

BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Village Hall on Thursday, 4th September 2014

Present: Cllrs Britnell, Breese (Chairman), Butler, Cox, Hojer, Reading, Stallwood, Stone, Taylor and County Cllr. Etholen.

Twenty members of the public

Mr. Marc Lister, representing South Central Ambulance Service.

Apologies for Absence: None.

Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th August 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Proposed Touring Caravan Site

In view of the large number of members of the public in attendance wanting to hear the meeting deal with this matter, the Chairman invited Mr. Phil Bailey to address the meeting on their behalf.

Mr. Bailey told the meeting that most if not all Chapel Lane residents are vehemently opposed to the Caravan Club's proposal to locate a touring caravan site on a field near the end of the Lane. He cited a number of reasons for objection including the likelihood of flooding on the proposed site, poor access down Chapel Lane and into the field in question, and the likelihood of there being no on-site or nearby supervision .

The Parish Council was urged to send a letter of objection to the Caravan Club which, after little further debate, the meeting agreed to do. The Chairman said that in anticipation of the decision, a letter had been drafted and would be sent to the Caravan Club next day after suitable amendments had been made.

Another resident, Mr. Jeffery, made reference to Article 4 of the 1936 Public Health Act, which can invoke prohibitions on certain activities on sites such as the one in question.

Mr. Jeffery said that he would do further work on this matter and provide the Clerk with a suggested draft letter to WDC, BCC and David Lidington, MP.

Community First Responders

Mr. Marc Lister was invited to speak about getting people in the parish to volunteer to become Community First Responders primarily to be able to operate defibrillation machines. The machines can be made available by South Central Ambulance Service, at cost, for siting at suitable locations, such as village halls. Mr. Lister was first seeking volunteers and the meeting agreed that the Clerk should place an item in the two local newsletters. Cllr. Cox also suggested that Mr. Lister should contact Mrs. Smith, who is a highly qualified nurse living in Bledlow Ridge. The Clerk agreed to let Mr. Lister have Mrs. Smith's contact details.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Verge Cutting

The Clerk said that he had attended a meeting in Princes Risborough concerning the devolution of certain work now done by BCC to town and parish councils. It became obvious that the quotation he had been asked to get from Mr. Brooks for cutting roadside verges had been based on a mistaken assumption, and that devolution of verge-cutting would be confined to roadsides within 30mph limits, with some exceptions within 40mph limits.

Other devolved work included hedge cutting, and road sign cleaning.

Princes Risborough Town Council (PRTC) would act as the 'hub' contractor and individual parish councils would delegate the work to them, spending their allocation of the devolved budget as they saw fit.

County Cllr. Etholen further expanded on the potential benefits of the project and, following the Clerk's recommendation that the Parish Council take part on a pilot basis for a maximum of one year, the meeting agreed that the Clerk give PRTC the go-ahead for a one-year trial.

Parish Notice Boards

Deferred until the next meeting

Tour of Britain Cycle Race

The Clerk had followed up Cllr. Cox's worry that some of the road surfaces in our Parish proposed for the Tour route are in a poor condition. TfB had replied that they had carried out a full survey and had concluded that the surfaces are now in a satisfactory and safe condition.

Planning Matters

Parish Council Decisions

14/06598/FUL 48 Saunderton Vale, Saunderton

Construction of single-storey rear extension.

Applicant: Mr. W. Harris

Resolved: No objection.

14/06983/FUL Frogmore Cottage, Oddley Lane, Saunderton

Construction of replacement detached garage and store.

Applicant: Mr. H. Shaw

Resolved: No objection.

14/07086/FUL St. Ives, Perry Lane, Bledlow

Construction of single-storey side extension (alternative to scheme in PP 13/07721/FUL).

Applicant: Mr & Mrs. C. Barlow

Resolved: No objection

14/07162/FUL Half Hidden, West Lane, Bledlow

Construction of single-storey oak-framed garden room side extension.

Applicant: Mr. M. Couldon

Resolved: No objection.

- 14/07168/FUL Upton Lodge, Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge
Construction of single-storey front, side and rear extensions and two-storey side extension with associated external and internal alterations and new detached single garage.
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. R. Donaldson
Resolved: No objection
- 14/07193/FUL Land north of Cuttle Brook Meadows, Skittle Green , Bledlow
Erection of agricultural barn for housing livestock and storage of hay/straw and silage.
Applicant: Mr. D. Wise
Resolved: No objection

Wycombe District Council Decisions

- 14/06338/FUL 50 Haw Lane, Bledlow Ridge
Construction of first-floor side extension
Applicant: Ms. D. Speziali
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 14/06506/FUL 10 Hillview, Saunderton
Constriction of replacement front porch
Applicant: Mr. P. Ainsworth
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 14/06579/FUL Westfield Farm , West Lane, Bledlow
- 14/06580/LBC Removal of existing hedgerow and erection of 1.8m high brick wall connected to house, closing off dwarf wall to front gate and refurbishment of existing railings.
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. L. Czackan
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 14/06655/FUL Princes Risborough Golf Club, Lee Road, Saunderton
Conversion of first-floor offices and meeting room to provide two-self-contained staff flats. Insertion of door to lounge One and extension of external patio area and steps. Insertion of ground-floor fire door to SW elevation.
Applicant: Mr. M. Tubb
PERMISSION GRANTED

Financial Matters

Payments

The following payments were approved by the meeting.

Cheque No.	Payee	For	Amount £
100437	Bledlow Village Hall	Hire of Hall	36.00
100438	M. J. Evins	Salary and Expenses	201.79
100439	HM Revenue & Customs	Clerk PAYE	250.80
100440	TBS Hygiene Ltd	Bin Emptying (Two months)	54.72
100441	Mazars	Statutory Audit Fee	240.00
Total			783.31

Applications for Grants

An application from Princes Risborough Community Bus for a further grant of £500 to help support the Bledlow route was turned down.

Sundry Parish Matters

Meadow Stiles Finances

Cllr. Stallwood had produced a schedule of income and expenditure since the Playground was recommissioned in 2005. It was agreed, before reviewing the data, that a sub-committee consisting of Cllrs. Stallwood, Butler, Hojer and Reading should convene to draw up a proposed policy statement for the Playground to stipulate future responsibilities and expenditure, and to present their findings to the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr. Reading further agreed to draft a memo of understanding for the Playground.

Council Website

The Clerk explained that he had put this item on the agenda because he was coming under pressure by WDC to put items on the agenda that are required by law to be so. Cllr. Britnell agreed to assist the Clerk in achieving this using the existing Bucks Info website.

Bledlow Village Hall Playground

Cllr. Britnell reminded the meeting that he had requested a grant towards the upkeep of BVH playground. He considered that some equivalence with Bledlow Ridge should be considered.

After some debate, Cllr. Reading proposed that a one-off grant of £600 be provided. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Stone and adopted.

Correspondence

None to consider.

Other matters not requiring decisions

None.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 2nd October 2014 in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall.