

BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Village Hall on Thursday,
5th September 2013

Present: Cllrs Breese (Chairman), Britnell, Butler, Cox, Reading, Stallwood and Taylor.
Three members of the public.

Apologies For Absence: Cllrs. Hojer and Stone, and County Cllr. Etholen.

Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2013 were approved after a proposal by Cllr. Britnell, seconded by Cllr. Butler, and were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters Arising

Broadband

Cllr. Britnell said that owing to holidays there was nothing further to report, but more news should be available for the next meeting

Website

Cllr. Britnell had nothing further to report, but a steering committee meeting is due to be held next week.

Traffic Calming/Road Maintenance

The Clerk had again taken up the siting of the recently installed VASs in Bledlow: that on the Chinnor side is too close to the bends and that on the Longwick side is still obscured by trees. Both are therefore not fit for purpose. County Cllr. Etholen had asked the LAT, James Tunnard, to arrange for the trees to be lopped, but had not intervened in the matter of the Chinnor side VAS. Meanwhile the Parish Council continues to withhold payment of the £5000 pledged towards the cost of the entry gates and VASs.

Transport for Buckinghamshire had issued a road work schedule showing the lower part of Haw Lane to be resurfaced between the end of September and early October. Upper Icknield Way is also scheduled for repairs.

The Clerk was asked to enquire of Cllr. Etholen whether he is to continue and update the list of repairs to roads in the Parish negotiated with TfB by Paul Rogerson.

The Chairman urged all members to continue reporting potholes and other road maintenance problems.

Proposed Solar Farm

No planning application had been received by the Parish Council for consultation at the time of the meeting.

Despite being asked by the Parish Council not to hold public consultation meetings in August because of the holiday period, Pegasus had nevertheless gone ahead and done so: one on the 9th

August and the other on the 30th. Cllr. Cox said that he had attended the second meeting, and had concluded that some of the material presented on the display boards was incomplete.

Nothing had been heard from the local action group or from WDC Cllr. Marshall in response to being asked whether WDC had any policies regarding solar farm installation within its Local Plan.

Village Seats

The Clerk said that he had so far been unable to have the seats treated.

Fence in Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge

The matter had been reported to WDC's planning enforcement team.

Abandoned Car in Haw Lane

The Clerk said that he had contacted BCC and the Police about this matter, with both denying responsibility for taking action. On the advice of the Police, the matter had been referred to the DVLA.

West's Yard

Owing to diary clashes, Dandara Ltd had been unable to attend this meeting, but would instead come to the next meeting to present their proposals for the redevelopment of West's Yard.

Village Design Statement

After discussing the likely costs, necessity and possible complexities of producing a VDS, the Clerk was asked to seek the advice of BALC on the subject.

Planning Matters

Parish Council Decisions

13/06831/TPO 51 Saunderton Vale, Saunderton

Various works on one copper beech tree and one oak tree.

Applicant: Mr. R. Newell

Resolved: No objection

13/06865/CON Grangewood, Chapel Lane, Bledlow Ridge

Engineering works to create level garden area (retrospective)

Applicant: Buckinghamshire CC

Resolved: No comment possible in absence of meaningful information

13/06863/FUL 20 Haw Lane, Bledlow Ridge

Construction of single-storey side extension and retaining wall to side.

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs . Evans

Resolved: No objection

13/06874/FUL Bledlow Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, Bledlow

Change of use and conversion of former chapel to one dwelling including provision for parking.

Applicant: Mr. C. Goodall

Resolved: No objection

- 13/06942/FUL Gladestry, Bledlow Road, Saunderton
Construction of detached two-bay garage to rear.
Applicant: Mr. F. Connor
Resolved: No objection.
- 13/06908/FUL 9 Chiltern View, Saunderton
Construction of new detached workshop with single garage and creation of new vehicular and pedestrian access off Hillview.
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. P. Passmore
Resolved: Objection. No material change from previous application. If allowed, would set a precedent for other rear accesses onto Hillview.
- 13/06970/FUL Maytree Cottage, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge
Construction of two-storey rear extension and associated external alterations
Applicant: Mr. D. Williams
Resolved: No objection
- 13/06995/FUL Highlands, Hill Top Lane, Chinnor
Erection of one two-bed detached estate staff accommodation.
Applicant: Mrs. L. Fitzpatrick
Resolved: Objection. Overdevelopment of the site.
- 13/06996/FUL Highlands, Hilltop Lane, Chinnor
Construction of replacement of replacement detached ancillary outbuilding.
Applicant: Mrs. L. Fitzpatrick
Resolved: No objection.
- 13/07130/FUL Warren Cottage, Upper Icknield Way, Bledlow
Demolition of existing building and erection of one 4-bed dwelling and detached garage/home office. (Alternative to scheme at 11/05295/FUL)
Applicant: Ms. E. Claire
Resolved: No objection.

Wycombe District Council Decisions

- 12/07404/FUL Cutlers Orchard, Perry Lane, Bledlow
Erection of two 5-bed detached dwellings with detached double garages, construction of two-storey side extension and new detached garage to main building and associated access alterations.
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. B. Lansley
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 13/05746/FUL Land North of Brambles, Holly Green Lane, Bledlow
Erection of three-bed bungalow with study and array of free-standing solar panels to the rear, extension to existing barn for use as garage, erection of post and wire fencing to highway boundary, and creation of driveway with new access from Holly Green Lane.
Applicant: Mr. W. Bendyshe-Brown
PERMISSION REFUSED

- 13/05832/FUL Crofters, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge
Erection of detached two-bed single-storey granny annexe with office and boot room with shared access to rear of main dwelling.
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Miller
PERMISSION REFUSED
- 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
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 13/06350/FUL Dragons Mount, Hill Top Lane, Chinnor
Erection of detached garage to the south elevation of the existing property.
Applicant: Mr. E. Davis
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 13/06370/LBC Old Callow Down Farm, Wigans Lane, Bledlow Ridge
Removal of window from east elevation and insertion of window in south elevation (retrospective).
Applicant: Mr. C. Gee
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 13/06272/FUL Greenhill, 4 Haw Lane, Bledlow Ridge
Erection of 0.75m high extension to 3m wide existing trellis (part retrospective)
Applicant: Mr. J. Taylor
PERMISSION GRANTED

Financial Matters

Payments

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

Cheque No.	Payee	For	Amount £
100361	Bledlow Village Hall	Hire of Hall	35.00
100362	M. J. Evins	Salary & Expenses	219.69
100363	HMRC	Clerk PAYE	250.80
100364	TBS Hygiene Ltd.	Bin Emptying	27.36
100365	Broker Network Ltd	Insurance Renewal	1286.10
100366	Mazars	Statutory External Audit	240.00
100367	Lawrence Landscapes Ltd	Parish Grass	343.20
100368	Age UK Buckinghamshire	Donation	250.00
100365	Broker Network Ltd	Insurance Renewal	1286.10
Total			20582.15

Applications for Grants

Age UK Buckinghamshire had applied for a donation from the Parish Council and in support of the application had said that they provide support for about forty people in our Parish. After discussion,

Cllr. Reading proposed a donation of £250. This amount was seconded by Cllr. Britnell and accepted by all present. Payment was authorised on Cheque No. 100366.

Annual Statutory Return

The Clerk reported that the external auditors had signed off the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2013.

Sundry Parish Matters

There were no other local matters to discuss.

Correspondence

Booklets outlining traffic calming measures had been received from TfB.

Any Other Business

Advertising Hoarding for the Bledlow Ridge Village Shop

Cllr. Butler told the meeting that there is a proposal in Bledlow Ridge for providing a free-standing hoarding to advertise the village shop, which has become more obscured from passing traffic by the new houses adjacent to it.

Cllr. Cox suggested that the Parish Council could possibly contribute to the matter by making the planning application likely to be needed. The matter would be added to the agenda for the next meeting, when more information should be available.

New Houses – Possible Encroachment

Following Cllr. Cox expressing concern that the curtilage of the new houses on the former Ridge Service Station site could encroach onto the adjoining footway, the Clerk was asked to bring the matter to the attention of James Tunnard, the TfB LAT.

Bledlow Village Hall Car Park

Cllr. Britnell said that no costs had been arrived at to enable the Hall committee to submit a claim for a grant.

Bledlow Car Repair Depot

The Clerk was asked to contact WDC and enquire whether the banners on display at the premises meet planning regulations.

Date of Next Meeting

There being no other business and no questions from members of the public present, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall starting at 7.30pm on Thursday, 3rd October 2013.

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

