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**BLEDLow CUM SAUNDERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Bledlow Village Hall on Thursday,  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011**

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Present: Cllrs. Breese, Cox, Ingram, Keen, Mrs. Stallwood, Stone, Mrs. Taylor, Uglow (Chairman)  
Mr. Ken Moloughney (Bucks CC)  
Clerk: M. J. Evins

and Mrs. Wylie.

Mr. Ken Moloughney, the Head of Traffic Management at Bucks CC spoke to the meeting about traffic calming measures proposed for our parish.

He confirmed that improved signage on either side of the B4009 S bends is in the course of being installed. A Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) is proposed for the Chinnor side of the bends, that being the direction from which all of the injury accidents have occurred at the junction with Perry Lane and Sandpit Lane. The sign could have a number of optional displays, but would of course warn to slow for the bends.

Movable VAS are currently being trialled in Ellesborough, and a report on their effectiveness is expected to be published early in the New Year. There are early indications, however, that traffic speeds have been reduced.

It is this option that could be considered in Bledlow-cum-Saunderton, and particularly in Bledlow Ridge, where the length and straightness of Chinnor Road makes conventional signage less effective.

Another option to be considered, and favoured by the Parish Council is to remove road markings, whilst marking the sides of the road to give the impression of narrowing of the carriageway. Given that Chinnor Road, Haw Lane and Wigans Lane in Bledlow Ridge are due to be repaired and resurfaced in 2012, there is a good opportunity to implement this scheme on a trial basis.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

None received.

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October were signed by the Chairman as a true record. Acceptance was proposed by Cllr. Ingram, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Wylie. All in favour.

**3. Matters Arising**

**Road Maintenance**

A more complete letter had been received from BCC in response to the Parish Council's letter to Mr. Stevens suggesting a review of the politically based prioritisation of road repairs and to ask for an earlier than planned repair of Chinnor Road, Haw Lane Lane and Wigans Lane, all in Bledlow Ridge. The new letter still told no more than is already known, and the meeting reluctantly agreed that further action would be unlikely to change BCC policy.

**Website**

Bucksinfo has notified all its users that a new web directory is to be used, with a test site being launched this month. Existing information will be automatically transferred to the changed site, with the new arrangement being made available in the New Year. In view of this news, it was agreed that consideration of updating the current Parish Council pages should be deferred until after the new site is up and running.

**Bledlow Children's Home**

A letter had been sent to the new owners of the site to enquire about their plans for developing it. No reply had been received, and the Clerk will write again.

## **Carrington Place**

Further to Cllr. Cox learning that the developer intends ignoring Windmill Lane as a postal address, the Clerk will take up the matter with WDC

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### **4. Planning Matters**

#### **Applications**

- 11/07222/CLP Longwood Farm, Lee Road, Saunderton  
Certificate of Lawfulness for single-storey rear extension to adjoin an original wall of the rear elevation extending no more than 4metres  
Applicant : Mr & Mrs. B. Needham  
Resolved: No objection
- 11/07254/FUL Hemley Hill Farm, Upper Icknield Way, Saunderton  
Erection of two polytunnels and single-storey barn  
Applicant: Mrs. L. Brooks  
Resolved: No objection in principle, but the height of the proposed barn and its closeness to the road would be obtrusive and alien in the current street scene, which is in the AONB
- 11/07321/FUL Meadow End, Forty Green, Bledlow  
Replacement of existing brick garage with oak-framed garage with ancillary accommodation above.  
Applicant: Mr. D. Stone  
Resolved: No objection  
**Cllr. Stone declared a prejudicial interest**  
**Cllrs Breese and Uglow declared a personal interest**
- 11/07346/FUL Landsfall Cottage, 7 Routs Green, Bledlow Ridge  
Construction of single-storey rear extension, new side porch, new rear dormer window and new pitched roof to existing flat roof dormer and associated alterations.  
Applicant: Mr. Thompson and Ms Seabrook  
Resolved: No objection
- 11/07356/FUL Throcking, Bledlow Road, Saunderton  
Raising roof, roof extensions and alterations to create first-floor living accommodation and construction of side, rear and front extensions.  
Applicant: Mr. G. Harper  
Resolved: No objection
- 11/07363/FUL 3 Trout Hollow, Saunderton  
Construction of rear conservatory  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs. R. Strange  
Resolved: No objection  
**Cllrs. Stone and Uglow declared a personal interest**

#### **Wycombe District Council Decisions**

- 11/06422/FUL Land at Drovers Hill Farm, Upper Icknield Way, Saunderton  
Change of use of land for the stationing of a mobile home for the supervision of the agricultural business at Drovers Hill Farm.  
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs M. Knop  
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 11/06774/FUL 56A Haw Lane, Bledlow Ridge  
Erection of replacement single-storey brick-built farm office/store and stables building  
Applicant; Mr. Mrs. Malaure  
PERMISSION GRANTED
- 11/06854/FUL Sherwood Lodge, Routs Green, Bledlow Ridge  
Construction of a single-storey side extension  
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Rackstraw  
PERMISSION GRANTED

11/06897/FUL The Child Bereavement Charity, Clare Foundation, Wycombe Road, Saunderton  
 Installation of 210 solar photovoltaic panels on existing roof areas of office building  
 Applicant: The Clare Foundation  
 PERMISSION GRANTED

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**5. Financial Matters**

**Payments**

	100212		30.00	Bledlow Village Hall	
Hire of Hall					
	100213	434.69	M. J. Evins		Salary & Exp.
	100214		Cancelled		
	100215		Cancelled		
	100216	6000.00		Bucks County Council	Saunderton
Vale					
	100217	100.00	Buckinghamshire Age UK		S137 Grant *
	100218	34.20	TBS Hygiene Ltd		Bin Emptying
	100219	237.60	Lawrence Landscapes		Grass Cutting
	100220	610.00	Bledlow Village Hall		S137 Grant
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7446.49</b>			

\* payment agreed at the last meeting

**Draft Budget**

A draft budget was considered. After considering the detail, it was proposed that £5000 be added to next year's expenditure for traffic calming, and £2500 for lockable noticeboards. Given the healthy likely surplus by 31st March 2013, it was agreed that the precept of £17000 stay the same in the next financial year. The budget would be amended accordingly and presented to the next meeting for final approval.

**Grants**

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Chilterns Conservation Board is asking for donations towards running costs following the loss of government money. Before coming to any conclusion about a Parish Council grant, it was agreed that a CCB representative be invited to the next meeting to explain the Board's position.

**6. Sundry Parish Matters**

**Bulb Planting**

Cllr. Cox told the meeting that Bledlow Ridge Horticultural Society had gone beyond what had been agreed in the planting plan, with bulbs planted in the middle of the grass verges, and beyond Capel Farm. It was agreed, however, that the matter should be dropped.

**Jubilee Celebrations**

BCC are offering 600 metres of bunting to town and parish councils for next year's Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics. It was agreed that the offer be taken up on behalf of the two village halls.

**Bledlow Footway**

The Clerk was asked to contact BCC to request that the footway on the village hall side of the B4009 be cleared of overgrown grass and weeds.

**7. Correspondence**

No further action required as a result of a review of other correspondence.

**8. Other Business not Requiring Notice**

**Haw Lane Parking**

Cllr. Ingram said that cars are being parked on the brow of the hill in Haw Lane, with potentially dangerous results. The Clerk would refer the matter to BCC and the Police.

**Radnage Lane Road Sign**

BCC would be asked to repair the road sign in Radnage Lane that had been knocked down.

**NAG**

Cllr. Mrs. Stallwood agreed to act as the Parish Council representative on the local NAG

There being no other business, and no members of the public present, the meeting was closed at 9.45pm

The next meeting will be held in Bledlow Ridge Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

Signed.....(Chairman)      Date.....