

BLEDLLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday, 4th October 2012

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

County Cllr. Rogerson

Five members of the public representing Hemley Hill residents

1. Apologies for Absence

None received.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2012 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman following a proposal by Cllr. Stone and seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Taylor.

3. Hemley Hill

In view of the interest of those members of the public present, the Chairman allowed this matter to be brought forward and to hear from those members of the public. Parish Councillors were given a copy each of the minutes of two meetings representatives of the Hemley Hill Action Group had had with WDC recently. The Chairman told the meeting that neither the Parish Council nor HHAG had a clear understanding of the current situation, which is, in effect, an outstanding planning matter. It was agreed that there seems to be a reluctance on the part of WDC to take affirmative action, and that there needs to be a full understanding of the reasons. Moreover, both the Parish Council and HHAG need to be kept much more closely informed than as at present. The Clerk was instructed to write to WDC to put these issues to them and to request answers.

The members of the public then left the meeting.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Parish Council Vacancies

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Britnell to the meeting as the newly co-opted member for the Bledlow ward.

The Clerk reported that on advice from WDC he had had to publicise the Bledlow Ridge ward vacancy as a notice for applications to fill it by election. The notice had been put on the Bledlow Ridge notice board, and the closure date for receipt of applications is 11th October 2012, after which the vacancy may be filled by co-option.

Council Website

After discussion of the various needs of any website, the Chairman said he would write to the editors of both local newsletters in order to gauge what interest there might be in their participating in a community website run by and paid for by the Parish Council.

Road Maintenance and Traffic Calming

There has been a reorganisation of Local Area Technicians, and Rob Sumner is to be replaced in our area by Rob Anderson.

Cllr. Rogerson confirmed that the resurfacing of the lower part of Haw Lane is still outstanding, but that he is awaiting an outcome from the debate at BCC about the matter. It appears at present that the work would be done given any 'slippage' elsewhere in the road repair programme. There is a new plan to relieve the Haw

Lane flooding by increasing the underground water storage capability. In answer to Cllr. Cox's asking why the road surface could not be raised, Cllr. Rogerson said that this could cause water to flow into neighbouring fields.

A solution to the flooding of the B4009 in Bledlow is still being looked at, but could involve extending the existing culverts.

The traffic calming measures proposed for Bledlow have now been agreed by BCC, funded from the Delegated Budget, with a Parish Council contribution towards the cost. White entrance gates with 40mph roundels on them will be placed at either end of the 40mph zone, and a Vehicle Activated Sign with a double bend motif and SLOW DOWN will be sited on the approach to the S bends opposite the Village Hall. It was agreed that the Clerk should query the quality of the signage on the Longwick side of the bends.

Grass Cutting at Holy Trinity Church

The Clerk and Cllr. Stone had met Mr. Oakley, the churchwarden, at the church and had discussed various aspects of maintenance of the churchyard. It was agreed that whilst the iron railings are not in the best condition, there was no need to make any repairs at present. It was further agreed that quotes would be obtained from Mr. Lawrence for clearing some tombstones and graves of ivy and other overgrowth.

Mr. Oakley said that he would prefer more frequent grass cuttings, but Cllr. Stone and the Clerk said that it was unlikely that Mr. Lawrence would increase the frequency for the same overall cost. The Council would discuss the matter again when the quotes had been received, possibly at the next meeting.

5. **Planning Matters**

Planning Decisions

12/06943/FUL Trees Cottage, Church Lane, Bledlow Ridge

Alterations and extensions to an existing dwelling, including removal of an existing single-storey wing, demolition of a chimney and addition of a two-storey wing with porch.

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Cay

Resolved: No objection

12/07041/FUL Tryfan, Perry Lane, Bledlow

Alteration of existing garage roof from flat roof to pitched, façade alteration & addition of window.

Applicant: Mr. S. Morgan

Resolved: No objection

Wycombe District Council Decisions

12/06599/FUL Inanda, 36 Haw Lane, Bledlow Ridge

Construction of rear extension works, new front porch and alterations to front driveway.

Applicant: Dr & Mrs. T Moehl

PERMISSION GRANTED

12/06682/FUL Home Farm, Lee Road, Saunderton

Conversion of existing two-storey redundant barn to form a single-4-bed dwelling and the erection of a detached garage/store

Applicant: Mr. J. Folley

PERMISSION GRANTED

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

PERMISSION GRANTED

12/06754/FUL Denecroft, Oddley Lane, Bledlow

Construction of single-storey side extension

Applicant: Mr. J. Brooke

PERMISSION GRANTED

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

PERMISSION GRANTED

6. Finance Matters

Payments

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

Cheque No.	Amount	Payee	For
100300	35.00	Bled. Ridge Village Hall	Hire of Hall
100301	447.51	M. J. Evins	Salary & Expenses
100302	38.40	Post Office Ltd.	Postage Stamps
100303	34.20	TBS Hygiene Ltd	Bin Emptying
Total	555.11		

Bank Mandate

The Clerk confirmed that all except Cllr. Ingram had by now verified their personal details with HSBC and that he would talk to the bank about extending the mandate to include Cllrs. Britnell and Reading.

Applications for Grants

An application for a grant had been received from The Chilterns Conservation Board. It was agreed that the Council had already authorised a second grant this year of £250.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

All Council members other than Cllr. Ingram had completed their Declaration forms.

7. Other Business Not Requiring Notice

Parking in Chinnor Road, Bledlow Ridge

Cllr. Reading had raised this issue with the school and it was agreed by the meeting that the current situation where parents cars and contractors vehicles are causing a potentially dangerous condition particularly at school drop-off and pick-up times. The Clerk would raise the matter with the Police.

Speedwatch Volunteers

Cllr. Mrs. Stallwood raised the matter of the need to get more volunteers to man the

speed watch machine in routine monitoring of vehicles in the Parish. The Clerk would put an item in the local newsletters.

8 Next Meeting

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.20pm, with the next meeting being on Thursday, 1st November 2012 in Bledlow Village Hall.

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