

## **BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Wednesday,  
6<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

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**Present:** Cllrs Breese (Chairman), Britnell, Cox, Hojer, Reading, Stallwood, Stone and Taylor.

**Apologies For Absence:** Cllr. Butler.

### **Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 were approved after a proposal by Cllr. Stone, seconded by Cllr. Reading, and were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

### **Matters Arising**

#### ***Road Maintenance and Traffic Calming***

It was noted that the two Vehicle Activated Signs are to be erected on the B4009 on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013.

It was also noted that Mr. Carl Etholen had been elected County Councillor for the Ridgeway West division, which includes Bledlow-cum-Saunderton. Cllr. Etholen is to be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting. In the meantime, the Chairman had informally met Cllr. Etholen and had urged him to continue the road maintenance schedule maintained by former County Cllr. Rogerson to progress TfB, with particular emphasis placed on getting the lower part of Haw Lane resurfaced as soon as possible.

#### ***Churchyard Trees***

The Clerk reported that WDC had effectively given approval for the proposed tree work by agreeing not to impose a TPO, and the Oxford Diocese had subsequently confirmed their approval without the need for a faculty. The work has been scheduled for the week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013.

#### ***Website and Internet***

Mr. Glenn Adams was invited to speak to the meeting to outline the work he has done so far to get a basis established for the proposed local website. He distributed copies of slides showing the various suggested website pages, and talked the meeting through their various aspects.

Cllr. Britnell said that following publicity given to the proposed website in the local newsletters, about one hundred respondents had registered an interest in the site. A business case for the site is in course of preparation.

The meeting agreed in principle to adopt Mr. Adams' proposals for the website, and to the setting up of a steering committee to drive the project forward. Cllr. Britnell will consider further whether he would agree to represent the Parish Council on the steering committee.

The meeting also agreed in principle to contribute funds for the project.

Mr. Adams undertook to circulate a link to the test site so that councillors could comment on the site.

Cllr. Britnell confirmed that, owing to the expected low number of users, BT are reluctant to consider providing an optical cable broadband service to Bledlow.

## **Planning Matters**

### ***Parish Council Decisions***

- 13/05937/FUL Princes Risborough Golf Course, Lee Road, Saunderton  
Alterations to windows north to east elevation and creation of new patio area adjacent to lounge/function room (part retrospective)  
Applicant: Mr. G. Tubb  
Resolved: No objection
- 13/06125/FUL 1 Batting Close, Bledlow Ridge  
Construction of single-storey rear extension  
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Gorton  
Resolved: No objection
- 13/06107/FUL Land rear of The Gables, Skittle Green, Bledlow  
Erection of a detached four-bay stables building adjacent to manege.  
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Ryan  
Resolved: No objection subject to the building not used for commercial activity. However, given the amount of existing stabling on the site, WDC are urged to consider imposing a condition that the existing stables be demolished should they consider that the proposed new building provides enough stabling on its own for solely private use.
- 13/01623/TPO Acorn House, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge  
Various tree works to two beech trees and one larch tree all subject to a TPO Ref 09/1979.  
Applicant: Mr. P. Jenkinson  
Resolved: No objection
- 13/06188/FUL Willowbrook House, 4 Trout Hollow, Saunderton  
Construction of single-storey rear extension following demolition of existing wooden sheds.  
Applicant: Mr. M. Borrelli  
Resolved: No objection

### ***Wycombe District 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  
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 13/05630/CTRE Church End Cottages, Church End, Bledlow  
Re-pollard three lime trees back to crown  
Applicant: Mr. N. Taylor  
TPO NOT TO BE IMPOSED
- 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

## PERMISSION REFUSED

### ***Proposed Solar Farm***

Cllr. Stone said that he had attended a public meeting that discussed the proposed solar farm on land in Holly Green owned by Mr . W. Austin. Whilst the mood of the meeting was generally opposed to the installation, Cllr. Stone reported that it was not entirely certain whether it would go ahead, as the site has not yet been evaluated for financial viability by the company likely to be involved in its installation and operation.

### **Financial Matters**

#### ***Statutory Annual Return***

Having distributed backing data for the Annual Return, the Clerk explained the need for the Return, and ran through the figures contained in it, and in the Bank Reconciliation and the Receipts and Payments account. Subject to further explanation of data under the headings 'Subs', and 'Grants', the meeting approved the Return, which was signed by the Chairman following a proposal by Cllr. Cox and seconded by Cllr. Taylor. The Chairman also signed the Receipts and Payments Account with the condition that the Clerk provide explanations for two queries within it.

#### ***Payments***

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

<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>For</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
100343	Bledlow Ridge Village Hall	Hire of Hall	35.00
100344	M. J. Evins	Salary & Expenses	194.08
100345	TBS Hygiene Ltd	Emptying hygiene bins	27.36
100346	A.S Fane & Co	Internal Audit	86.40
100347	Lawrence Landscapes Ltd	Parish Grass	253.20
100348	HMRC	Clerk PAYE	250.80
100349	Sygnus	BRVH Chairs	3618.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>4464.84</b>

#### ***Applications for Grants***

None received.

#### ***Declarations of Pecuniary Interest***

All Parish Council members had now confirmed that they had no amendments to make to their original Declarations.

### **Sundry Parish Matters**

#### ***Bledlow Consolidated Charities***

The current Chairman of the Charities, Mrs. Janet Shaw, will come to the end of her four-year tenure as trustee in August.

The meeting heard Cllr. Breese speak in favour of the Parish Council reappointing Mrs Shaw as a trustee, and this was agreed after a proposal by Cllr. Cox, seconded by Cllr. Stone. The Clerk would write to Mrs. Shaw to confirm the reappointment.

***Bledlow Children’s Home***

The Chairman confirmed that work is proceeding on the site, albeit at a slow pace and presumably the doubts raised by WDC about the legality of the work done so far having been resolved.

***HS2***

A letter had been received from County Cllr. Tett asking for support from local authorities for the County Council’s opposition to the proposed High Speed Rail Link. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should reply to Cllr. Tett to assure him of the Parish Council’s support.

***Princes Risborough Local Plan***

Cllr. Stone had attended a recent discussion/ideas meeting, which went through a brain-storming session to post suggestions for ways in which environmental, traffic, housing and commercial aspects of the town could be improved or worked on.

***Community Infrastructure Levy***

A review of proposals for the Levy had highlighted the disparity in the amount charged against new housing developments in Zones A and B: the more urban and more rural zones respectively. More rural-based developments would be charged more than those in Zone A. Rural developments will be charged £150/sqm while High Wycombe and urban areas will be charged £125/sqm.

District Cllr. Bendyshe-Brown, in attendance at the meeting, was asked about this disparity by the Chairman, and had to confess to not knowing the reason for it. He did say that he would seek an answer from the relevant WDC officer, whom the Clerk would also invite to the next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to request an extension of the 12<sup>th</sup> June WDC consultation period pending our getting an explanation, and also to contact adjacent parishes to try to gauge their reaction, if any, to the matter.

***Correspondence***

None to consider.

***Any Other Business***

***Parish Council Directory***

The Clerk was asked by the Chairman to update and publish the Parish Council directory.

***Date of Next Meeting***

There being no other business and no members of the public present, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bledlow Village Hall starting at 7.30pm on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013.

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

