

BLEDLow CUM SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday,
4th August 2011**

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

County Cllr. Rogerson.

Clerk: M. J. Evins

1. Apologies for Absence

District Cllr. Angell.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 7th July 2011 were signed by the Chairman as a true record. Acceptance was proposed by Cllr Mrs. Wylie, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Stallwood.

All in favour.

3. Matters Arising

Road Maintenance/Traffic Calming

County Cllr. Rogerson outlined the County Council's plans for road repairs in Bledlow Ridge following diversion of funding from other projects, such as traffic calming.

Chinnor Road, and Haw Lane Bledlow Ridge will be patched by March 2012, followed by surface dressing. The meeting urged Cllr. Rogerson to do all he can to bring the work forward to this Autumn. No date has been scheduled for Wigans Lane. Work to repair dangerous potholes and other defects will continue, and these should be reported to Highways on Call either on line or by telephone as soon as they are found.

In response to the meeting's expressed concern about the way in which road repairs seem to be scheduled in a system that places less emphasis on the state of individual roads' surfaces, Cllr.

Rogerson stated his belief that the schedule should be based on an asset management basis.

Work to improve the signage at the S bends on the B4009 in Bledlow is scheduled, as has work to remove the flooding problems in Haw Lane, Bledlow Ridge and West Lane in Bledlow, although dates have not yet been released.

The traffic calming scheme already accepted by BCC for Bledlow is on the back-burner for the time being.

There is also an intent to cut the hedge at The Crest and along the road in Haw Lane

A single yellow line scheme with a one hour restricted parking period to solve the parking problem in Saunderton Vale caused by all-day parking by rail users is also the victim of funding re-allocation, but the Parish Council voted to support Cllr. Rogerson's attempt to reverse this decision with Cllr. Uglow opposing and Cllr. Breese abstaining.

Co-Options

The Clerk had met Mrs. Taylor and had concluded that she would be a very suitable candidate for co-option to the Parish Council as a representative for Saunderton ward. Having heard testimonials from Cllrs Cox and Ingram, who proposed and seconded her co-option, the meeting agreed unanimously to do so. The Clerk would write to Mrs. Taylor to confirm the appointment.

Website

A quotation for building and maintaining a Parish Council website had been received from Mike Henson, and distributed to all Parish Council members. The cost would be about £570 to design and build the site and between £310 and £580 for maintenance annually dependent on the level of services required. After some discussion, in which not all members were in favour of pursuing the matter further, it was agreed that the Clerk and Cllrs. Mrs. Stallwood and Mrs. Wylie would

investigate the details further and report back.

4. Planning Matters

Applications

- 11/06422/FUL Land at Drovers Hill Farm, Upper Icknield Way, Saunderton
Change of use of land for the stationing of a mobile home for the supervision of the agricultural business at Drovers Hill Farm.
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs M. Knop
Resolved: Objection. The farm is sited in the Green Belt and AONB and is likely not to be a viable business. The Council therefore believes that the mobile home could eventually be replaced by a permanent dwelling.
- 11/06541/TPO 3 Batting Close, Bledlow Ridge
Proposed felling of one cedar tree (T1) and replacement with smaller tree
Applicant: Mrs. S. Santos
Resolved: Objection. The tree is the subject of a TPO and preceded the building of the house.
- 11/06676/FUL Alburys, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge
Construction of two-storey rear extension and alterations.
Applicant: Mr. G. Arnold.
Resolved: No objection
- 11/06651/FUL 5 The Crest, Bledlow Ridge
Erection of single-storey rear extension.
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. S. Groom
Resolved: No objection on condition that the new window overlooking the neighbouring property is frosted.
- 11/06721/FUL Bec House, Church End, Bledlow
Construction of wooden-framed garden room.
Applicant: Mrs. P. Leslie
Resolved: No objection
- 11/06691/FUL Wainhill Barn, West Lane, Bledlow
Construction of single-storey conservatory on south elevation.
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. L. & M. Gill
Resolved: No objection

Cllr. Breese declared a personal interest

Wycombe District Council Decisions

- 11/05882/FUL Ridge Cottage, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge
Erection of new multi-purpose shed to replace existing shed in rear garden
Applicant: Mr. R. Grimsdell
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 11/05949/FUL Harpers, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge
Construction of tennis court and 1.8m high fencing (retrospective)
Applicant: Mr. M. Westerman
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 11/06271/FUL Larksfield, Chinnor Road, Bledlow
Construction of new front porch, rear conservatory and two-storey side extension
Applicant: Mr. J. Kingston
PERMISSION GRANTED

5. Financial Matters

Payments

Cheque No.	Amount £	Payee	Description
100193	35.00	Bledlow Ridge Village Hall	Hire of Hall
100194	438.65	M. J. Evins	Salary & Exp.
100196	237.60	Lawrence Landscapes	Parish Grass
100197	76.80	WDC	Playground

Insp.

100198

34.20

TBS Hygiene Ltd

Bin Emptying

Total 822.25

6. Sundry Parish Matters

Buckinghamshire Boundary Review

A consultation is being held on proposals to revise the County Council ward boundaries on the basis of one member for each of 49 constituencies. Cllr. Breese volunteered to review the proposals and to formulate a response to the consultation on the Parish Council's behalf.

Bledlow Children's Home

No reply had so far been received from Mrs. Davies at BCC to the Clerk's request for details of the selling price of the Home and the purchaser's identity. It was agreed that the Clerk should pursue the matter again via Paul Rogerson.

Neighbourhood Development Plans

The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs. Sharon Henson and ask for details of any training material on NDPs.

Meadow Stiles Playground

The playground had had its annual ROSPA inspection, and had ben passed as low to medium risk. Two prodtruding bolt threads on the entrance gate need to be cut off. The Clerk would arrange.

Diversion of Footpath 8

An application had been made to divert FP8, which runs across a paddock to Sandpit Lane. There was no objection to the application. **Cllr. Uglow declared a personal interest.**

7. Other Business Not Requiring Notice

Bucks Free Press Article

Cllr Ingram referred to the recent article that featured the state of Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge and the erection of a spoof road sign, since removed, that had designated Bledlow Ridge as Pothole Ridge. Cllr. Cox had contributed to the article, which had elicited several unflattering comments from local people that had demeaned both Cllrs. Ingram and Cox. Cllr. Ingram suggested that the article had tended to bring the Parish Council into disrespect.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the article was to be regretted, but that the issue should be quietly dropped.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in Bledlow Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, 1st September 2011.

Signed.....(Chairman)

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