitched roof with alteration of gable ends to hipped ends.  
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. B. Needham  
Resolved: No objection

### **Wycombe District Council Decisions**

- 12/05578/FUL Studmore Farm, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge  
Erection of pitched roof over existing flat roof in connection with creation of rooms in roofspace, raising roof & alterations to existing barn to facilitate conversion to one 4-bed dwelling with study, erection of new front porch & erection of double carport/logstore to side, accessed via access to Studmore Farm.  
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. McDonnell  
PERMISSION GRANTED

## **6. Financial Matters**

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

**Payments**

<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Amount £</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>
100268	400.00	Mrs. S. Turner	Jubilee Expenses
	100269		Bledlow Ridge Village Hall
<b>Hire of Hall</b>			
100270	196.98	M. J. Evins	Salary & Exp
100271	248.60	HMRC	Clerk PAYE
100272	4824.00	Sygnus Office Partnership Ltd	BRVH Chairs etc*
100273	27.36	TBS Hygiene Ltd	Bin Emptying
100274	150.00	R. Uglow	Donation.
100275	125.50	K & B Family Butchers	Grant to Bled Ridge
100276	350.00	Mrs. K. Irons	Disco Hire
100277	780.00	Town & Country Marquees	Hire of Marquee
100278	25.00	Risborough Area Comm. Bus	Hire of Bus

**Total 7162.44**

**Annual Statutory Return**

Copies of Section 2 of the Return to be submitted to the District Auditor had been distributed before the meeting. Approval of the Return was agreed by the meeting following a proposal by Cllr. Cox and seconded by Cllr. Stone.

**Bank Mandate**

The existing mandate is now down to only three signatories. The Clerk will speak to HSBC about the matter.

**Applications for Grants**

None.

**7. Sundry Parish Matters**

**Bledlow Children's Home**

WDC had been unable so far to make contact with the new owners of the site to discuss maintenance requirements to reduce further deterioration of the listed building. WDC had also confirmed that enforcement action could only be taken as a course of last resort

**Hemley Hill**

District Cllr. Angell confirmed that the travellers' appeal process is now exhausted, and they are expected to leave the site. It is not expected, however, that there will be an early resolution of the matter.

**8. Correspondence**

A quotation for a Bike Activity park on land owned by BRAC had been received by the Clerk, with the salutation on the covering letter being 'Dear Susanne', and clearly being Mrs. Susie Smith. The Clerk was asked to contact the firm involved to point out that the quotation could not be followed up by the Council as it has no jurisdiction over the land in question.

The matter of a grant of money received by the Parish Council specifically for Meadow Stiles playground was discussed in this context, and it was agreed that the grant could not be used for the proposed Bike Activity park.

**9. Other Business not Requiring Notice**

There being no other business, and with no members of the public in attendance, the meeting was closed at 9.20pm.

The next meeting will be held in Bledlow Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, 5th July 2012.

Signed.....(Chairman)