

BLEDLow-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Village Hall on Thursday, 6th September 2012

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

One member of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Ingram and County Cllr. Rogerson.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August 2012 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs Wylie and seconded by Cllr. Stone.

3. Matters Arising

Parish Council Vacancy

Cllr. Mrs. Wylie announced, with regret, that her current work commitments were such as to prevent her being able to devote any time to Parish Council work and that she would have to resign as a member for Bledlow Ridge ward. The Chairman replied, whilst having to accept the resignation reluctantly, that Mrs. Wylie had served the Council well in her time as a member, and thanked her for her efforts on behalf of the local community. Mrs. Wylie was invited to remain for the rest of the meeting. The Clerk would make arrangements for the resultant vacancy on

Bledlow Ridge ward to be filled, but it was noted that two people in Saunderton had declared an interest in becoming members of the Parish Council.

The meeting next discussed the vacancy on Bledlow ward, and Cllr. Stone had spoken to Mr. Britnell, a Bledlow resident about the matter. Mr. Britnell had confirmed his interest in being co-opted to the Council, and after a proposal by Cllr. Breese, seconded by Cllr. Stone, the meeting unanimously approved Mr. Britnell's co-option.

Council Website

To be carried forward to the next meeting.

Grass Cutting at Holy Trinity Church

After getting quotes for the cost of collecting and disposing of grass clippings, the Clerk had informed the Churchwarden that the Parish Council could not meet these costs and that should the PCC want the additional service it would have to be at their expense. As a gesture of goodwill, however, the Clerk had agreed that Mr. Lawrence should collect and dispose of the clippings at the Council's expense on the most recent cut.

4. Planning Matters

Planning Decisions

12/06749/FUL 78 Haw Lane, Bledlow Ridge
Variation of Condition 3 (materials) attached to planning permission

12/05565/FUL

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. S. White

Resolved: No objection

12/06754/FUL Denecroft, Oddley Lane, Bledlow
Construction of single-storey side extension

Applicant: Mr. J. Brooke

Resolved: No objection

- 12/ 06892/FUL Land adj. 9 Haw Lane, Bledlow Ridge
Erection of one 3-bed dwelling with associated parking and alterations
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. K. Stallwood
Resolved; No objection
All present, other than Cllr. Mrs. Stallwood, declared a personal interest. Cllr. Mrs. Stallwood declared a pecuniary interest.
- 12/06938/ADV The Chiltern, Wycombe Road, Saunderton
Display of replacement externally illuminated fascia sign and two free-standing double-sided name signs on either side of entrance (retrospective).
Applicant: Mr. C. Harris
No objection
- Wycombe District Council Decisions
- 12/ 06421/FUL 9 Ridgeside, Bledlow Ridge
Construction of a single-storey rear extension and addition of velux windows to existing single-storey pitched roof.
Applicant: Mr. S. Vincent
PERMISSION GRANTED

5. Finance Matters

Payments

The following payments were authorised following a proposal by Cllr. Cox, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Stallwood.

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	For
100292	Bledlow Village Hall	30.00	Hire of Hall
100293	M. J. Evins	191.40	Salary & Expenses
100294	HMRC	248.60	Clerk's PAYE
100295	TBS Hygiene Ltd.	27.36	Bin Emptying
100296	Buckinghamshire C.C	83.76	Jubilee Bunting & Flags
100297	Mazars	342.00	Statutory Audit
100298	Broker Network Ltd.	1314.36	Insurance Renewal
100299	Steve Pitcher Plumbing	2371.80	BVH Plumbing
Total		4609.28	

Bank Mandate

All those who had not completed the required personal and address verification process for the new mandate were urged by the Chairman to do so as soon as possible as there are now only three Councillors authorised to sign cheques.

Statutory Annual Audit

That the External Auditor had successfully signed off the Parish Council's Annual return was noted.

Applications for Grants

None.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

All those who had not completed their Declaration Forms and returned them to the Clerk were urged by the Chairman to do so as soon as possible.

6. Sundry Parish Matters

Bledlow Children's Home

The Clerk reported that he had received complaints from neighbours that there had been a number of breaks in in recent weeks, with those responsible causing nuisance.

The Clerk had referred the matter to WDC and had spoken to the local police, who were already aware of the matter, but wanted a contact number for the site owners so that they could be made aware of the problem.

It was suggested by the Chairman that the security boarding erected at the front of the site could require planning permission. Clerk to investigate.

Road Maintenance and Traffic Calming

The Chairman gave a resume of the current situation in that several concerns still existed despite continual pressure from the Parish Council and County Cllr.

Rogerson. The most recent Decisions and Actions list prepared by BCC tended to give a false impression of the present state of affairs. It was noted that a meeting with Haw Lane residents and Cllr. Rogerson and Rob Sumner to discuss the condition of Haw Lane had been arranged for Monday 10th September. Cllr. Mrs. Stallwood agreed to attend to represent the Parish Council.

7. Other Business Not Requiring Notice

Community Levy

Cllr. Mrs Stallwood referred the meeting to the proposed new levy on single developments by which applicants for planning permission would be liable to pay a community levy (to the Parish Council?) once construction commenced. This is likely to be an extension of the levy on multi-developments already in existence.

Matter noted.

Bledlow Ridge Ponds

Mrs. Wylie said that, with the Parish Council's blessing, she would like to continue trying to encourage public access to local common land ponds. She was encouraged to do so by the meeting.

Parking for Bledlow Ridge School

Cllr. Cox pointed out to the meeting the potentially dangerous parking at set-down and pick-up times in Chinnor Road, and asked whether the Parish Council should refer the matter to the Police. After some discussion, Cllr. Reading, who is a school governor, said he would raise the matter with his committee.

8 Next Meeting

There being no other business and the one member of the public present having no questions, the meeting was closed at 8.35pm, with the next meeting being on Thursday, 4th October 2012 in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.