

BLEDLOW-CUM-SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall on Thursday, 2nd October 2014

Present: Cllrs. Breese (Chairman), Cox, Hojer, Reading, Stone, and Taylor.

Twelve members of the public.

Messrs. Blackburn, Chichester, Patel, Renn representing St Congar Land, the new owners and prospective developers of the former Molins site

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs. Britnell and Butler and County Cllr. Etholen

Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Redevelopment of the Former Molins Site

Messrs. Gave a presentation of the plans to redevelop the former Molins site in Haw Lane, Saunderton. Notes of the presentation and of the resulting question and answer session are appended to these minutes.

Cllr. Stallwood

It was noted with regret that Cllr. Stallwood had resigned from the Parish Council, and a her contribution to the Council and, in particular, her recent work in analysing and presenting data on the historic costs of the Meadow. The Chairman voiced the Parish Council's thanks for Cllr. Stallwood's contribution to the Council's work.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Devolution of BCC Services

The Clerk had registered the Parish Council's interest in this scheme and to collaborate with Princes Risborough Town Council in a pilot participation of a maximum of one year in the first instance.

The Clerk is to attend a meeting at County Hall on 15th October to learn more about how the scheme is planned to operate. It was noted that District Cllr. Bendyshe-Brown is to be the local head of the scheme.

Proposed Touring Caravan Site

The Clerk had written to the Caravan Club to register the Parish Council's and residents' objections to the proposal to locate a touring caravan site in Chapel Lane, Bledlow and had received a reply that merely stated that schemes require no planning permission and that we would be kept informed about the Club's continuing plans.

A letter had also been written to the Head of Planning & Sustainability at WDC to voice concerns about the proposal and requesting that WDC consider placing an Article 4 restriction on the site. No reply has yet been received to this letter.

Meadow Stiles Playground

Former Cllr. Stallwood's analysed financial data, and Cllr. Reading's proposals for the playground's future funding and maintenance and repair protocols had been distributed to all Parish Council members before the meeting. It was noted that Cllr. Stallwood had prepared her figures after discussions with and being provided with data by the Clerk and Mrs. Smith.

The analysed data showed that there is a residue of either £16239 or £13194 dependent on whether the figures are either capital or maintenance loaded. Routine maintenance and minor repairs currently cost £900 a year funded from the precept. If this arrangement is to continue agreed that is a need for a cap on the cost before money is taken from the capital residue.

Having debated the financial data, the meeting agreed that the residue capital sum should include the reclaimed VAT to give a notional current sum of £16239. This amount is made up of £6239 being the residue of the £25000 grant from The Sports & Arts Foundation after all capital costs since the refurbished playground's opening, and £10000 being the reclaimed VAT on capital purchases. It was noted that the former sum is hypothecated for future capital expenditure, but that the reclaimed VAT is not.

Asked whether she understood the figures, Mrs. Smith said that she was unconvinced by the almost £18000 included in the set-up costs over and above the £52000 original equipment and ancillary costs. Cllr. Hojer said that she could explain the amount, and volunteered to speak to Mrs. Smith outside the meeting.

It was then agreed that a Meadow Stiles sub-committee would be formed consisting of Cllrs. Butler, Hojer and Reading, with a parents group representative nominated by Mrs. Smith.

It was further agreed that separate management accounts for the playground would be necessary.

In answer to a question from the Chairman, Mrs. Smith confirmed that the original parents group still exists and has a bank account.

Community First Responders Defibrillators

Deferred until the next meeting.

Parish Notice Boards

Deferred until the next meeting

Planning Matters

Parish Council Decisions

14/06835/FUL Michaelmas Cottage, Sandpit Lane, Bledlow

Erection of combined field shelter and single stable with feed store

Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. P. Irons

Resolved: No objection

Cllrs. Britnell and Stone declared personal interest

- 14/07186/FUL Old Farm, Wigans Lane, Bledlow Ridge
Construction of two-storey side extension, single-story rear extension, construction of detached garage with guest accommodation over and alterations to existing agricultural building to provide stable block.
Applicant: Mr. R. Stewart
Resolved: No objection
- 14/07226/LBC Old Callow Down Farm, Wigans Lane, Bledlow Ridge
Proposed demolition of existing extension to dwelling and erection of part two/single-storey extension. Conversion of outbuilding including mezzanine floors and erection of single-storey side extension to provide ancillary accommodation.
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Chalmers
Resolved: No objection
- 14/07308/AGI Highlands, Hill Top Lane, Chinnor
Agricultural notification for erection of an agricultural building for the storage of machinery and materials.
Applicant: Mrs. L. Fitzpatrick
No objection.
- 14/07356/FUL 18 Haw Lane, Bledlow Ridge
Construction of part two-storey, part first floor rear extension together with raising roof and roof extension in connection with creation of additional habitable accommodation.
Applicant: Mr. N. Slater
Resolved: Objection. Overdevelopment of the site and potential for loss of neighbour privacy
- 14/07372/FUL Ridgeway Barn, West Lane, Bledlow
Construction of rear extension and minor alterations to existing fenestration.
Applicant: R. Jackson
Resolved: No objection.
- 14/07427/FUL The Paddock, Routs Green, Bledlow Ridge
Construction of single-storey side extension.
Applicant: Mr. R. Johnson
Resolved: No objection subject to the 50% rule.

Wycombe District Council Decisions

- 14/06972/FUL MMO2 Site 9466, Allnutts Farm, Slough Lane, Saunderton
Installation of three new antennas to replace existing antennas and two 0.3m diameter dishes at the top of existing 30m lattice mast, and erection of replacement cabin on site of existing cabin.
Applicant: CTIL Ltd.
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 14/06983/FUL Frogmore Cottage, Oddley Lane, Saunderton
Construction of replacement detached garage and store.
Applicant: Mr. H. Shaw
PERMISSION GRANTED

14/06598/FUL 48 Saunderton Vale, Saunderton

Construction of single-storey rear extension.

Applicant: Mr. W. Harris

PERMISSION GRANTED

Financial Matters

Payments

The following payments were approved by the meeting. After a proposal by Cllr. Stone, seconded by Cllr. Taylor.

Cheque No.	Payee	For	Amount £
100442	Bledlow Ridge Village Hall	Hire of Hall	35.00
100443	M. J. Evins	Salary and Expenses	475.01
100444	Bledlow Village Hall	Playground Grant	600.00
100445	Zurich Municipal	Insurance Premium	774.36
100446	Lawrence Landscapes Ltd	Grass Cutting	312.00
100447	Wycombe District Council	Playground Inspection	76.80
100448	TBS Hygiene Ltd	Bin Emptying	34.20
Total			2307.37

Applications for Grants

None received

Sundry Parish Matters

Speed Limit for Sandpit Lane

Deferred until the next meeting owing to Cllr. Britnell's absence.

Correspondence

None to consider.

Other matters not requiring decisions

None.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 6th November 2014 in Bledlow Village Hall.

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